

Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

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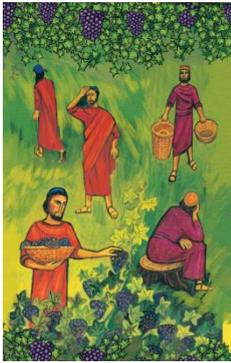
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25th September 2020

Dear Parents,

Throughout the school years, the whole family will grow and change - learning more about life and about one another. Change can be an exciting part of family life. In this Sunday's Gospel, the father represents God and the sons represent ways that we can respond to God. Initially one son refused his father's request, but then he had a change of heart for the better. This Gospel sets us a challenge.

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



Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, “What do you think about this? A man had two sons. He went to one and said, ‘My son, go and work in my vineyard today.’ ‘I will not go,’ his son replied – but later he changed his mind and went. The man said the same thing to his other son, and the son replied, ‘Yes, I will’ – but he did not go. Which of the two sons did the will of their father?” “The first,” they said. Then Jesus said to them, “I tell you truly that those we consider outcasts are going ahead of you into the kingdom of God. Did not John the Baptist come to you, teaching what is right and true, and you did not believe him? Yet the outcasts believed him. And even then you did not change your minds and believe him.”

Adapted from Matthew 21:28-32

Mass at Sacred Heart Church

It would be lovely if families visited Sacred Heart Church to celebrate mass. Mass is celebrated at 11.00 am each Saturday and 10.00 am Sundays. Father Stephen would love to see you there.

CAFOD Brighten up the Harvest

There are still children around the world who do not enjoy basic rights like water, food and education. A lack of water in some villages mean that children as young as 13 have to walk five kilometres before school every day to collect water for their families. On **Friday 2nd October** we will be asking you to help other children and families in a number of ways.

‘Brighten up’ day

For a donation of 50 pence, children can come dressed in their class rainbow colour as a reminder of God's promise to Noah.

EYFS- purple Year 1- dark blue Year 2- light blue Year 3- green
Year 4 yellow Year 5- orange Year 6- red

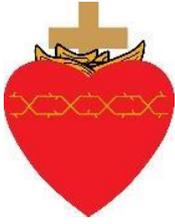
Harvest donations

We are asking children to bring items of food that can be donated to families within our community who need help and support. These items may be: tins of food, pasta, rice, cereal, soup, lentils and beans, tea/coffee, biscuits, long lasting milk, fruit juices. Due to the current coronavirus situation, we will not be able to accept fresh produce.

All items can be brought in from Monday onwards. All items will be stored over the weekend and re-gifted to support our own school community during the following week.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.





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Change in weather

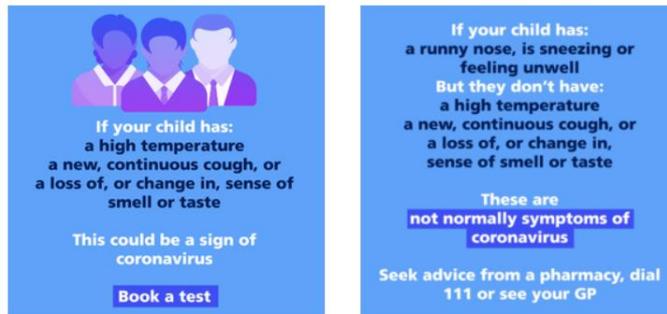
Due to the change in weather, please make sure that your child has a warm waterproof coat with them each day. Thank you.

Updated Covid-19 guidelines

Thank you to all parents and carers who are continuing to follow the guidelines at the start and end of the school day. Current guidelines suggest that all adults should wear a face covering when on the school premises.

All visitors must wear a mask when entering the school building. Thank you with your support in keeping everyone in our school community safe.

Please find attached the latest government guidance regarding children's attendance due to symptoms.



Purple Mash

All children in Year 1 to Year 6 have an online Purple Mash password which can be used to access activities and resource. Teachers are not setting curriculum work on there are the moment. However, it would be good for children to regularly practise the activities on there in the unfortunate case of future class closures. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you need a copy of the Purple Mash password.

Office appointments

Parents who wish to speak to members of staff, or Mrs Ali, must phone or email the school office enquiry@sacredheart-sch.net to discuss issues or book an appointment. Parents are not allowed inside the school building at the moment.

If your child is late, they we need to wait outside with you until they are escorted in and brought to their classroom.

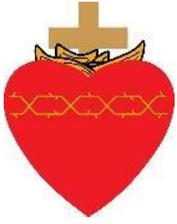
Please understand that staff are not being rude by insisting on this; we are ensuring the safety of everyone in school with these rules.

Praise certificates: Congratulations to the following children in school who have been praised this week: Laila, Juliana, Tomass, Kwame, Lydia and Deborah.

Gospel Virtues:

This half term, the children in school will be growing to be **Curious** and **Active**. Pupils at Sacred Heart are growing to be **curious** about everything; and **active** in their engagement with the world, changing what they can for the better.





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This week the following children have displayed their wonderful virtues: Eziah, Daoud, Tavia, Solihome, C'Asia Amae, Rahya and Benjamin

Presentation Award: Well done to the following children who have shown such pride in their work this week: Savannah, Stephen, Nicolý, Nelson, Bogdan, Ernesto and Africa-Beauty

The Wednesday Word is Change



"Our friendship with God changes our life - filling us with passion, with joy."
Pope Francis

Yours sincerely

Mr G M O'Hara
Executive Principal

Mrs G Elliott
Acting Head of School

Mrs D Cooper
Acting Vice Principal

