

# Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2021



Dear Parents / Carers,

Before I begin the newsletter I would just like to say to Year 3 and Year 5 that we have missed you this week. For those of you who are well enough, thank you for your efforts in completing your work at home. We know it has not been easy for you. Those of you who have been unwell, we wish you a speedy recovery. We look forward to seeing all of your smiling faces return in September.

Today marks the end of a year we will not forget in a hurry. It has been a year fraught with many challenges for our whole school community. However, in the midst of the contradictory guidance, the uncertainty around sudden periods of isolation and the biased and inaccurate media reporting, there have been many positives. I would like to re-share with you some of the successes this year:

- \* The Community Forest School being installed and used extensively by the local community.
- \* The school field being fenced and used daily.
- \* The children playing more widely with their peers from their own classes. It has brought the children closer together.
- \* The large number of DfE devices sent to school and the additional devices purchased by the FRIENDS group.
- \* The amazing sum raised through the sponsored obstacle walk.
- \* All of the sporting achievements of our pupils both inside and outside of school.
- \* The schools' continued commitment to maintaining and developing the school site and building.
- \* The kitchen being managed internally from September rather than externally controlled.
- \* The two recent external reviews of school's remote learning curriculum and how we have recalibrated the curriculum since March 2021. A particular strength being that we gave families 3 days to complete the work.
- \* External recognition from visitors of the children's behaviour and the positive ethos within school.
- \* The greatest achievement of all is that the children, despite all of the disruptions, are where we would expect them to be academically. Yes, there are still some gaps in learning to be addressed but it is a positive picture and we move into September in a good position.

I would like to place on record my sincere thanks and gratitude to you all for your sustained efforts and patience throughout the year, especially during periods of isolation. For some of you, these have been more frequent than any of us would have liked.

'Thank You' also for the inordinate number of messages of support sent in to school throughout the year. Your support, patience and understanding is greatly appreciated.

Before ending this newsletter, it would be remiss of me not to say some good-byes. Year 6, Mr Gore and those families who are leaving us, we wish you a fond farewell and good luck for the future. We have lived through 2 years of uncertain times, so my message to you all is this – Make the most of every opportunity, which is presented to you, no matter if people tell you that it cannot be done. The future is yours to mould and make the most of.

Wishing you all a lovely summer and we look forward to seeing those of your returning in September.

Mr McDermott

## Golden Ticket and Reading Champion Winners: Key Stage 1

### Reception

**Alana** – Using the word of the week ‘scrumptious’.

**Jack** – Being a well-mannered and polite member of our class.

**Teddie** - Being a very helpful member of our class.

**Reading Champion** – Jacob

### Year 1:

**Aiden** - Producing some wonderful drawings this week in RE.

**Euan** - Writing some superb facts about Jamaica.

**Joshua** - Having an amazing memory when writing a non-fiction booklet about Jamaica.

**Reading Champion** – Lottie

### Year 2:

**Alex** – Designing and creating an amazing wheelbarrow in DT.

**Daisy** – Being an amazing helper in PE.

**Reading Champion** – Evie



Good-bye and good luck Year 6. We all wish you the best of luck as you transition to six different high schools. Stay in touch with each other and if you see staff out and about, do not be too embarrassed to wave and say hello.

## Golden Ticket and Reading Champion Winners: Key Stage 2

### Year 3:

**Ethan** – Impressive homemade robot costume for our Google Meet.

**George** – Amazing (and terrifying) hybrid animal design.

**Thea** – A great piece of non-narrative writing about her beach holiday.

**Reading Champion** – Jake

### Year 4:

**Annie** – Supporting others in completing tricky challenges.

**Katie** – Brilliant portraits of class members.

**Zachary** – Excellent captaincy skills in sports.

**Reading Champion** – Amelia

### Year 5:

**Jimmy** – Fantastic attitude to all the challenges set for him this week in school.

**Lauren** – High standard of work produced and submitted in remote learning.

**Matthew** – The most realistic tiger I have ever seen which he created in the remote learning art lesson.

**Reading Champion** – Reece

### Year 6:

**Francesca** – Demonstrating curiosity and a love of nature in the Forest School.

**Maisie** – Showing maturity when faced with a tricky situation.

**Olivia K** – Showing leadership and independence on our Mystery Walk and for being very helpful in class.

**Reading Champion** – Alexi

## School Reopening in September

We return to school on **Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September**.

Please note, this is earlier than some schools in the local area. From September, unless specifically told to do so, there will be no staggered start and end times.

**Rolling registration will begin at 8.45 am and school will finish at 3.30 pm for all classes.** I will send more

details in the days before school reopens as the guidance and local variations to this are still to be finalised and are subject to change.