



Sacred Heart Catholic Academy

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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you are all keeping well. I would like to share a few updates with you.

School Mission Review



Our school mission is central to who we are as a community. It guides our decisions, shapes our values, and helps us live out the love and mercy of Jesus each day. At the start of this term, staff began reflecting on our mission statement, and I am grateful to the small number of

parents who have already contributed their thoughts. This week, I will also be meeting with groups of children to hear what they believe our mission should say and how it can show the mercy and compassion of Jesus in the life of our school.

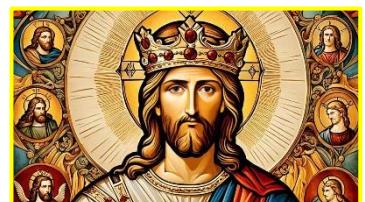
On **Friday 28th November**, I would like to invite all parents, carers and grandparents, to join us for Coffee and Cake, where I will share the ideas gathered so far. Your voice is extremely important, and I am very keen to hear your views as we shape and finalise our mission together. We will meet at 2pm and can then enjoy our Heart of the Week celebration at 2:30pm.

After this consultation, the final wording will be reviewed and agreed by our Governors. Once confirmed, the mission will sit at the heart of our policies and be central to school life going forward. Please do try to attend this important gathering if you can.



Feast of Christ the King – Sunday 23rd November

This Sunday, we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King, and all Sacred Heart families are warmly invited to attend Mass at 10:15am at Sacred Heart church. Please try to arrive for 10:05am where possible. It would be wonderful to see the children wearing their school uniform as we gather. Children who attend in uniform are welcome to wear non-uniform on Monday, as a sign of thanks. Children may sit with their family, or they are very welcome to sit with school staff, if children would like.



This Mass also marks the enrolment of children beginning their First Holy Communion preparation. Please ensure that children who are enrolled attend with a parent or family member.

OPAL – the next steps!

To help the children enjoy all outdoor areas throughout the entire year, we kindly ask each child to bring a pair of **wellies** in, **that can remain in school**. Please send your child into school with a set of wellies that fit them in the coming days.



We also ask that children come to school with a **coat every day**, as the weather can be unpredictable. On wet days, a **waterproof coat** is especially important so that the children can play and move around comfortably and safely.

Money raised over the past year has been put to excellent use in developing our outdoor play provision. The new sandpit is already underway, and we have purchased additional crates and new construction resources to support creative and active play. We are also improving our quiet area to give children a calm space to relax and choose to participate in quieter activities. On the field, we will soon be adding a dedicated digging area, giving children even more opportunities for hands-on exploration.



Learning through play is a crucial part of your child's development, and we are delighted to be enhancing these opportunities further. Thank you for your continued support—it is making a real difference to the experiences we can offer our children.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of our school and parish community.

Kind regards,
Anne-Marie Bell