



# Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

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Dear parents, children, staff and parishioners,

Welcome back to school for Autumn Term 2. The children have settled in brilliantly and are working really hard. Thank you to all the children for wearing their winter uniforms – remember those coats!!!! The weather has started to turn a little colder and we are definitely noticing the autumn leaves falling. Mr Henry loves the daily task of blowing the leaves off the playground! ☺



### All Saints Solemnity – 1<sup>st</sup> November 2019

Today, the whole school celebrated the All Saints Solemnity, by joining the Parish for whole school Mass. On the feast of All Saints, we honour those men and women who—whether they've been canonized or not—have led lives of heroic virtue that set an example for all Christians. Saints are big dreamers. They believe that with God on their side, no one and nothing can stop them. Saints are go-getters. They don't wait for someone else to do good first; they jump right in. Saints are love-bringers. They try to see Christ in every person and every situation. Saints tell us what matters most in life is not what we earn or own, not the job we have or the people we know. What really matters is how much we love God, others, and ourselves, and how well we show that love in all we do.

### Attendance

| Reception   | Year 1 | Year 2                   | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
|---|--------|--------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| <b>Attendance: 95.8% Overall</b> (total attendance for the week for the whole school) Our school target for this year is 97%. |        |                          |        |        |        |        |
| 94.6%   | 96.9%  | 94.6%                    | 93.8%  | 95.8%  | 98.1%  | 96.7%  |
| Class Attendance Winner   |        | Mrs O'Malley (Year 5) 5N |        |        |        |        |



### Baby news

Over the half term we received some lovely news!

Mrs Cowley gave birth to Willow Ann Cowley 8lb 5oz  
AND  
Miss Roberts gave birth to twin boys Reuben George Baker 5.14lbs and Oliver John Baker 7.3lbs!

They are all doing well and are now at home.

Huge congratulations to both members of staff and their families. This is such wonderful news we look forward to seeing them at school over the next few months and meeting their bundles of joy!



### Goodbye Mrs Walker

On Thursday afternoon, we said a sad goodbye to Mrs Bridget Walker, our Senior Lunchtime Supervisor, as she finished in her role after dedicating 19 glorious years to Sacred Heart Primary School. She has seen so many children and staff over her time with us, and three headteachers have led the school during her watch. She will be sadly missed in her role. She always gave so much, going the extra mile and was so committed to ensuring the children had a happy and enjoyable lunchtime. She hasn't left completely, as she will still be continuing in her role as Cleaner, so we will continue to see her around our school. I know the place will not be the same without her funny sense of humour and I also know the staff are very worried about the state of the staffroom and who will fill the dishwasher up now!! Go Well, Go Safely Mrs Walker and we hope you enjoy a few more hours to yourself. ☺

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## Walk to School

Over the last year we have been working with Sustrans to raise the children's awareness of the benefits of travelling to and from school in an active way. This programme with Sustrans is now coming to an end, with the last session taking place today, the Dr Bike session on the playground.

To continue to raise the profile of active travel to and from school we have partnered up with Living Streets and their WOW programme. Each day as part of the WOW programme, your child will log how they've travelled to school. The children will then be rewarded each month with an active travel badge if they have actively travelled to school at least one day, each week of the month. Each badge is designed around the theme 'Inventions that changed the world'.

Not only is active travelling healthy for the children and yourselves, we also hope that this programme will help to reduce the number of cars dangerously parking around the school. The church car park is open daily and is only a short walk away from the school. If you park there and walk this will count as the park and stride for your child. There is an opportunity for all children to work towards these badges, we hope you will get on board to help improve the safety around our school gates and to promote a healthy way of living to the children.



The children have started recording their journeys from today Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2019. If you want to look into the programme please visit <https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/walk-to-school>. Thank you for your continued support.



**Unacceptable and DANGEROUS parking this week in the Avenues. Could I please ask you to park sensibly (and legally)? Use the church car park – it's stress-free and safe for you and your children.**

## Sister Eleanor – CAFOD

This week we had a visit from Sister Eleanor who works for CAFOD (one of the fundraising charities we support over the year) to come and talk to us about the important work the charity is doing to fight climate change and support developing countries. On Monday she started off with an assembly thanking the children for the money we raised last year and explaining how it has helped those in need. She then worked with Year 5 doing a workshop for an hour with each class. On Tuesday, Year 2 had a wonderful morning learning all about climate change with Sister Eleanor. They thought about what impacts the Earth positively and negatively. The children turned into Superheroes and created posters about protecting our planet. 🌍 🌱 🌊



## WE DID IT!!

Thank you so much to all the parents that support us by sending in stickers to fill in the chart. It is now completed, and we will send this off to be in with a chance of winning the prizes – fingers crossed!!

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## Remembrance

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them.*



### Poppies for Remembrance

During the next few weeks, we will be selling poppies (and other merchandise) on behalf of the British Legion (children can purchase a poppy for a donation). School Council will be selling these; there is limited stock. On Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 9:10am, Year 4 will be leading us in a special Mass of Peace and Reconciliation with the theme of Remembrance. Parents are most welcome to attend at Church.

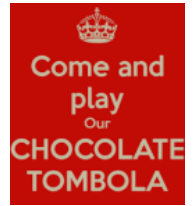


### Tree of Remembrance

We will be placing a special tree in our office area for anyone to place a leaf for someone they would like us to pray for during November. Photos/ prayers can be placed on the leaf which can be personalised by pupils, parents or staff. The leaves are now available from the office.

