

Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

Earlsbury Gardens, Birchfield, Birmingham B20 3AE

10th July 2020

Dear Parents,

Jesus was teaching the people by the lakeside and he told them a story. He said, “A farmer went out to sow seed. As he sowed the seeds, some fell on the path, some among weeds and some upon rock where they could not grow properly. But some seeds fell on good soil and they produced a great crop. This is like those people who hear my words and understand them; those people grow strong and produce a great harvest. Now, anyone who has ears – listen to what I am really saying!”

Adapted from Matthew 13:1-9 The 15th Sunday of Ordinary Time

The Wednesday Word is Listening

Children love to be listened to and it helps them to grow in self-esteem. During these difficult times, it is so important to truly listen to them, hear their worries and be good models of listeners.

Listening to the right people and the right messages is important for us and for our children. In this Sunday’s Gospel, we hear Jesus inviting us to listen to him and act upon his words. Jesus does not force us to listen to him, but he knows what’s best for us.



“Listen carefully, young people: Jesus never disappoints.”

Pope Francis

Sacred Heart supporting our local communities

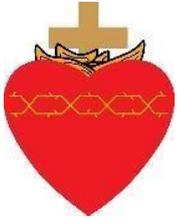
The Catholic Life of our school has continued to grow, even during this strange time. The Key Worker children spent time thinking about children who were less fortunate than themselves. They created this wonderful piece of collaborative artwork for Ward 1 at Birmingham Children’s Hospital to help raise the spirits of the children. Well done children and thank you to Miss Mistry for organising this.



Home Learning

Next week will be the last week that Home Learning will be set on the school website and on Purple Mash. Over the summer holiday period, please ensure that your children **keep reading** as much as possible. This will really help to support their learning when they return. Children are welcome to continue to complete independent work on Purple Mash and TTRockstars but this will not be work set by the teachers.





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Information for September

Further to the release of government guidance last Thursday regarding opening to all pupils from September 2020, we are currently updating risk assessments and preparing how to open fully for all pupils in September.

We will continue to follow the current government guidance and our already published plans until the end of this academic year.

There will be a letter sent next week regarding children returning to school in September. Parents should continue to check the school website and ParentMail regularly throughout the summer for any updates.

Ordering Uniform

The children should be wearing their winter uniform when they return in September. Please see the school website for the link to order uniform which can be delivered to your home. Delivery to school is free if parents choose this option.

Boys: Winter
Grey trousers
White shirt
Navy sweatshirt with school badge *
Grey or black socks
Sensible black shoes (**NOT BOOTS OR TRAINERS**)
School Tie *

Girls: Winter
Navy skirt or pinafore dress
White blouse
Navy sweatshirt or cardigan with school badge *
White socks or navy tights
Low heeled sensible black shoes (**NOT BOOTS OR TRAINERS**)
School tie *

*These items are available only from the school.

<https://www.mapac.com/education/parents/uniform/sacredheartcatholicprimaryb203ae>

Hairstyles and earrings

The school policy remains the same with regards to hairstyles and earrings.

Children are not allowed to wear earrings to school. If your child does want to have their ears pierced then it must be done at the start of the six week holiday.

No extreme hair styles are allowed. Hair should be worn short for boys and not have patterns, lines or artwork shaved into it. There should be no ridges nor perceived difference in length of boys' hair. Girls may wear short extensions of natural colour, but hair must be tied back and be of a neat appearance.

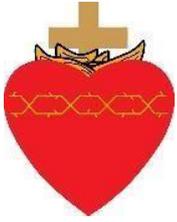
Transition information for children and parents

Today, all parents will be sent information on ParentMail from their child's new class teacher concerning routines and expectations for their new year group. This information will also be put on our school website under the tab 'Information for Parents.' Please take some time to share this information with your children.

End of Year Reports

End of academic year reports will also be sent to parents by the end of today. As there were no end of Key Stage assessments this year, Year 2 and Year 6 have been allocated teacher assessment grades. Please be aware that these grades are not predicted SATs results but based on your child's learning in class.





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Returning school books

During the week in March when school closed, all Key Stage 2 children were given a book to take home to support with their home learning. It is extremely important that these are returned to school before 17th July or when children return as they are part of class sets used in school. There will be a charge of £5.00 if texts are not returned so that school can purchase new copies. Text titles are:

Year3 – *Who Let the Gods Out*

Year 4- *Egyptian Cinderella*

Year 5- *Carrie's War*

Year 6- *Rooftoppers*

Thank you with your support in this matter.

Year 4 Multiplication Check

As some of you may be aware, the Government introduced a new assessment to check the children's knowledge of their time tables. By the end of Year 4, children should know all times tables up to 12 x 12 in and out of order. 27 of our Year 4 children took part in this test online whilst at home. We are so proud to say that our children achieved 26% higher than the national average and 49% above the Birmingham average. Well done to Miss Callan, Miss Mistry and Year 4 for their hard work to achieve this.

Praise certificates: Congratulations to the following children in school who have been praised this week: Vanessa Adjei, Mercy Adedire, Javier-Kelvin Garcia-George, Sienna Snape and Elisabeth Ajayi

Gospel Virtues:

This week the following children have displayed their wonderful virtues: Yoh Waraba Noura Kone, Nicholas Prom, Nicoloy Faquim Dos Santos, Mechach McKenzie and Junaid Clarke.

This half term, the children in school will be growing to be **Learned** and **Wise**. They will be **learned**, finding God in all things; and **wise** in the ways they use their learning for the common good.



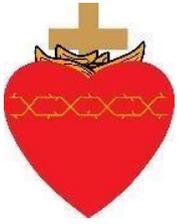
Stay safe. Everyone at Sacred Heart is continuing to keep you all in our prayers.

Yours sincerely

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