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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for another lovely week at Sacred Heart with your children. Spending time in the Nursery to read to some of the children, followed by a short visit to the Family Works session this morning have been highlights of my week. I'm sure that your children have lots of highlights to tell you about too.

### **Year 2 Visit to Port Sunlight**

Year 2 had a very successful visit to Port Sunlight this week. They managed to dodge the rain to enjoy the museum and art gallery. The Quentin Blake exhibition was well timed for the visit too! Thank you to the parent helpers who came along as part of the team to support the teachers in making the visit safe, well organised and fun.

### **Safety on Visits**

Prior to any educational visit a lot of planning takes place, as you can imagine. Following the visits teachers always spend time debriefing and reflecting on what went well and what could be improved.

Last year we asked the Educational Visits team at the Local Authority for advice on supervision for trips. We were advised that best practice is for parents who accompany visits to focus on having a group which does not have their own child in it. This is for several reasons, and is informed by findings of reviews of Educational Visits over several years.

As a result, it has been decided that Sacred Heart will follow this best practice advice and that children in years 1 to 6, on visits, will be assigned to groups where their parent is not the lead. Several trips have taken place with this arrangement in place and all have proved to be valuable learning experiences (and good fun too!).

This week's trip to Port Sunlight is a good example, the children were happy to be independent of their own parent, in their own group, but could see them throughout the day and have lunch with them. They always love to see you participating in school activities.

Thank you for working with us to ensure that your children have great experiences in and out of school.

### **Additional Opportunities to be Involved in your Child's Education**

I am pleased that this year we will be offering more opportunities for you to find out about your child's day in school, and specific subjects they enjoy. Below is a list of workshop dates for the year groups so that you can put these in your diary. Further information about these will be given at parents' evenings.

**Year 1 and 2** workshops will be held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 9am, and on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 7pm



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**Year 3** workshops will be held on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 9-10am and on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November 5-6pm

**Year 4** workshops will be held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 9.-10am, and Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December 5-6pm

**Year 6** workshops will be held on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 3.30pm-4.40pm (children welcome to attend) and Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November 9.10am-10.10am

**Year 5** workshops will take place in January.

### **Guide Dog visit**

The School Council have elected to support Guide Dogs this year. We are fortunate that we have been able to arrange for a visit from one or two young guide dogs on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November. The children will meet the dogs in assembly on this day. If your child is particularly afraid of dogs, please can you let their class teacher know so that we can take special care of them whilst the dogs are present, and maybe help them work to overcome their fears.

### **Parents' Evenings**

I look forward to seeing you at our Parents' Evenings next week. Don't forget to make your booking at some point this weekend, as the booking system will close on Monday morning so that appointment lists can be printed for teachers. This year you will have an opportunity to see your child's English and mathematics books at this meeting.

### **Playground Improvements**

You may have noticed that the Table Tennis has been set up so that children can access the tables more easily in the playground. Mr Williams has also set up some very smart new basketball hoops. Please take care around this equipment at the start and the end of the school day, and encourage your children to do the same. The basketball hoops in particular could cause injury if moved. All playground equipment is only to be used under supervision of the teachers during the school day.

### **PTA**

The next meeting of the PTA will be on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 2pm in the community meeting room in school. We will be discussing the final proposal from the council regarding street furniture being placed near the school to improve safety for our children. We would love to welcome you to the meeting.

Enjoy the weekend!  
Best wishes

Margaret Jackson  
Headteacher