

Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

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11th June 2021

Dear Parents,

Today has been the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the whole of the month of June is dedicated to this. It has been lovely to celebrate our school's feast day with the children. The tradition of devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is linked closely to the life of St. Margaret Mary Alcoque. Christ appeared to her and asked her to encourage people to show devotion to His sacred heart (a symbol of his love and sacrifice). Our beautiful stained glass window in our reception area is always a wonderful reminder of Jesus' burning love for us all.



In this Sunday's Gospel, to explain God's kingdom, Jesus uses images drawn from the fields around him. This Gospel reminds us that Jesus came to establish a kingdom – God's kingdom of love. God loves all people equally and invites everyone to share in his kingdom. This weekend, ask your child what the words 'God's kingdom' mean to them.

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

Jesus said to the crowds: “This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps and when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord, the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time: he starts to reap because harvest time has come.” Then Jesus said, “Here is another example of what the kingdom of God is like. It is like a mustard seed which is the smallest of all the seeds; yet, once it is planted in the ground, it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.” Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding.

Taken from the Gospel of Sunday 30th May 2021 Cf. Matthew 28:16-20

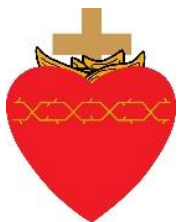


“It is in the human heart that the Kingdom takes root and grows.”

Pope Francis

**The Wednesday words are
God's Kingdom**





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Father Hudson's Good Shepherd Appeal

During Lent and last half term we raised money through numerous events to raise money for The Father Hudson's Good Shepherd appeal. We have again been overwhelmed with your generosity as we raised an amazing **£391.52**. The families who are supported by this charity will be so grateful to you all; thank you!

Parking around School

There have been a few incidents recently where parents and local residents have become involved in arguments due to the parking around school at the start and the end of the day. We have an excellent relationship with our surrounding community so please be considerate when parking. Do not park across any driveways and remember the safety of our children is paramount.

Grammar School Tests- Year 5 children - Entry to Year 7 in September 2022

If you are interested in your child taking the optional Grammar school tests, parents can now register their child for the test by applying online before 4pm on 30th June 2021. The test will take place on 11th September 2021.

To register, parents need to visit www.birminghamgrammarschools.org

Please speak to Mrs Barnett to check if this would be appropriate for your child.

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.

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

Sensational Starts and Experience Days

Due to the current restrictions, it is not possible for children to go on visits, trips or have experts come to school to support them with their topics. It is vital that children have meaningful experiences to help them to understand their learning fully and to help them to develop their vocabulary. Staff in school have been working extremely hard to try and replicate some of the things that children are currently missing out on. Year 2 have been to the bakery to taste sticky cakes and Year 1 had a wonderful day at the seaside on Wednesday without even leaving the KS1 playground! Thank you to Mrs Flint and Mrs Badland for the sheer enjoyment you gave the children this week- it was a joy to see.





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Gospel Virtues

This half term, the children are learning to be **faith-filled and hopeful**. We will help them to grow by passing on the living and faith-filled tradition of Jesus Christ; by having persevering faith in the them, and by encouraging them, in turn, to have faith and hope in others.

Congratulations to the following children for living out these virtues: Adela, Chinecherem, Henon, Liban, Janna and Ayaan

Commendations

The following children have been commended by their teachers and teaching assistants for their wonderful work in school: Khyler, Juliana, Archie, Syrah, Monae, Tiana Li and Timari

Presentation Awards

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

Tolu, Princess, Marius, Elnabi, Ezekiel, Shemar and Michael

Extra Curricular activities awards

Stephen- Year 1- for amazing dance skills!

Special Mention

A special well done to Kymani Evelyn for being the first manager of Year 2's Bugtastic Hotel. He is taking his role very seriously and has been a great role model for other children this week. Well done, Kymani!

House Points

Congratulations to St Mark and St Luke for being the winning houses this week.

Attendance

Congratulations, again, to Year 6 who win this week's attendance award. Well done, children for knowing that every day matters.

| FY | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 | whole school |
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| 97% | 98% | 92% | 92% | 94% | 87% | 99% | 94% |

Yours sincerely

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Executive Principal

Mrs G Elliott
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Mrs D Cooper
Acting Vice Principal

