



# Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Buying presents, decorations and planning our Christmas meal are all good ways of preparing for Christmas. But through all these preparations we do need to keep in mind the real reason for all these festivities. It is important that we spend time preparing ourselves too. In last Sunday's Gospel, we heard John the Baptist calling the people to repent and to prepare themselves for Christ's arrival. To continue to help us in our preparation of this wonderful occasion, we have a number of events that we would like to invite parents to in our last week of Advent in school.

## KS1 Nativity

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2.00pm

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am

Our amazing KS1 children will be telling us all the real story of Jesus' birth at Christmas. Parents and family members are welcome to join us to see this wonderful nativity. Tickets are now available from the school office for £1.00.

## Whole School Bambinelli Mass

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December- 9.10am

The third Sunday of Advent is Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete means 'Rejoice!' in Latin. We will be lighting the pink candle on our Advent wreath and rejoice that Christ is coming. All of the children in school have made a baby Jesus that will be blessed by Father Stephen and then taken home for Christmas. All parents are welcome to this special mass.

## KS2 Carol Service

On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 2.00pm

The children will be leading us in prayer and song during our Christmas Carol Service. This will be a wonderful way to end the term and prepare the children fully to understand the coming of Jesus at Christmas. All families are welcome to come and join with us and share a warm drink and mince pies with us afterwards.

## Congratulations

The winning house this week was: St. Luke

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

## Commendations

Well done to the following children: Princess-Grace Ako-Enobika, Kymani Evelyn, Rachel Imade, Helena Tesfay, Hermela Tekleab, Camara Opara and Omarion Foster

**Presentation award:** Khalisa Mai Younis, Joaquin De La Cruz, Efrata Yohannes, Cynthia Okudolo, Ernesto Breton-Johnson, Kaleab Kenna and Derrick Anderson.





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## 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: Chinercherem Iwuchukwu, Heyab Semere, Nabeeha Siddiqui, Chidera Afoka-Obieshi, Janna Bargil, Charlie-Sue Williams and Abigail Adhanom.

## 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!

## Motivational November- Book review winners

Thank you to all of the children who took part in the book review competition run by Miss Joseph and the Reading Champions. The winners in each year were chosen by them and a 'special' judge chose the overall winner. Well done to these children who have motivated other children in school with their reading.

FY- Abigail Asfaha

Year 1- Chika Opara

Year 2- Nelson Minja

Year 3- Valery Osagie-Osamudamen

Year 4- Eliam Asfaha

Year 5- Jhenaya Lawrence

Year 6- Elisa Breton-Johnson (Overall winner)

## Determined December to Joyous January

Our Scripture Champions held their first meeting on Monday where they shared St. Matthew's Gospel with other children in school. We were so pleased with how many children voluntarily came to this special event; there will be another meeting this Wednesday at lunchtime. Please encourage your child to go and listen to the Word of God in this special way.

Miss Joseph and the Reading Champions will be launching '**Joyous January**' when we return after Christmas. This is a new initiative to encourage parents to read with their children to develop a shared love of books and reading.

Each Thursday, from 3.15-4.30, parents are welcome to come into school to read with their child, share books and take part in fun reading activities. It would be wonderful to see parents attending and showing our children how reading opens up whole new worlds for them.

Dates will be announced next week.





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## St Chad's Sanctuary

Thank you to all of the parents who have already donated goods for St. Chad's Sanctuary; we are overwhelmed by your generosity. Mrs Elliott, Mrs Cooper and Miss Weston will be delivering these donations to the sanctuary next Wednesday with a group of children.

## Vacancies

There are currently a number of vacancies for support staff within the central team in SJPII MAC. To view the vacancies and to find details of how to apply please follow the link below.

<http://johnpaulii.co.uk/vacancies>

## Goodbye Mrs Beckford

We will be saying goodbye to Mrs Beckford next Friday who is leaving school to move onto new opportunities. We wish Mrs Beckford a peaceful Christmas and best wishes for the future.



This Sunday's Gospel John the Baptist had heard about Jesus Christ's miracles and all the other wonderful things he was doing. Christ was offering people forgiveness and healing, both physical and spiritual.

*"Lord, open my heart, mind and ears to receive your Word."*

I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, one greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.

Matthew 3:11-12

## Wednesday's Word is

## Christ

*"When Christ is your friend, you have joy and happiness."*

Pope Francis

Yours sincerely

Mr G M O'Hara  
Executive Principal

Mrs G Elliott  
Acting Head of School

Mrs D Cooper  
Acting Vice Principal

