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Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a lovely week as we lead up to Easter, and last night I had some time to reflect on all the opportunities the children of Sacred Heart have enjoyed in the Spring term. I am pleased that there have been so many activities going on in school, in addition to the regular curriculum. From dressing up events such as World Book Day, to visits to museums, art galleries and gardens, phonics meetings, maths workshops, baking, art and theatre activities, celebrations of Mass, plays and assemblies. Visitors have also been warmly welcomed to the school, the fire service were particularly popular, as was a visitor from the Jewish community who shared their knowledge with Year 5. There have been numerous other activities, too many to mention here.

The staff team at Sacred Heart are delighted that many of you have been able to join your children for these activities and we look forward to inviting more of you to join your children in their learning over the course of the summer term.

Many of our children have embarked on the Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Programme with the Parish, this term. Mass on Saturday and the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation was well attended by our families and pupils. Please keep the children in your prayers at this special time.

There have been several fundraising opportunities this term, the most recent of which was the walk this week, which aimed to raise awareness of the plight of refugees. The children in Years two and five have raised £404.20 so far. A superb achievement!

Parents' Evenings which took place last week were very well attended and are a clear illustration of how the school works together as a family. Thank you for working hand-in-hand with the school so that your children benefit from all that Sacred Heart has to offer. At Parents' Evening a questionnaire was available to consider your views on booking appointments through the App. I'm pleased to report that the feedback was overwhelmingly positive and as a result the office team are committed to continuing to provide you with this method of booking for Parents' Evening appointments in the future. Thank you for the positive comments you included in the written feedback too. The office team are delighted to see that you are so complimentary about the improvements that have been made in this area of communication.

I often receive very positive feedback from places the children have visited. These frequently refer to the children's exemplary behaviour and enthusiasm for learning. Recently we were also delighted to receive feedback from an art competition the children entered. Several children were commended for their work, including Year 6 pupils, Anna and Ruby. The overall competition winner was Harry, whose design can be seen in the current issue of "Let's Go" magazine, Congratulations Harry and I hope you have enjoyed riding your new bike!



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It is a privilege and a pleasure to work with you and your children. Thank you for ensuring your children attend school regularly so that they can enjoy all that is on offer here.

On behalf of the staff and pupils at Sacred Heart, I wish you a peaceful and happy Easter. We look forward to returning to school on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April, refreshed and ready for more adventures in learning in the Summer Term.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs M Jackson  
Headteacher

## An Easter Prayer

God, give us eyes to see  
the beauty of the Spring,  
And to behold Your majesty  
in every living thing.

And may we see in lacy leaves  
and every budding flower  
The Hand that rules the universe  
with gentleness and power.

And may this Easter grandeur  
that Spring lavishly imparts  
Awaken faded flowers of faith  
Lying dormant in our hearts.

And give us ears to hear, dear God  
the Springtime song of birds  
With messages more meaningful  
than man's often empty words.

Telling harried human beings  
who are lost in dark despair  
'Be like us and do not worry  
for God has you in his care.'

~ **Helen Steiner Rice**