



Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

Part of The Romero Catholic Academy

Issue 5:
Friday 4th
October 2019



Dear parents, children, staff and parishioners,

During the month of October, we focus on praying the Rosary to Our Lady

Thank you to the children in Year 4 (Miss Allport's class) for their wonderful assembly this morning on Space Week. Thank you to all the parents that were able to join us. Congratulations to the children that received an award.

Worker of the Week

| Reception | | Year 1 | | Year 2 | | Year 3 | | Year 4 | | Year 5 | | Year 6 | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|---------|--------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|-----------|---------|---------|----------|--------|--------|---------|-------|
| N/A | N/A | Oskar P | Dora Z | Yvan B | Olga A | Dorotta F | Jacob S | Aiden W | Konrad S | Eryk S | Igor T | Jan C | Fay T |
| Attendance: 97.5% Overall (total attendance for the week for the whole school) Our school target for this year is 97%. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 96.3% | | 94.4% | | 99.2% 😊 | | 98.5% 😊 | | 98.7% 😊 | | 96.0% | | 99.2% 😊 | |
| House Point Winner | | | | Michelangelo House (108 Points) (Winning House Overall – Rafael House with 215 Points) | | | | | | | | | |
| Class Attendance Winner | | | | Miss Edge (Year 2) | | | | | | | | | |

Head Boy & Girl Elections- FINAL RESULT

Sacred Heart Head Girl/Head Boy 2019/2020

| | | | |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Georgia | Isabel | Linsey | Charlotte |
| | | | |
| VOTE NOW | VOTE NOW | VOTE NOW | VOTE NOW |
| Dovydas | Matthew | Oliver | Rudy |
| | | | |

This week we started off with the eight children launching their manifestos. All eight presented their vision to the whole school during our Monday Mission assembly. They did an amazing job, speaking with confidence and really convincing us to vote for them. After this, every child got the opportunity to vote for their preferred candidate after listening to each manifesto. They were given a photograph of each candidate



and each child voted for their choice of head boy and girl. On Thursday afternoon the votes were counted and verified and I am pleased to announce that the following two children won the election:

Head Boy 2019 – 2020 - Rudy McFall

Head Girl 2019 - 2020 - Charlotte Parker

All eight children did a superb job and I want to thank them for being professional.

This really goes to show that we have real **British Values at Sacred Heart** –

what a great democratic process!



Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

Last Friday we ran a Macmillan coffee afternoon. The Lodge was full of beautiful cakes made or bought by our staff at school. We raised £177.88 for the charity. A huge thank you to the School Council, Mrs Teal, Mrs Cowley and Mrs Ward for organising the event. Thank you for your support.



Safeguarding Children – our annual statement

In the interest of safeguarding children there may be occasions when the school has to consult with other agencies without a parent's prior knowledge. The school's first concern is the child's welfare and the school has a duty to act to protect the child at all times. Such consultation may result in a formal referral which could prompt visits from social services and/or the police.

We fully understand that this can be a very distressing set of circumstances, but we can only assure you that we follow the procedures laid down by the Coventry Safeguarding Board, a copy of which is available, as is a copy of our own policy. Our Child Protection/Safeguarding Policy is available to view on our school website. Our Pastoral Team is Mrs Dinter and Mrs Teal who are always on hand to support all of our families.

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A few reminders please:



- If your child attends Nursery, then you must use the Nursery gate for drop off and collections during the day.
- The playground gates will not be opening until 8:30am as we now begin to run clubs during the morning.
- Please do not lift children over our fences – this is incredibly dangerous.
- We have witnessed children being left in cars on their own while parents drop off their other children – this is a serious Child Protection concern and puts children in danger. One parent left their car doors open. Please do not park on the pavements with your cars facing the walls or houses – this is really dangerous.

Book Fair

Thank you to all the parents that visited the book fair this week. It has been a great success and I want to thank all the children and parents for supporting it. A massive thanks to all the staff that have helped run the event. So far we have raised £905.00 - thank you. This money will now be used to purchase books to restock our library. ☺ We will let you know the final amount next week.



Parent Questionnaire

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Thank you to the 194 parents that completed our online parent questionnaire through survey monkey a few months ago. We really appreciate the time you have taken to let us know how we are doing. We have over half of our parents responding now.....thank you so much for this. We value your comments and there are several things we are looking at following the results. We have summarised the questions, so you can see results! The June survey now has an additional 40 parents responding, so the benchmark comparisons are not completely accurate, but I have included them so you can see.

| Questions | Results Nov 2018 | Results Jun 2019 |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 1. My child is happy at this school | 95.92% | 97.93% 😊 |
| 2. My child feels safe at school. | 97.32% | 97.94% 😊 |
| 3. My child is making good progress. | 95.97% | 96.91% |
| 4. My child is well looked after at this school. | 98.66% 😊 | 97.42% |
| 5. My child is well taught at this school. | 97.30% | 96.90% |
| 6. My child receives an appropriate homework for his/her age. | 89.86% | 88.09% |
| 7. This school makes sure its pupils are well behaved. | 95.97% | 97.94% 😊 |
| 8. The school deals effectively with bullying. | 98.66% 😊 | 96.35% |
| 9. This school is well led and managed. | 99.33% 😊 | 98.45% |
| 10. The school seeks my views and responds well to any concerns I raise. | 94.14% | 92.23% |
| 11. I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress. | 91.27% | 93.78% |
| 12. I am happy that my child is part of the Romero Catholic Academy. | 95.91% | 98.43% 😊 |
| 13. My child knows what it means to be a good citizen. | 93.96% | 98.97% 😊 |
| 14. The school understands and responds to my child's needs. | 93.92% | 95.34% |
| 16. I am happy with my child's Journey of Faith. | 97.96% | 98.94% 😊 |
| 17. My child is encouraged to work hard and do their best. | 95.03% | 97.90% 😊 |
| 18. My child enjoys a stimulating range of extra-curricular activities. | 97.24% | 94.11% |
| 19. There are opportunities to get involved in my child's education. | 93.92% | 95.27% |
| 20. My child gets on well with children from other backgrounds. | 97.29% | 98.42% 😊 |

This is overwhelmingly positive. THANK YOU.

