



# Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

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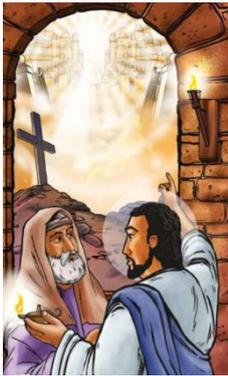
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12th March 2021

Dear Parents,

It has been lovely to take a small step towards normality this week by having all the children back in school. They have returned in a really positive way and have worked extremely hard. We understand that many parents may have felt anxious about the full reopening of school but we thank you for your ongoing support.

In this Sunday's Gospel, we read about the 'light' that has come into the world. This Gospel also reminds us that God loves us so much that he gave his only Son for us. Jesus' great act of love, of self-giving, on the cross, has paved the way for us to share in the true richness of God's love in this life, and also in the life to come. It's our self-giving which helps to make the world a much better place. Ask your child what 'self-giving' means to them. Ask your child if they can remember the last time when they shared something or gave something up to help make someone else happy.



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

Nicodemus, a teacher of the law, came to Jesus one night. Jesus said to him, “God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have everlasting life. God did not send his Son to condemn the world, but to save it and everyone who believes in him is saved. The light of the world has come, but many people turn away from it and prefer darkness. But those who live by the truth are drawn into the light, so that it can be clearly seen that what they do comes from their life with God.”

*Adapted from John 3:14-21 The 4th Sunday of Lent*



*“It is in giving that we receive.”*

St Francis of Assisi

**The Wednesday word is  
Self-Giving**

## **Sponsored activity for Father Hudson's care homes**

Please encourage your child to complete their fundraising at home and collect sponsors for Father Hudson's during Lent. Our fundraising this year will be focused on raising much needed funds for Father Hudson's care homes who do so much for Birmingham communities.

Please collect a paper sponsor sheet from the school office if you wish.





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## St Patrick's Day

On Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March, we will be celebrating the Feast of St. Patrick who brought Christianity to Ireland and taught us so much about the Holy Trinity. We would like the children to come dressed in green or wearing an item of green clothing on this day for a donation of 50p towards our Father Hudson's appeal.

## Reading at home

We hope children have enjoyed taking reading books home after such a long time. As the letter sent on Monday stated, it is so important for the children to read, and enjoy reading, every night at home. If you need any advice with supporting your child with their reading then always please speak to your child's class teacher.

Please ensure reading books are brought to school **every day**.

## School Uniform

Thank you to all parents for ensuring that children have returned to school looking so smart in their winter uniform this week. We appreciate that children may have had sudden growth spurts since Christmas and may have grown out of some uniform. Please can parents ensure that new uniform is purchased before by Easter if children require new items. Please see the school website (*information for parents Section*) for ordering.

## Parking around school

We have always had a wonderful relationship with local residents around school. However, there have been some very unpleasant incidents involving some parents parking across driveways and blocking access to homes which has resulted in residents feeling very frustrated. Please be respectful when parking outside school and be mindful of where you should and should not park.

## Gospel Virtues

This half term, the children are learning to be **attentive and discerning**. They are growing to be **attentive** to their experience and to their vocation; and **discerning** about the choices they make and the effects of those choices.

Congratulations to the following children for living out these virtues: Aryan, Abdul-Rahman, Grace, Wamiri, Amiyah, Tiana Li and Alyssa-Jai.

## Commendations

The following children have been commended by their teachers and teaching assistants for their wonderful work in school:

Angelo, Adeola, Is'Haq, Eliza, Liban, Clarissa and Charis.





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## Presentation Awards

Well done to the following children who have shown such pride in the presentation of their work this week. Laila, Princess-Grace, Diarra, Nathaniael, Noah, Shemar and Charlie-Sue.

## Extreme Reading for World Book Day

We hope the children enjoyed their book day fun last week. The children in school absolutely loved the Masked Reader competition! Thank you to Miss Callan for her time in putting this together to make it so enjoyable for all children.



Have a lovely weekend.  
Yours sincerely

Mr G M O'Hara  
Executive Principal

Mrs G Elliott  
Acting Head of School

Mrs D Cooper  
Acting Vice Principal

