



# Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents,

## Congratulations

The winning house this week was: St John

Please encourage your children to wear their Saint badge with pride.

## Commendations

Well done to the following children: Aaron Adjei, Kymani Evelyn, Fola Olaniyan, All of Year 3, All of Year 4, Deborah Agbolade and Jha-Nai Gopaul Scarlett.

**Presentation award:** Isa Hussain, Anayah Foster, Eliza Hussain, Shakayla Cooper, Priscilla Kamparah, Troy McLean,

## Gospel Virtues

This half term the children will be thinking how they are **attentive** to their experience and to their vocation; and **discerning** about the choices they make and the effects of those choices.

This week the following children have displayed their wonderful virtues: Princess Grace Ako Enobika, Lola Smith-Bennett, Bisrat Aleksander, Chikah Opara, Elijah Haylette and Alessia-Roberta Dura.

## Gifts from God

Well done to all those children who brought in their trophies, medals and certificates last week: you have truly shown us all how you have used your God given gifts. Keep them coming!

## Celebrating Mass in school

It was lovely to see family members joining us to celebrate mass again with us this week. Please remember that you are always welcome to join us at 9.10 each Thursday morning and to stay for a chat and a tea or coffee afterwards.

## Anti-Bullying week 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> November



The children at Sacred Heart live out our Gospel Virtues wonderfully; but sometimes bullying does happen: as in all schools. Whether it is verbal, physical, online or in-person, bullying has a significant impact on a child's life well in to adulthood. By making small, simple changes, we can break this cycle and create a safe environment for everyone. Because together, we can challenge bullying. Change starts with a conversation. It starts with checking in. It starts with work together.

This year the goal is to inform children and young people, parents and carers to know that it takes a collective responsibility to stop bullying. We are excited for this campaign as we want to create empowering, positive messages addressing the fact that when it comes to bullying **CHANGE STARTS WITH US!**

On **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November**, the children may come to school in their odd socks to celebrate anti-bullying week. This is to celebrate how unique and how different we all are. During this week, the



children will be participating in anti-bullying lessons to increase their understanding as to how they can make a change.

Please collect a leaflet from our school office or see the school website for more information about our anti-bullying policy.

### **Whatsapp and TikTok use**

We have had a number of incidents recently involving the use of Whatsapp and TikTok by children in school. Unfortunately, these apps have a tendency to cause huge issues with online bullying and problems with friendship groups. More importantly, children may be putting themselves at risk by posting images and messages for strangers to see. Both of these apps have age limits: 16 and over for Whatsapp and 13 and over for TikTok. These limits are there for the safety of your children so please be aware of this. See the links below for more details.

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/wake-up-wednesday/whatsapp-guide-for-parents/>

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/wake-up-wednesday/tiktok-guide-for-parents/>

### **Commitment Service- Date for your diary reminder**

On **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 10.00am** mass at Sacred Heart Church, we will be celebrating together with a commitment service. This mass is about bringing together the whole school community to affirm the shared mission. Within this service there will be the opportunity for all to make their commitment to the school's Mission according to their role within the community. We would like as many families as possible to join with us on this wonderful occasion.

### **House point reward system**

It has been wonderful to see so many children wearing their house badges with pride; please remind your child to wear their badge each day.

Mrs Badland and the House Captains have worked alongside Mrs Allison and Miss Mistry to think about changes to the house point system.

The House Captains have decided that the winning house each half term will be allowed to wear their own clothes representing their house colours to school. If children do not have clothes in the correct colour, they may come in any clothes. This new system means there is a greater chance for the children to win as winners will now be announced half termly.

Thank you to Mrs Badland for the beautiful prayer cards presented to all of the children in St. Matthew and St. Luke day in remembrance of the saints feast days.

### **Sporting Success**

Congratulations to the boys and girls football teams on a brilliant start to their season. The girls team have done especially well by winning their first two games ever in a competitive league. Also a huge congratulations to the Year 5 and 6 basketball team who currently lead their league with 6 wins and 1 loss so far. Well done to all children involved.

### **Children in Need Fundraising**

Miss Weston and the School Council have decided to raise money for two local children's charities:



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Edward's Trust; an amazing charity that supports children dealing with bereavement and OSCAR which helps children with sickle cell anaemia and thalassaemia. It would be wonderful for the children to show the virtue of being discerning by choosing to help in the following ways:

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November-** Own clothes day- wear something spotty or colourful 50p  
Squash and biscuits sale 20p  
Penalty shoot-out with Mr Miller 3 goes for 50p

“Lord, open my heart, mind and ears to receive your Word.”

There were a group of people called Sadducees who did not believe in the resurrection (that people would live with God forever in heaven). One day, some of them came to Jesus and asked him what he thought marriage would be like in heaven. Jesus knew that they didn't really want an answer to their question; they were just trying to trap him. So Jesus showed them that they didn't understand the resurrection by saying: “In heaven, people do not get married or die; they are like the angels; they are the children of God and will live with him forever.”



## Wednesday's Word is Heaven

*“We are all of the same stock and members of the one human family; we have the same Father in heaven and we are all his children.”*

*Pope Francis*

Yours sincerely

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Executive Principal

