



Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

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Executive Principal: Mr. G M O'Hara

6th September 2019

Dear Parents,

Welcome Back

On behalf of all the staff, we would like to welcome all our children and families back to school. We hope you all had a restful holiday. The children have all arrived back at school with such a positive attitude, ready to learn and motivated to be the best they can be. After so many changes last academic year, we are excited with all of the new opportunities your children will experience this year.

New Staff

Welcome to our new staff to our school community:

- Mrs M Whitty – Y2 Teacher
- Mr S Iles – Y3 Teacher
- Miss D Latchman -Y6 Teacher
- Miss O'Brien and Mrs Beckford are both back with us after their absences.

I am sure you will introduce yourselves to them and make them welcome when you see them.

Commendations

Well done to the following children: All of Year 1, Elizah Hussain, Eesa Hussain, Priscilla Kamparah, Sarwa Zegard and Fransisca Idemudia

Gospel Virtues

This half term, children will be thinking about being grateful for their own gifts, for the gift of other people and for the blessings of each day: and be generous with their gifts, becoming men and women for others.

This week the following children have displayed their wonderful virtues: Tavia Morgan, Remi Williams, Chidera Afoka-Obieshi, Rahya Abraham, James Prom and Elisa Breton-Johnson

Presentation award

Sarina Zegard, Efrata Yohannes, Valery Osagie Osamudamen, Julia Okunbor, Milan Byfield and Gideon Kuten-Nkrumah

Emergency contact forms and medical information

Parents will receive new emergency contact and medical information forms today that **must be returned by Friday 14th September** at the latest. This is a legal requirement for all pupils and children are not allowed in school without this information. Please remember:

- There must be **two** contact numbers on the form in case of an emergency.
- Medical conditions, such as **asthma**, must be reported and the appropriate medication handed in to the office with administration instructions.

Uniform policy

It was lovely to see how smart the children looked this week in their new uniforms. Please remember that the children should now be wearing their winter uniforms- not summer dresses and polo shirts. The children are not allowed to wear jewellery to school due to health and safety reasons and hairstyles must be in line with school policy. Thank you for working in partnership with the school on these matters.





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Parking around school

At Sacred Heart, we have a wonderful relationship with our local community which we wish to continue. We have had a few occasions where parents have parked across the driveways of local flats and houses outside of school which has resulted in some aggressive confrontations. This has caused distress for some children and jeopardised their safety. Please be mindful when parking as the well being of our children is our priority.

Swimming

Swimming will start for Year 3 on **Monday 9th September**. Please ensure that your child has a swimming costume or trunks, towel and swimming hat (girls) in a bag. All items **must** be labelled.

After school clubs places

There are a few spaces left for some after school activities if children are interested. Please see the office staff for permission letters.

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| Monday: | HEN project | Year 3 and Year 4 | full |
| | Tag rugby | Year 5 and Year 6 | limited spaces (will start 16.09.19) |
| | Multi skills | Year 1 and Year 2 | spaces |
| Tuesday: | Art | Year 1 | full |
| | Football | Year 3 and Year 4 | spaces |
| Wednesday: | Basketball | Year 5 and Year 6 | spaces |
| Thursday: | Cricket | Year 3 and Year 6 | spaces |
| Friday: | Football: | Year 5 and Year 6 | limited spaces |

Sleeping bags and blankets

We have a number of adult and child sleeping bags in school that are no longer needed. There are also some brand new warm blankets that would be really useful in the cold winter months. On Monday afternoon, families are welcome to come and take these if they would find them useful at home.

School Term Dates for 2019/20

Autumn Term 2019

Term starts: Monday 2nd September 2019, - Half Term: Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November
Term Ends: Friday 20th December 2019

Spring Term 2020

Term starts: Monday 6th January 2020, - Half Term: Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February 2020

Term Ends: Thursday 9th April 2020 (Maundy Thursday)

Easter Sunday 12th April 2020

Summer Term 2020

Term starts: Monday 27th April 2020, - Half Term: Monday 25th May 2020 to Friday 29th May 2020

Term Ends: Friday 17th July 2020



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2019-20 Inset Days

Please note, our inset days for next academic year are as follows:

Monday 2nd September 2019

Monday 30th September 2019

Friday 29th November 2019

Monday 24th February 2020

Monday 1st June 2020

In Sunday's Gospel, Jesus explains what being a disciple means, and how we must also "carry our cross" which means accepting the things we find difficult in our lives and asking for God's help when we are in pain.



Guiding Lord, you are the way, the truth and the life - so may we follow you all the days of our lives. Amen.

Yours sincerely

Mr G M O'Hara
Executive Principal