

# Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2023



Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope this week's newsletter finds you well.

I hope you will join me in sending congratulations to Miss Worrall who is expecting her first child. This is wonderful news, especially as we begin the run up to Christmas. Miss Worrall is due early April and so will be with us for as long as she physically can be. We are now beginning to put plans into place for when she enjoys her maternity leave and the arrival of her child.

Thank you to the children in Years 5 and 6 who took the time to share with me their desired characteristics for our new Caretaker and Deputy Head Teacher. All of your suggestions have been included in the job adverts.

Thank you to all who have shared our Caretaker vacancy. We have already had a number of enquiries for this post.

The Deputy Head Teacher post is now live via the Greater Jobs website and the DfE portal. Over the coming days, the advert will be shared via the Archdiocese in their newsletter. Please note, that the successful candidate must be a Catholic. This is one of the protected characteristics for this post.

Accompanying this email is the new Healthy Eating and Drinking Policy. As previously shared, the model policy for this is extremely strict. I have made some allowances E.g. sugar-free cordial. Like other schools, rather than trying to list everything which is allowed, I have stated what isn't. I have also substituted **must** for the word **should**. If you have any suggestions to add to the policy, please email the office before the end of term.

Take Care and have a relaxing weekend.

Mr McDermott

## Thank you:

Last week, we received a delivery of new Key Stage 1 reading books which will significantly enhance the school library. We would like to say a big 'thankyou' to The Friends of Sacred Heart who have funded the purchase of these books.

## Chocolate Bingo: Wednesday 29th November

The Friends of Sacred Heart Chocolate Bingo is next Wednesday. Children in Key Stage 1 can take part from 2.30pm till 3.30pm and Key Stage 2 is 3.45pm till 4.45pm. Children can only take part if they are accompanied by an adult. Please see the ParentMail sent this week for full details.

## Family Mass: Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

The KS1 family mass at St. Richard's Church is on Sunday 3rd December (led by Year 2) at 9.30 am. We hope to see as many children attending as possible. Families who are in Key Stage 2 are also welcome to attend. Thank you to all those who have already informed school that you will attend the mass.

## Attendance:

This week we had a meeting with our attendance officer from Wigan Council and we have another meeting next week to discuss further actions. As previously shared, please can we highlight the NHS guidance 'is my child too ill for school', which can be found here - <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>. These past few weeks we've had a number of children absent from school and missing key aspects of learning due to illnesses which do not require them to be absent.

The Education Penalty Notice Letter was shared with all parents / carers on 5th September. Please note, EPNs are sent to all who have parental responsibility for the child.

## Reception and Year 1 Bikeability:

On Monday and Tuesday, Reception and Year 1 will take part in Bikeability. All bikes and helmets will be provided. Children will need to wear PE kits on both days please.



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

### Reception:

**Blaine** – Speaking to others and explaining his ideas in a very mature manner.

**Harrison** – Beginning to use some signs in class.

**Ife** – Demonstrating excellent dodge ball skills in PE.

**Reading Champion** – Thea

Character Strength: Empathy: Hidaya is a very kind and affectionate member of our class. She shows she cares through her actions.

### Year 1:

**Amelie** – Explaining how we can tell whether a number is odd or even.

**Daisy** – Being able to identify a noun and then finding them in our classroom.

**Jonty** – Sorting shapes with confidence using Purple Mash.

**Reading Champion** – Rosemarie

Character Strength: Excellence: Ahmet always takes care with his work and gives 100% with all his activities that he completes. Keep it up Ahmet!

### Year 2:

**Charlie** – Following instructions exactly in art and producing some wonderful work.

**Jane** – Working hard to learn addition and subtraction facts to 10.

**Jed** – Beginning to understand and use paragraphs when writing.

**Reading Champion** – Betsy

Character Strength: Empathy: Ronnie is a lovely, caring member of the class who will notice if someone is upset and needs a friend.

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

### Year 3:

**Evie** – Thoughtful responses in RE about Baptism.

**Hailey** – Excellent writing this week using conjunctions to develop her ideas.

**Jayda** – Good reasoning when subtracting using an exchange.

**Reading Champion** – Grace

Character Strength: Resilience: Bob always tries his personal best in everything he has undertaken this week.

### Year 4:

**Ajai** – Fantastic answers when working with choir and the visiting vocal coach.

**Ivaylo** – Much improved presentation.

**Joshua** – Writing a range of sentence which start in different ways.

**Reading Champion** – Annie

Character Strength: Respect: Leo has shown much more respect to pupils and staff around school this week. It is a pleasure to see him begin to flourish and grow.

### Year 5:

**Elizabeth** – Punctuating dialogue correctly and using a range of reporting clauses in her writing.

**Jesse** – Finding the lowest common multiples in maths.

**Reading Champion** – Cory

Character Strength: Perseverance: Nancy persevered when faced with a range of tricky reasoning and real-life problems in maths.

### Year 6:

**Phoebe** – Tackling multi-step problems involving division and multiplication.

**Ruby** – Getting to grips with long division this week.

**Thea** – Accurate translations from French to English.

**Reading Champion** – Neive

Character Strength: Resilience: George is determined to work hard and improve his learning in all lessons.