



Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

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6th November 2020

Dear Parents,

In this Sunday's Gospel, five bridesmaids were sensible and wise. Each of us choose a way in which we will try to grow in God's wisdom in these coming weeks. Perhaps it is through: not rushing when making decisions; thinking before we speak; being open to correction; trying to consider what effect our words and actions might have on ourselves and others; reading the gospels together; going to church and listening carefully; praying to God for the gift of wisdom; listening to parents, carers, teachers and other truthful or wise people.

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

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: ‘The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, “The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him.” At this, all those bridesmaids woke up. The wise bridesmaids refilled and lit their lamps and went to the wedding hall with the bridegroom, and the door was closed. But the lamps of the other bridesmaids had begun to run out of oil, so they had to go off to try and buy some more oil. They arrived much later but couldn't get in because the door was already locked. So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.’

Adapted from Matthew 25:1-13



**The Wednesday word is
Wisdom**

“We can ask the Lord to grant us the gift of wisdom.”

Pope Francis

Children in Need

Next Friday is Children in Need. To raise money for our chosen charities, the children will be asked to donate 50p to come to school in their own bright or spotty clothes. The local charities we donate to are ‘Edwards Trust’ who support children who have suffered from bereavement and ‘SIFA’ who help the homeless.

Christmas Raffle

We will again have our Christmas raffle for the children in school during Advent where the children earn raffle tickets by showing their wonderful virtues, their hard work or living out their lives as Jesus taught us. Thank you to Tesco at Spring Hill who have already donated some wonderful prizes for the children.





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Children's Birthday Celebrations

We are aware that, due to Covid-19 restrictions, many children have missed out on celebrating their birthdays with friends and family. So that the children can create special memories of their birthday, at the end of each month, the children will be able to celebrate with a birthday party in class with their friends.

The first celebration will be held on **Thursday 26th November** for children whose birthdays were in September, October and November. **All** children can come in their own clothes on that day.

All the staff in school have very kindly donated money so that treats and gifts can be bought for the children; they will also organise socially distanced party games so the children can enjoy their special day.

Thank you to all of the staff at Sacred Heart for their generosity, kindness and for going above and beyond for the happiness of all our families.

INSET Date reminder

Please remember that **Friday 27th November** is a school INSET day and so school will be **closed** for all children.

Reception Admissions- September 2021

If your child was born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017, they'll be able to start school in September 2021. The deadline for online applications is **15th January 2021**. Please use the following link for applications.

https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20119/school_admissions/1786/apply_for_reception_primary_school/4

Vacant places - EYFS, Year 1 and Year 3

We currently have some vacancies in our EYFS, Year 1 and Year 3 classes if any families are looking for places for their children. As a faith based school, we welcome children of all faiths so please spread the word so children do not miss out. Contact the school office on 356 4721 to enquire or by email

enquiry@sacredheart-sch.net

Covid-19 precautions

Can all parents please continue to follow the one-way route into school; do not cut across the middle of the KS2 playground. Parents also need to ensure that if they collect KS2 children, and then need to collect siblings from KS1, then the children should stay with their adults. Not mix between the classes. Thank you.

Please read the attached reminder regarding the procedures if your child develops symptoms.





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Praise certificates: Congratulations to the following children in school who have been praised this week: Adela, Adeola, Rafael, Nicole, Eesa, Chiemena and Elijah.

Gospel Virtues:

This week the following children have displayed their wonderful virtues of being **intentional** and **prophetic**. Emmanuel, Khalisa Mai Emmanuel, Nelson, Karen, Shemar and James.

Presentation Award: Well done to the following children who have shown such pride in their work this week: Alisha, Princess, Kha'mya, Aaron, Ezekiel, Princely and Charis.

House Points

The winning house this week is St John. Congratulations to all of these pupils.

Have a lovely weekend.

Stay safe

Yours sincerely

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Executive Principal

Mrs G Elliott
Acting Head of School

Mrs D Cooper
Acting Vice Principal





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Covid-19 related pupil absence
A quick reference guide for parents and staff (September 2020)

Please follow the advice below for your child and family.

What to do if...	Action Needed	Return to school when...
...my child has Covid-19 symptoms.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school - Contact school to inform us - Self-isolate the whole household - Get a test <p>Inform the school immediately about the test result</p>	...the test comes back negative or a period of 10 days has passed since the symptoms started, and the child feels well.
...my child tests positive for Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 10 days). - Self-isolate the whole household. 	...10 days have passed since symptoms began, even if they still have a cough or loss of taste/smell. <i>(These symptoms can last for several weeks.)</i> AND the child feels well.
...my child tests negative.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contact school to inform us. - Discuss when your child can come back (same day/next day). 	...the test comes back negative.
...my child is ill with symptoms not linked to Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us. - Ring on each day of illness. 	...after 48 hours following the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea (as per attendance policy)
...someone in my household has Covid-19 symptoms.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us. - Self-isolate the whole household. - Household member to get a test. - Inform school immediately about test result. 	...the test comes back negative.
...someone in my household tests positive for Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us. - Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 14 days). - Self-isolate the whole household. 	...the child has completed 14 days of isolation.
...NHS test and trace has identified my child as a close contact of somebody with symptoms or confirmed Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us. - Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 14 days). 	...the child has completed 14 days of isolation.
...NHS test and trace has identified a household member (other than my child) as a close contact of somebody with symptoms or confirmed Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The household member must self-isolate for 14 days. - Child can continue to attend school. 	...child can continue to attend school
...a sibling attending another	- Sibling must self-isolate for 14 days.	...child can continue to attend

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What to do if...	Action Needed	Return to school when...
school has been sent home to self-isolate due to there being a positive case in their school.	- Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School child(ren) can continue to attend .	school
...my child has travelled abroad from a country or territory that is NOT on the exempt list of countries.	- If returning from a destination where quarantine is needed*: - minimum of 14 days' self-isolation for all those who travelled. - contact school to inform us you are back in the country and we will agree an earliest date for possible return to school. - Self-isolate the whole household. - *Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) – for up to date travel information	...the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed.
...my child has travelled abroad from a country or territory that IS on the exempt list of countries.	If returning from a destination where quarantine is NOT needed: - Check the current Exempt countries and territories list to confirm the country you have travelled from or through is on the exempt list. - Ring school to inform us you have returned to the UK and agree a return date to school.	...you have informed the office of your return to the UK (<i>the office will ask you a few questions about your travel</i>).
...I have travelled from a country that requires us to quarantine (but my child didn't travel).	- As long as you do not have / have not had symptoms in the last 14 days, your child can continue to attend school. - The person who has travelled MUST NOT leave the house, including to do pick-ups and drop offs (<i>please contact school if you need support getting your child to school</i>).	...child can continue to attend school
...we have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding.	- Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us. - Shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again.	...school inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again. ...you receive medical advice that your child may return to school.
...my child's bubble is closed due to a Covid-19 outbreak in school.	- Child must not come to school. - Support your child at home with remote education provided by your school. - Your child will need to self-isolate for 14 days. - Other siblings may continue to attend school.	...school inform you that the bubble will be reopened.
...I am unable to get a test for someone in the household who has symptoms	- If you are not able to get a test in the first 5 days of having symptoms, your child and anyone they live with must stay at home and self-isolate for 14 days. Anyone in your support bubble must also stay at home.	...the child has completed 14 days of isolation.

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