### Non-uniform day

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November, we will be asking the children to come in non-uniform in exchange for chocolate. This chocolate will then be used at the Christmas Market in the church for our annual chocolate tombola. The Christmas Market will take place in the Parish Hall on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November starting after Mass. Please do support Father Tony and our Parish. Thank you.



### Children in Need



We will be joining in with the Children In Need appeal on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November. The theme for this year is Get Together – for children to take part they will need to bring in £1. They can wear anything they want (as long as it is really, really silly – bad hair, odd socks, odd shoes, and crazy clothes!) We will also be selling a range of Children In Need merchandise - they will be available from the school office. *Pudsey ears - £2.50, Wristbands - £1.00, Pudsey badges £1.00*

### \*\* Absence \*\*

Please may we remind you that you must contact school by 9.30am EACH day of absence. Failure to do so may result in absences being recorded as unauthorised and a home visit from our Attendance Officer. Unauthorised absences have legal implications which may result in a penalty notice.

### Monster Ball

We raised over **£500** during our disco this week. Thank you to all the children for dressing up and to all the parents that supported this event. This money will be banked into our school fund account and our school council will be choosing a charity to send this to over the next year.



### Jobs at Sacred Heart

The Academy Committee are looking for imaginative, creative people to join our team and support our Catholic ethos in the following post:

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| <p><b>Lunchtime Supervisor</b><br/>Grade 1 (point 1 – 2, £17,364 – £17,711)<br/>Fixed term until 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020<br/>7.5 hours per week, Monday – Friday 11:45am – 1:15pm<br/>Start as soon as possible</p> | <p>Application forms are available to download from <a href="http://www.romeromac.com/vacancies">www.romeromac.com/vacancies</a><br/>Closing Date: Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2019 noon<br/>Interview Date: w/c 8<sup>th</sup> November<br/>Application forms should be returned to HR at <a href="mailto:hr@romero.coventry.sch.uk">hr@romero.coventry.sch.uk</a></p> |
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### Shoe Boxes! Start Collecting Your Box!

Have you got a shoe box? If so, please think about preparing something for Love in a Box. This charity delivers boxes for children who have very little at Christmas. There will be instructions on how to make your Love in a Box and through our Mission assemblies we will share with children how these boxes will really make a difference to the lives of other children. The deadline is 14<sup>th</sup> November 2019. Please support this worthy cause; each box will need £4.00 for postage to another country.



### GIFT Chaplaincy Team

On Thursday the GIFT Chaplaincy Team spent the day on training at Christ The King Parish Centre. They were very lucky to have Sister Judith teaching about the importance of the role of a Chaplain, and how to act out this role to their full potential at school. This followed with a special mass at Christ the King Church, where Canon Tom Farrell commissioned them as GIFT Chaplains. They are very excited to bring back lots of new ideas and activities to develop our links with the Parish support Sacred Heart School in growing in faith together.

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## Romero Academy Inset Day (school closed) Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November

NEXT WEEK - The school will be closed on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November for one of our staff Inset Days. All our staff members will be spending the day with the other 500 staff from the Romero Academy listening to a range of inspirational speakers, giving time for staff to reflect. All the staff at our 8 schools will come together in our Romero Academy.



Don't forget to keep playing Spelling Shed and Timetables Rockstars.

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

To book - 024 76308244 [NBWILSON@cvtlife.co.uk](mailto:NBWILSON@cvtlife.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<br>Year 1-2 Club 1 / Year 3-6 Club 2 | Indoor Athletics<br>Year 2,3,4,5 and 6 | Gymnastics Years 1 to 6 | N/A                              |

### Week ahead

| Date  | Time  | Activity  |
|---|---|---|
| <b>Value and Virtue – Attentive and Discerning</b>  |   |   |
| <b>All children will be focussing on Peace and Reconciliation across the Romero Academy</b> |   |   |
| Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November   | 10:30am   | Year 2 Gift of God's Word Mass  |
| Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov  | 9:15am<br>All Day<br>3:20pm – 4:20pm<br>3:20pm – 4:20pm | GIFT Team to lead the launch of Attentive and Discerning during Mission<br>Guitar Lessons<br>Cross Country Year 3/4/5/6<br>Football Match – Sacred Heart v Good Shepherd (away)           |
| Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov   | Morning   | Guitar, Piano and Violin Lessons  |
| Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov   | 3:20pm – 4:20pm   | Netball Training (Year 6 Only)  |
| Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov<br><b>Year 6 to mass</b>                                       | All Day<br>3:20pm – 4:20pm<br>3:20pm – 4:20pm<br>6:00pm | Non-uniform day in return for chocolate for the Parish Bazaar<br>Dance (selected children)<br>Football Training (Year 6 only)<br>Year 3 Parent/Child Reconciliation Meeting (School Hall) |
| Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> Nov  | ALL DAY<br>3:15pm                                       | SCHOOL CLOSED – INSET DAY<br>Spelling Shed/Times tables Rockstars updated   |

I hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Mr P Madia  
Principal

### A message from the Lord Mayor

I would like to take this opportunity to ask you to remind your school children about this year's Remembrance Day Service and Parade on Sunday, 10th November 2019 at 10.50 a.m. in the War Memorial Park.

I know that schools already support the work of the Royal British Legion through the wearing of poppies, the symbol of Remembrance at this time, which is very appropriate to ensure our next generation understand the importance of the occasion. Each year the service ensures that memories of ex-service men and women from WW1, WW2 and more recent wars are not forgotten. We would like the children of our city, and their families, to share in this year's event.

Yours sincerely,

Councillor Linda Bigham - Lord Mayor of the City of Coventry.

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