

Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

Friday, 20th October, 2023



Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope the final newsletter of this half term finds you well.

I would like to start by saying 'Thank you' for all of your support this half term with all aspects of school life – Harvest donations, Friends fundraisers, Parents' Information meetings (beginning of term), home learning and for ensuring your children attend school regularly. Thank you also for sending in healthier snacks too. I am still working on this document. The national guidance is very strict on what snacks should be permitted, so I am currently exploring what other schools allow as acceptable alternatives.

When we return after the break, the proofs and order form for the school photos should be ready. Thank you to Mr Sawyer for all of his efforts with this work.

The second Autumn half-term is a very busy period in school. During this time, we have several fundraising events as well as our preparation for Christmas events. Whilst this is a happy time for many people, there are many families who struggle even more during this time of year. As such, we are continuing to collect food and toiletry donations for the local food bank when we return.

Take Care and have a relaxing time during the half term break. School re-opens on Tuesday 31st October.

Mr M^cDermott

Monday 30th October: Mission Statement INSET Day

School is closed to pupils on this day. While school is closed to our pupils, staff and governors will be reviewing our Mission Statement and the vision of school. This is an important day in the life of a Catholic school. Parental and pupil voices which were collected during the Summer Term, will be shared and used throughout the day.

Parents' Evening:

Thank you for the fantastic response to Parents' Evening bookings via the school website. Confirmation letters will go home on Tuesday detailing your booking time. If you haven't made your appointment, please do so as soon as possible. Please see the ParentMail sent last week for details of how to book via the website.

RSE: Relationship, Sex Education

Thank you to Miss Ditchfield for collecting a pupil voice on the work the children have completed. Look out for the video of this being shared next week on Facebook.

Diversity:

Thank you to Miss Ditchfield for collating the pupils' work and their thoughts on the work they have been doing on Diversity. Again, look out for the video release next week.

School Accounts:

Please ensure any arrears are cleared. If you are currently experiencing any difficulties in doing so, please contact the office.

Passwords: Safeguarding Guide

Accompanying this newsletter, is Ineqe's guide on Passwords. I hope you find it useful.

Royal British Legion – Remembrance Sunday Items:

We will be selling Remembrance Sunday items to raise funds for The Royal British Legion when we return. We are taking donations for poppies, poppy badges and key fobs, plus wrist bands. The suggested donation is £1.00 per item. They will be available from the school office.

School Office: Wednesday 1st November

Due to staff training, the school office will open at 9am on Wednesday. We will then have limited capacity all day. Please be patient if trying to contact school by phone or if you are trying to access school via the gates.



Golden Ticket and Reading Champion Winners: Key Stage 1

Reception:

Leo B-S – Trying hard in maths.

Lewis – Learning and applying the sounds from his phonics lessons.

Savannah – Great imagination when working in the construction area.

Reading Champion – Hidaya

Character Strength: Positivity: Thea works hard and embraces new games and skills in PE.

Year 1:

Freya – Ordering numbers from greatest to smallest with confidence.

Jonty – A fantastic effort this week with his handwriting.

Ora – Logging onto the chrome book and drawing a picture using the paint tool.

Reading Champion – Ava O

Character Strength: Positivity: Rosemarie has an enthusiastic approach towards her work and enjoys sharing her ideas with the class. Well done, Rosemarie!

Year 2:

Andrea – Fantastic concentration in her reading test allowing her to read the questions carefully.

Harry – Excellent work in maths when counting forwards and backwards in 2's, 5's and 10's.

Toluwani – Thoughtful responses in our Journey in Love lessons (RSE).

Reading Champion – Chinedum

Character Strength: Resilience: Madeleine is a very hard worker who will persevere so that she can achieve a difficult challenge.

Golden Ticket and Reading Champion Winners: Key Stage 2

Year 3:

Imogen – Excellent work in maths when adding 10s and 100s.

Kejden – Thoughtful responses during our diversity book study week using the text 'Two Monsters'.

Meadow – Excellent puzzle poem from our poetry workshop.

Reading Champion – Harrie

Character Strength: Teamwork: Perrie always works hard and motivates her team to work together, and she never gives up.

Year 4:

Ava – Noting that we should treat others as we would like to be treated during our Diversity work.

Alex – Great work when rounding to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000.

Ekrem – Knowing that we are all unique and beautiful even though we are different.

Reading Champion – River

Character Strength: Perseverance: Kieron is beginning to show perseverance in maths when completing his work independently and he is now starting to contribute to discussions around number sense.

Year 5:

Cory – Comparing and contrasting the two characters from our Diversity text - King of the Sky.

Nathan – A sensible attitude and mature contributions to our work in Journey in Love (RSE).

Reading Champion – Jason C-K

Character Strength: Perseverance: Vincci always works hard and acts on advice given to try and understand what is expected.

Year 6:

Jessica Ch – Mature discussions during our RSE lessons.

Oliver – Being determined to succeed when faced with new maths problems.

Niamh – Excellent problem solving using common multiples and common factors.

Reading Champion – Jake

Character Strength: Teamwork: Max always thinks about the needs of his table when working on group tasks.