



Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents

This Sunday's Gospel reminds us how we can live happier lives by giving God what is due to him - our gratitude! Being grateful to God puts us in the right frame of mind. It is good for our well-being and helps us to be happy in life.

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



Some of the leaders of the people tried to trap Jesus and get him into trouble. So they sent some of their followers who said to him, “Teacher, we know that you are an honest man and teach God’s way with honesty. We also know that you are not afraid of anybody: someone’s rank means nothing to you. Then they asked him, “Is it right to pay taxes to Caesar, the Emperor?” Knowing what they were up to, Jesus said, “Why are you trying to trap me? Show me the coin you use to pay taxes.” They handed him a coin. He said to them, “Whose head is on this coin, and whose name?” “Caesar’s,” they replied. “So then,” he said to them, “give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.”

From the Gospel of 18th October 2020 Cf. Matthew 22:15-21



“The heart that knows how to say ‘thank you’ is a good heart, it is a heart that is content.”

Pope Francis

**The Wednesday word is
Gratitude**

Julie Gallagher

We received the very sad news this week of the death of Julie Gallagher; a much loved member of the Sacred Heart Church parish. Julie and her husband, Michael, were always with us to celebrate mass each Thursday in school. Julie and her family have had a long relationship with our school and church and she will be greatly missed. We ask you all to keep Julie’s family in your prayers at this very difficult time.





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Parent and child anxieties

It is still a very uncertain time in our world and community and we are working hard with the children to listen to their worries, concerns and answer questions that they may have. All pupils receive PSHE lessons based on supporting their feelings and emotions. Some pupils are a little less tolerant of others, since before the school closure, and are having to learn how to deal with friendship problems and worries. We all need to have greater patience and understanding when incidents occur and remember the well-being of all children in school. Please remember to speak to your child's class teacher if you have any concerns. Do not approach other children or parents as this causes further issues and anxieties.

Google Classroom and online learning platforms

You will have received information today regarding your child's *Mathletics*, *Purple Mash*, *Charanga* and *Google Classroom* passwords. Please 'have a go' at using these with your child and inform your child's class teacher as soon as possible if you have any issues or problems. All teachers have set work for children on Purple Mash and Google Classroom so that pupils become familiar with using these at home.

Parental consultation evenings

Thank you to all the parents who waited patiently by their phones to receive a call from their child's class teacher this week! We had very positive feedback with the system and we hope you feel fully informed as to how your children have settled back into school.

Covid-19 Guidance

It has been noticed over the last few days that there are very few parents wearing face coverings when coming onto the school site at the start and end the day. As a school, we cannot force parents to wear face coverings. However, it is one of the governments suggested Covid-19 measures. **We encourage you, for the safety of everyone in our school community, to wear a face mask or covering.**

Unwanted school uniform

If any parents have any good quality uniform that their children may have grown out of, we would be very grateful if it could be donated to school to support other families. Thank you for your generosity.

PE Kits

All of the children in school have adapted very well in remembering to wear their PE kit to school on their allocated days. Can all parents please ensure that if they are buying new sports clothes for children to wear for PE then navy blue jogging bottoms should be purchased.





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New reading books and maths resources

We have been very fortunate to have been able to purchase new reading materials and maths resources to support the children's learning in school. Your child will be bringing home some books that we no longer need in school so that they can continue their reading at home. We hope the children enjoy having these books that they can call their own. KS1 pupils were very excited when choosing their own books this week!

Praise certificates: Congratulations to the following children in school who have been praised this week: Chavin, Mercy, Is'Haq, Diya, Christian, Levi and Meliyah.

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.

This week the following children have displayed their wonderful virtues: Elime, Aaron, Kha'mya, Remi Josiah, Priscilla and Richmond.

Presentation Award: Well done to the following children who have shown such pride in their work this week: Sokhna, Chiamaka, Chika, Aftanna, Abena, Abdul Muiz and Alayla.

Yours sincerely

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