



# Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

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16<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Dear Parents,

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus' friends, the apostles, returned after working hard. Hard work, and sometimes stress, can often be part of our lives and we all definitely need a holiday at the moment! Jesus has seen how hard children, staff and families have worked this year and knows it is essential, but, in this Sunday's Gospel, he reminds us how important it is to take time out too. Holiday time is a time to rest, and it also presents a great opportunity for us to explore and refresh our faith. The more we get to know Jesus, the more at peace and relaxed we become.

**"Lord, open my heart, mind and ears to receive your Word."**



Jesus had sent out his friends, the apostles, to teach and to heal. When they rejoined him, they told him all they had done and taught. Then Jesus said to them, "You must come away to some quiet place all by yourselves and rest for a while"; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a quiet place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried on foot to the place and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

*Adapted from Mark 6:30-34*



*"Holidays offer a time to rest and to restore the spirit, especially through a more quiet reading of the gospels"*

Pope Francis

## The Wednesday word is Holidays

### Year 6 Mass

Father Stephen came to school on Thursday to celebrate a special mass for the Year 6 children who are leaving us next week. It was a lovely, intimate occasion and the children were pleased to receive their Sacred Heart pin badges as a reminder that they will always be part of our school family.

We will continue to remember these children in our prayers as they move on in their education journey.





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## Father Stephen's Silver Jubilee

As previously mentioned, Father Stephen will be celebrating his silver jubilee, 25 years since his ordination into the Catholic Church, with a special mass at Sacred Heart Church on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July at 12.00. He would love for as many parents and families to attend as possible to celebrate such an important milestone in his journey of faith.

## MAC Virtual Collective Worship

Once again this week we were lucky enough to be able to celebrate our joint collective worships in FY and Y1 with the other children in our academy family. It was FY and Mrs Whitty's turn to host this week and they created a beautiful and reflective worship about the communities we belong to and the gifts God has given us. In the words of Alisha in FY, "God gives us the power to be kind." Amazing! Thank you, Mrs Whitty.



## Twitter

Thank you to the parents who have begun following us on Twitter. On this page you will find photographs, videos and information about life at Sacred Heart. It is a great way to see our school in action, your children's learning journey and the Catholic Life of our school. Please follow [@SacredheartB20](https://twitter.com/SacredheartB20) on Twitter and share with as many people as you can so everyone knows of the amazing things going on at Sacred Heart.

<https://twitter.com/sacredheartb20?lang=en>

## Packed Lunches

It has come to our attention in recent weeks that there are a number of children whose packed lunches are not as healthy as we would like them to be. Please remember that children are **not** to have **sweets or chocolate** in their packed lunches and should only have water in their bottles- **not juice or squash**.

Thank you for your ongoing support with this matter.





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## School Reports

Your child's end of year report will be sent out on Parentmail on Monday. Please call Mrs Ali in the school office if you wish to speak to your child's class teacher regarding any concerns you may have.

Transition information will be uploaded to the school website next week for parents and children to share together over the summer holidays.

The teachers for next year's classes are:

FY and Year 1	Mrs Flint
Year 2	Mrs Whitty
Year 3	Mrs Cooper
Year 4	Mrs McGrory
Year 5	Miss Latchman
Year 6	Mrs Barnett

## School Uniform

The following link can be used to access uniform orders on our school website. Please allow enough time for delivery so your child is fully equipped for the start of the new school year.

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

We set the highest expectations with regards to uniform. **Children will not be allowed to wear trainers or trainer style shoes with their uniform.** Please remember this when purchasing clothing over the summer.

## Late collection at the end of the day

The school day ends at 3.15pm. A gentle reminder that late collection of children at the end of the school day is classed as poor punctuality and is also recorded.

## Vacant places for September 2021 FY

We currently have some vacancies in our EYFS class for September 2021 if any families are looking for places for their children. As a faith based school, we welcome children of all faiths so please spread the word so children do not miss out. Contact the school office on 356 4721 to enquire or by email [enquiry@sacredheart-sch.net](mailto:enquiry@sacredheart-sch.net).

We currently have some vacancies in EYFS, Years 1, 3 and 4.

## Gospel Virtues

This half term, the children are learning to be **faith-filled and hopeful**. Pupils will be growing to be **faith-filled** in their beliefs and **hopeful** for the future.

Congratulations to the following children for living out these virtues: Mercy, Ezra, Efrata and Camara.

## Commendations

The following children have been commended by their teachers and teaching assistants for their wonderful work in school: Josephine, Chika, Whole of Year 3 and Year 6.

## Presentation Awards

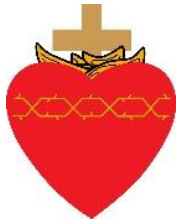
Well done to the following children who have shown such pride in the presentation of their work this week.

Aaron, Zayaan, Aaron and Yakob.

## House Points

Congratulations to the children in **St Matthew** house for being the winning house this week.





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