



Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

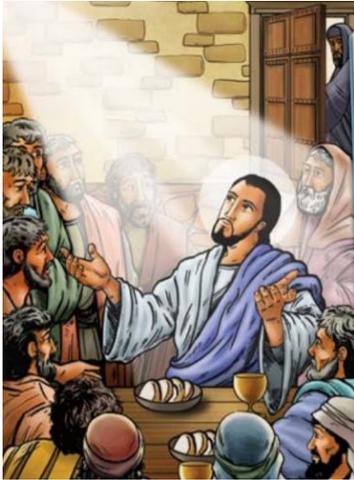
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14th May 2021

Dear Parents,

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus is praying with his disciples after the last supper. Very soon, Jesus will be arrested. So before leaving them he is preparing his disciples for the difficult time to come. Jesus has cared for his followers and now he is asking God to care for them. Jesus wants us to be united with one another and with God. We show that we are united and part of God's family when we care for each other – living and working in unity.

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



Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said: ‘Holy Father, Keep those you have given me true to your name, so that they may be one like us. While I was with them, I kept those you have given me true to your name. I have watched over them and not one is lost except the one who chose to be lost, and this was to fulfil the scriptures. But now I am coming to you and while still in the world I say these things to share my joy with them to the full. I passed your word on to them, and the world hated them, because they belong to the world no more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world, and for their sake I consecrate myself so that they too may be consecrated in truth.’

Adapted from John 17:11-19 The 7th Sunday of Easter



“Above all, take care of people in need. Let us care for one another.”

Pope Francis

**The Wednesday word is
Care**

Sacrament of First Holy Communion and Confirmation

Please continue to keep all of these children in your prayers as they journey closer to their special days. Thank you to Mrs McGrory for the beautiful cards each class has received to help us all to pray for these pupils.

School signage

At Sacred Heart we take great pride in the appearance of the school and the grounds. We have been fortunate enough to install some new signage at the front of the school and at the corner of Earlsbury Gardens. They really make a wonderful impression to our visitors and the local community.





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Honesty is the best policy

We have sadly had a few incidents in school this week where children have found it very difficult to be honest about their actions and tell the truth. This has caused a lot of unnecessary time being spent by trying to sort situations rather than pupils telling the full truth straight away. We know, even as adults, it is sometimes difficult to admit when we have made a mistake. However, it is so important that children understand that being honest is always the better option in the end- no matter what the consequence. As a Catholic school we lead by Jesus' example by forgiving and forgetting.

Please discuss this with your child. The following may be helpful when discussing this.

Honesty

Be truthful to others

Be truthful to yourself

Do what is right regardless of who is around.

Be someone that others can trust.

Vacant places for September 2021 FY

We currently have some vacancies in our EYFS class for September 2021 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.

We currently have some vacancies in EYFS, Years 1, 3 and 4.

Mental Health Week

This week has been Mental Health Week with the theme of 'Connect with Nature.'

From walking in the woods and sitting in the garden, to caring for house plants and even watching nature programmes, there are many ways we can find to connect with nature wherever we are. Connecting with nature is not just about the amount of time we spend outdoors; it is also about building a relationship with nature by noticing and becoming sensitive to what is around us. Please take time with your child this weekend to spend time outdoors and appreciate whatever nature you can; it will do wonders for their mental health.

Half Term Soccer School

Please find attached to this letter details of a half term soccer school, run by Aston Villa, that children may be interested in. Please read carefully for prices and locations.





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Attendance

As mentioned in previous newsletters, good attendance is vital to ensure children make as much progress as possible and achieve to the best of their ability.

With the disruption of the past year, it is even more important, unless your child is unwell and can't attend school, that ALL children attend school on time every day.

Every week we will publish the previous week's attendance and, during our Gifts from God Assembly, the class with the best attendance will receive a trophy to keep in their class.

Attendance – WC 3rd May 2021

FY	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
100%	92.6%	90.5%	92.7%	89%	95%	97.5%

The whole school was 93.7%

Well done to the children in FY with 100% attendance, all children in school every day!

Gospel Virtues

This half term, the children are learning to be **loving and compassionate**. Pupils will be growing to be **compassionate** towards others, near and far, especially the less fortunate; and **loving** by their just actions and forgiving words.

Congratulations to the following children for living out these virtues: Savannah, Nicholas, Henon, Solihome, Monae, Priscilla and Charis

Commendations

The following children have been commended by their teachers and teaching assistants for their wonderful work in school: Laila, Bietab, Emmanuel, Remi, Ezekiel, Mathius and Milan

Presentation Awards

Well done to the following children who have shown such pride in the presentation of their work this week. Awesome, Abigail, Diarra, Lucas, Josiah, Etana and Jhenaya

House Points

Congratulations to **St Mark** for being the winning house this week.





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May is the month of Mary

Hail Holy Queen (Salve Regina)

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy;
Hail, our life, our sweetness and our hope!
To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve.
To thee do we send up our sighs,
mourning and weeping in this vale of tears!
Turn, then, most gracious Advocate,
thine eyes of mercy toward us,
and after this, our exile,
show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
O clement, O loving,
O sweet Virgin Mary.



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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Aston Villa Foundation

Whitsun 2021 Soccer School



Date: Tues 1st – Fri 4th June



Location: Aston (Villa Park)
Sutton Coldfield (Sutton Coldfield Town FC)
Harborne (Lordswood Girls Academy)



Cost: £55 (4 – day course)
£45 (3 – day course)



Age: 5 – 12 years old



Times: 09:30 – 3:30pm



Equipment: Packed lunch,
football boots, drinks bottle

How can I book?

Book a place at
avfc.co.uk/foundation/football-in-the-community/holiday-soccer-schools/ Or call 0333 323 1874



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