

# Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2023



Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope this week's newsletter finds you well.

First of all, please accept my apologies for the delay in last week's newsletter being sent out. As shared previously, I was not in school on Thursday and Friday last week. Unfortunately, I have been teaching and in meetings all day today (Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December) which, along with experiencing some technical issues, have contributed to the additional delay. Thankfully, these seem to have been resolved.

**Please find below, our festive dates and events.**

- Monday 11th December – Santa Dash.
- Thursday 14th December – Christmas Dinner.
- Tuesday 19th December – Key Stage 2 Carol Service at St Richards Church – 2pm. **The children will need to be collected from Church around 3pm, as per previous years. Children at after school club will be brought back to school.**
- Wednesday 20th December – Key Stage 1 Nativity at 2pm (ticket information to follow).
- Thursday 21st December - Key Stage 1 Nativity at 10am (ticket information to follow).
- Thursday 21st December – Christmas Jumper Day and Friends Christmas Party.
- Friday 22nd December – Christmas Mass in the hall at 9.15am.
- Friday 22nd December – End of Term. Finish at 3.30pm. **There is no after school club provision on this day. Breakfast Club will be on as usual.**

Take Care.

Mr McDermott

## Chocolate Bingo:

Thank you to everyone who attended the Chocolate Bingo on Wednesday and a huge thank you to the Friends group for the time and effort that was put in to make it such a great family event. The event raised £370.00. The next Friends meeting will be in the new year where we will look at how these funds will be used to improve opportunities for our pupils.

## Tea Towels:

It is not too late to purchase the school tea towels. We have some stock left in the office. If you would like to pick one up as a Christmas present for family and friends, please contact the school office.

## Flu Immunisations: Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December

On Tuesday, Intrahealth will be in school to administer the flu immunisations to those children who they have received parental consent for. For those who have not given consent or absent on the day, there will be a 'catch up' session on another date.

## Year 4 Visit to Fire & Rescue Centre:

Year 4 will visit Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Centre on Thursday. Please send a packed lunch in a disposable bag or if your son or daughter usually has a school meal, a packed lunch will be provided. Pupils will be required to wear PE kits.

## Key Stage 1 Family Mass: First Sunday of Advent

Thank you to all of the children and families who attended mass yesterday (Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December). We will continue to have our family masses throughout the year. Fr Carl invites you all to the weekly mass, Sunday mornings at 9.30am at St. Richard's Church.

## Healthy Eating and Drinking Policy:

If you missed it last week, the Eating and Drinking Policy was shared with you all. As stated last week, if you'd like to suggest any potential amendments, please send these to the school office. The new policy is due to the concerning health profile of school. As such, I have met with Wigan's Healthy Team today to discuss opportunities over the next 12 months to help our pupils to develop a more positive and healthier lifestyle.



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

#### Reception:

**Hidaya** – Improved name writing.

**Joshua** – Super balance skills during bike-ability.

**William** – A super drawing of your family as part of our diversity work.

**Reading Champion** – Blaine

Character Strength: Communication: Helena's communication skills are developing well, and she confidently shares her wants and needs.

#### Year 1:

**Bridget** – Excellent phonics this week, she has segmented and blended with confidence.

**Freddie** – Explaining why it is important to wait and who we are waiting for at Christmas time.

**Theodore** – Using his reasoning skills to explain his maths this week.

**Reading Champion** – Precious

Character Strength: Empathy: Emily showed compassion and consideration when we were looking at real artefacts about our topic of Remembrance.

#### Year 2:

**Doris** – Challenging herself with a thoughtful 'wondering' question' in an RE lesson.

**Emily** – Adding and subtracting tens to 2-digit numbers and tackling Greater Depth Challenges.

**Harriet** – Thinking carefully about her spelling and presenting her work neatly.

**Reading Champion** – Lydia

Character Strength: Positivity: Natalie is really working hard to have a positive approach to all of her lessons, and it is so pleasing to see her coming into school smiling!

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

#### Year 3:

**Harrie** – Good reasoning when solving addition and subtraction problems using a formal method.

**Lilith** – Excellent writing this week using inverted commas to show interaction between characters.

**Neve** – Ability to describe what makes a good host(ess) in our new RE unit of work focused upon "visitors".

**Reading Champion** – Jeb

Character Strength: Empathy: Artur is such a thoughtful member of the class who always thinks of others and is very generous towards his friends.

#### Year 4:

**Myles** – Working hard on his sentence structures.

**Ted** – Starting his sentences in different ways.

**Tiffany** – Amazing work on finding the area of shapes.

**Reading Champion** – Ella

Character Strength: Excellence: Ekrem always gives 100% in all lessons and strives for excellence in all that he does.

#### Year 5:

**Jason CK** – Applying knowledge of times tables to finding common factors of numbers in maths.

**Zoe** – explaining the symbolism in the Advent Wreath in R.E.

**Reading Champion** – Isla

Character Strength: Excellence: Daisy never gives anything less than her best.

#### Year 6:

**Jagnoor** – Full marks in arithmetic this week. Well done!

**Kitty** – Excellent recall of fraction facts from her work in Y5.

**Wejli** – A continuing commitment to his home learning.

**Reading Champion** – Archie

Character Strength: Empathy: Clara is a friend to all. Her kind and caring nature makes everyone around her feel valued and appreciated.