Question: I would recommend this school to another parent/carers – 186/189 parents said YES 😊

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Analysed Results.....

Things you like about our school:

- Catholic Ethos; Strong sense of Faith; Journey of Faith Programme
- Committed teachers that go the extra mile
- Great atmosphere – children happy and have fun lessons
- School is well led and managed
- Good morals and high expectations for behaviour and standards

Things we could improve:

- Lots of parents said “nothing” 😊
- Caterlink – school meals – quantity; quality; menu variety
- Homework – too much/too little
- Parking – nightmare / safety concerns
- PTA – parent teacher association

Actions:

- **School Meals** – this is a tricky one, as it is beyond the schools “power” to make significant changes. We have worked hard with the provider last year and we have seen an improved quality and portion size. I have fed this information back to our Academy Business Director and he will be continuing to meet with the management of the company to improve the service.
- **Homework** – despite the improvements made last year with more formalised homework, there are still several parents that would like to see differences. We have now bought a whole school licence for Spelling Shed and Timetables Rockstars for the children to use.
- **Parking** – completely agree that this is a logistical nightmare in the mornings and the afternoon. Please remember that you can park every day in the church car park and walk over to school. Outside of the school gates, We do not have any jurisdiction, but we have worked hard with our neighbouring communities and the Police to get more enforcement officers on patrol. I do ask that you do not park on pavements, yellow lines or across driveways.
- **PTA** – lots of comments about more community events for families. Currently we do not have a PTA or capacity to organise more events; all the events that we put on last year were organised by the staff at Sacred Heart. As you can appreciate this takes a lot of work, so we are desperate to start up a new PTA for our school. A letter will be coming out next week asking for volunteers to get this off the ground again.

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Spelling Shed and Timetable Rockstars

During our Curriculum Evening we launched two new home learning tools – Spelling Shed and Timetables Rockstars. These platforms are being paid for by the school and are for the children to use to support their learning at school. They are designed to be fun and interactive and the children are able to collect coins and points which in turn they can use to create their own Avatar characters. The teachers will be keeping a track of the children’s progress. All login details were given out in the packs during our Curriculum Evening; if you did not attend then they will be sent home by today. We have introduced these learning tools in response to the questionnaire from parents asking for more homework. There is already a “buzz” in the classrooms with the children excited about using them!



Parish Quiz Night

Please join the Parish with their Quiz at Sacred Heart Church Hall on 4th October starting at 7.30pm. It is £2 per person. Children welcome. Bring your own drink. Food on sale. All proceeds to the church roof fund. Thank you.



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Whole School Swimming Lessons continue for the next 2 weeks (some children will swim regularly on an intense crash course). Please make sure you send in their swimming kits. See timetables for more information.



Extra-Curricular activities/clubs – ** Autumn Term 2019 **

To book - 024 76308244 NBWILSON@cylife.co.uk (please collect your children at 4:20pm for all clubs)

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Football Year 1 and 2 | Endball Years 3 and 4 | Football Years 3,4,5,6 | Playground Games Years 1,2 and 3 |
| Musical Theatre Year Year 1-2 Club 1 / Year 3-6 Club 2 | Indoor Athletics Year 2,3,4,5 and 6 | Gymnastics Years 1 to 6 | N/A |

Week at a Glance

| Date | Time | Activity |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Value and Virtue – Grateful and Generous | | |
| Timetabled Swimming Pool Lessons all week | | |
| Monday 7 th Oct | All Day 3:20pm – 4:20pm 3:20pm – 4:20pm | Guitar Lessons Cross Country Year 3/4/5/6 Netball Match (Sacred Heart v St Patricks) - AWAY |
| Tuesday 8 th Oct | Morning | Guitar, Piano and Violin Lessons |
| Wednesday 9 th Oct | All Day Morning Afternoon Afternoon 3:20pm – 4:20pm | Inclusive Dance Project Launch (selected SEND children) School Games Girls Tournament Romero Thanksgiving Mass – Year 5/6/7/8 (St Patrick's Church) Adoration – Praying the Rosary led by Archbishop Vincent Nichols Netball Training (Year 6 Only) |
| Thursday 10 th Oct Year 5 to mass | Morning 3:20pm – 4:20pm 3:20pm – 4:20pm | Father Tony to visit to bless our new Reception children Dance (selected children) Football Training (Year 6 only) |
| Friday 11 th Oct | 9:00am 3:15pm | Miss Parry's Rosary Class Assembly (Year 2) – parents welcome Spelling Shed/Times tables Rockstars updated |
| Sunday 13 th Oct | All Day | Canonisation of Blessed John Henry Newman (Vatican City – Rome) |

*The leaves are falling....
Autumn is upon us!*

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

**Mr P Madia
Principal**



Canonisation of Blessed John Henry Newman
Sunday 13th October 2019

<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/Pages/Category/john-henry-newman>
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