



Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents,

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!

Congratulations

The winning house this week was: Saint Mark

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

Commendations

Well done to the following children: Adeola Oladiya, Yoh Kone, Zayaan Mohammed, Aaron Adhanom, Bisrat Alexsander, James Ajayi, Chraris Okunodu-Ejiofor, Rafael De La Cruz

Presentation award: Abigail Asfaha, Emmanuel Nzumba, Remi Williams, Valery Osagie Osamudamen, Abdul-Muiz Odusanya-Edunfunke, Jhenaya Lawrence, Elisa Breton-Johnson

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: Selihom Mebrahtom, Nicoloy Faquim Dos Santos, Kwame Ansah, Amiyah McLaughlin, Julia Okunbor, Alyssa-Jai Gordon, Blossom Akanbi

Hail Mary, Full of Grace

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, December 8, is a Holy Day of Obligation in the Catholic Church. The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception celebrates Mary's conception in the womb of Saint Anne without the stain of original sin. In order to become the mother of Christ she was conceived free from the burden of original sin. Saints Joachim and Anne prayed for a child for a very long time. Just when they had begun to lose hope, Saint Anne became pregnant with Mary. In order for Mary to become the mother of Christ, her soul never suffered the effects of original sin.

We will be celebrating this special day on Monday with all of the children.

St Chad's Sanctuary

Thank you to all of the parents who have already donated goods for St. Chad's Sanctuary; we are extremely grateful for your generosity. Parents are welcome to donate any offerings but the following are suggestions:

EYFS-	toothpaste
Year 1-	toothbrushes
Year 2-	shower gel
Year 3-	gloves
Year 4-	rice/sugar
Year 5-	socks



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Year 6- shampoo

Christmas Jumper Day

Next Friday, December 13th, is 'National Christmas Jumper Day.' The children can come to school dressed in their festive Christmas jumpers or their own clothes on this day. If your child chooses to take part, please send a donation of goods for St. Chad's Sanctuary on this day if you can. Thank you.

Preparing for Advent- class raffles

The children are continuing to get ready for Jesus at Christmas by being the absolute best they can be in living out the words of the Gospel, trying their hardest and treating other with love. In return, the children are earning raffle tickets which will give them the chance to win some lovely Christmas gifts that have been donated by staff and companies in the local area. Please ask your child how many tickets they think they have earned this week!

Weekly Mass

Thank you to the parents who came to celebrate Mass with us yesterday; you are always very welcome.

Please note that there is no school Mass next week as Father will be holding a penance service for KS2 on Tuesday instead.

Determined December

The Scripture Champions will be holding their first celebration of the reading of St. Matthew's Gospel on Monday lunchtime next week. All the children are welcome to join to improve their understanding of the Word of God so that they might learn better how to make a change in their families, school and community. We hope the children enjoy sharing God's word together as a group.

Uniform- shoes

Children must wear black shoes to school as part of the school uniform policy. Ankle boots and black trainers are not part of the school uniform. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church Children's Liturgy

As previously mentioned, Mrs Bjanku and Miss Tadesse have volunteered to support the Children's Liturgy at the Sacred Heart parish mass each Sunday at 10.00am. They will be there this Sunday so please make every effort to attend as allow the children to participate in this special way of sharing God's word.

Dates for your diary

KS1 Nativity

Tuesday 17th December 2.00pm

Wednesday 18th December 9.30am

KS2 Carol Service

On Friday 20th December at 2.00pm



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This Sunday's Gospel reminds us to look into our hearts this Advent and see if there are any ways that we could make a change for the better.

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

John the Baptist was a prophet who lived in the desert. He wore clothes made of camel-hair and he ate locusts and wild honey. The people came to him to be baptised and confess their sins. John said to the people, “Repent; change your ways! Think about how you live and get ready to welcome the Lord! I baptise you with water, but someone is coming soon who is more powerful than I am, and he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 3: 1-12

Wednesday's Word is Preparation

“The Lord is coming. May we await him with open hearts.”

Pope Francis

Yours sincerely

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