



Dear Parents,

Happy New Year to you all and happy feast of the Epiphany for today. I hope you have had a peaceful and joyous Christmas with your families. 2023 has begun with a great start at school. We have returned feeling refreshed and the children have quickly settled back into school routines and lessons.

Following the Catholic Schools Inspectorate Inspection last month, I am delighted to inform you that the excellent work of the school has been recognised in the overall quality of our Catholic Education. In the report, it has been noted that the Catholic Life and Mission outcomes at Sacred Heart are outstanding. A full report can be found on the school website and also the Salford Diocesan website which you can access [here](#).

I'm sure you are concerned about the cost of living crisis and the impact it could be having on your family. I have added a booklet onto our school website, 'Support Near You to Help with Winter Worries'. I hope that it can direct you to local support or offer some relevant advice during this time. You will find this information in the 'Wellbeing' section of the website under '[Cost of Living Crisis](#)'.

We have a lot to look forward to in 2023 and I hope that we can continue to grow as a school community, supporting each other with kindness and love, so we can ensure the very best for all the children.

God bless,
 Mrs Walker

Dignity of Work

Our Caritas theme this term is 'The Dignity of Work'. We will be learning about the full humanity of workers and considering how scripture can teach us all about the dignity of work.



'We do not get dignity from power or money or culture. We get dignity from work. [Work] makes us similar to God who has worked and still works, who always acts.' **Pope Francis**

The Feast of The Epiphany



Lord, the sight of the guiding star brought hope, courage and joy to those who had journeyed to find you.

When our journey seems long,
 when hope seems far away,
 when our courage is failing,
 fill us with faith and trust;
 shine your light on our fears,
 lift our hearts with your joy.

Help us to recognise you
 in our brothers and sisters throughout the world;
 show us how we can work together,
 so that we may all come to share in the life
 promised to us by Jesus,
 the Saviour of us all.

Amen.



Super Stars of the Week



Nursery Maleek - Fantastic listening and participation in class.

Reception Jax - Fantastic progress with listening skills and engagement on the carpet.

Class 1 Layla C – A great start to the new year with such a positive attitude. **Vincent** – Excellent Geography, identifying all seven continents on the map, independently.

Class 2 Ezekiel and Dhakshan – Excellent effort and progress.

Class 3 Enzo - Starting the new term with a great attitude towards learning. **Zoe** - Good progress in all areas and working extremely hard.

Class 4 Nicole and Gabriel - A great start to the new half term, showing they are listening and ready to learn.

Class 5 Ella – A great start to the term and showing kindness to another child on the playground. **Stuart** – A super first week back and eager to help around the classroom.

Class 6 Noel - Amazing attitude and participation in class. **Gabrielle** - Fantastic learning this week using factors in Numeracy.

Class 7 Lindi - Fantastic work in Maths. **Shaye** - Excellent attitude and answering lots of questions in class to help with discussions.

Class 8 Cayley - Always trying hard in every lesson. She is kind and caring and a fantastic role model. **Max** – A positive attitude to the new year and contributing well to lessons.

Class 9 Annie - A positive start to the term with a beaming smile each day. **Kaylum** - Super efforts in Literacy

Get Children Swimming for 50% Less

Manchester Local Authority are offering a 50% discount on swimming lessons for children **in receipt of free school meals** at all the Council owned swimming pools across Manchester.

Learning to swim is a valuable life skill and children should be able to access affordable lessons at this current time. This offer will allow a 50% discount for your child at the following centres;

- Arcadia Leisure Centre
- East Manchester Leisure Centre
- Hough End Leisure Centre
- Moss Side Leisure Centre
- North City Family and Fitness Centre
- Wythenshawe Forum

The scheme will also be available at Abraham Moss Leisure Centre and Manchester Aquatics Centre when they reopen later in 2023. Places are limited within this subsidised programme therefore if you would like to take up this offer, **please speak to a member of staff at your local leisure centre** and they will guide you through the registration process for your child.

Keep Our Children Safe.

DO NOT park on the single yellow and zig zag lines to drop off and collect children, or within 10 metres of the junction at Knutsford Road and Brookhurst Road. Please support our PCSOs.



Class Attendance Winners 06.01.22

CLASS 8 achieved an amazing **97%** attendance this week. **Congratulations**



Art Competition – Extension to Closing Date

The closing date for the Holiday Art Competition has been extended to **January 11th**. Please encourage the children to enter our amazing Art Competition. This is a chance to win a superb art kit with colouring and painting supplies. As our theme for this term is **'The Dignity of Work'**, all you need to do is draw or paint a picture which reflects the type of work you might do when you grow up. For example, Fire Fighter, Doctor, Receptionist, Carer, Solicitor etc. The art work should be on A4 paper and all entries must be in school before 11th January. The winner will be announced on 13th January and will receive an amazing art kit. All entries will be displayed in school. Applicants must be aged between 3 and 11 years.

