

Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

Friday, 11th November, 2022



Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well.

Next Wednesday is Parents Evening. At the meeting, you will receive a mini report. On here, is your child's attendance. Please note the following boundaries and their associated statements.

- 97 % or above – excellent
- 95 – 96.9 % - in line with national and school expectation
- 93% – 94.9% – just below national expectation
- 90 – 92.9 % - attendance is a concern
- <90 % - persistently absent (PA)
- <50% - severely absent pupils

Attendance figures to date are as follows:

Rec - 94.6 %	(PA – 16 %)
Y1 - 94.2 %	(PA – 22.2 %)
Y2 - 95.8 %	(PA – 17.2 %)
Y3 - 94.6 %	(PA – 20.7 %)
Y4 - 98.3 %	(PA – 7.8 %)
Y5 - 94 %	(PA – 24.1 %)
Y6 - 95.5 %	(PA – 20 %)

Whole School attendance is 95 % with 19.2 % of children (almost 1 in every 5 children) who fall within the persistently absent category.

Holidays taken during school time is a primary contribution to this figure being so high.

Please make a concerted effort to ensure your child attends school regularly. Your support in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Take Care and have a restful weekend.

Mr M^cDermott

Parents Evening:

Confirmation letters for those who have booked a parents evening slot were sent home this week. If you haven't booked a slot and would like to, it is not too late. Please book via the school website and guidance on how to do this has been sent via ParentMail.

School Photographs:

We are in the process of arranging a date for school photographs and this will be communicated as soon as we are able to. In previous years we have used an external company to take the photographs but this year we will be doing this 'in house' with Mr Sawyer taking the pictures.

Year 1 Audio Testing:

The school nursing team will be in school on Wednesday to undertake the Year 1 audio tests. Please refer to the letter sent via ParentMail last week if you do not wish for your son or daughter to take part.

Community Allotment Update:

Working in partnership with Hindsford Day Nursery, we are at the stage where we can install a fence around the community allotment site. This week we have met with the fencing contractor and hope that work will begin before Christmas. This will complete the first stage of the project, with the next stage including applications for external funding to develop the different sections of the allotment.

Payments for Residential Trips:

The deadline for final payments in relation to the London (Y4 and Y5) and Brathay House (Y6) trips was due this week. Please ensure that your payments are up to date.

Payment for Clubs:

Please can we remind all parents / carers that if the amount owing for breakfast and after school clubs reaches a high amount (over £30.00), access to clubs will be restricted. Please can we ask that you check your ParentPay account regularly and if you are experiencing financial difficulties, please contact the school office to make us aware.



Golden Ticket and Reading Champion Winners: Key Stage 1

Reception:

Ava O – Trying hard with her name writing.

Freya – Wonderful Handwriting.

Viktorija – Wonderful responses during RE.

Reading Champion – Scarlett

Character Strength: Communication: Oly communicates well with peers and adults. He uses a clear speaking voice at all times.

Year 1:

Chinedum – Finding number bonds to ten and solving addition problems.

Elsie – Thoughtful comments during our RE lessons this week.

Michael – Using his actors voice when we were acting parts of our story, Harvey Slumfenburger's Christmas present.

Reading Champion – April

Character Strength: Teamwork: Louisa always listens and helps her friends when working in a group.

Year 2:

Artur – Fabulous writing when completing a diary entry.

Bob – Great work when completing a dance challenge in PE.

Perrie – Great mental strategies when adding numbers.

Reading Champion – Grace

Character Strength: Empathy: Jennifer showed empathy this week when she checked on a class friend who had hurt themselves.

Golden Ticket and Reading Champion Winners: Key Stage 2

Year 3:

Annie – Excellent description when comparing the key characters of the book, 'The Killer Cat.'

Onyekachi – Thoughtful questions and responses during our visit to a Synagogue.

Tiffany – Excellent reasoning in maths when subtracting two numbers with an exchange.

Reading Champion – Ava

Character Strength: Teamwork: Freddie for organising his team when completing team challenges and encouraging others to achieve and succeed.

Year 4:

Alex – Good work in maths when subtracting two 4-digit numbers.

Elizabeth – An amazing descriptive piece of writing when describing Narnia.

Reading Champion – Jesse

Character Strength: Love of Learning: - Evie is beginning to try hard in all lessons and is now producing work to be proud of.

Year 5:

Callum – Making a big improvement with presentation this week.

Oliver W – Fantastic expression when reading in class.

Ubaida – Explaining how to compare calculations mentally in maths.

Reading Champion – Jessica Co

Character Strength: Communication: George enjoys expressing his ideas in class which he does succinctly and with enthusiasm.

Year 6:

Annie – Applying her knowledge of times tables to short division calculations.

Harry – Interpreting results and trying to use scientific knowledge and understanding to draw conclusions.

Riley – Mature discussions and responses to our lesson on diversity and how to create a safe environment for all in school.

Reading Champion – Katie

Character Strength: Love of Learning: Amelia for answering and asking questions during our visit to Tyldesley Library for the remembrance event.