



Dear Parents,

Thank you to all parents and carers, children, staff and governors for your kind support this year, particularly during the first term of my phased retirement, whilst I have worked for 3 days each week. Mrs Botham has been a skilled and dedicated Co Headteacher to work with and we are both grateful to be leading our wonderful school, alongside our talented staff.

I hope that Christmas is a time you can share with your loved ones and together, you find hope, peace, joy and love.

Wishing you a happy and holy Christmas and we all look forward seeing you on Wednesday 3rd January 2024.

Mrs Walker
 Co Headteacher

Happy and Holy Christmas from all at Sacred Heart



Fr Christmas and the Elf

Guess who came to Sacred Heart yesterday to remind all our boys and girls how special they are? Thank you to Ann Todd and Wendy Schofield for preparing our Garden Room for Fr Christmas and the children. Also, thank you to Fr Christmas and the Elf for taking the time to visit Sacred Heart during their very busy schedule.



Singing at Gorton Park Residential Home

The children brought Christmas cheer as they visited the elderly at Gorton Park last week for a carol concert. The residents joined in and were overwhelmed with Joy. Thank you to the children and Mrs Bowen for organising this special occasion and bringing joy to others.



Nativity Concert and Carols

Thank you for supporting our children with their amazing Nativity Performance and Carol Concerts. They really did bring joy to the whole school and lifted our spirits just in time to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.



Christmas Crafts Day

Thank you to all the parents and carers that joined us for the Christmas crafts last week. The children had a very creative day.



Children's Holiday Art Competition

The Dignity of Work

Please encourage the children to enter our amazing Christmas Holiday Art Competition. This is a chance to win a superb art kit with colouring and painting supplies. As our theme for next 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 5th January. The winner will be announced on 12th January and will receive an amazing art kit. All entries will be displayed in school. Applicants must be aged between 3 and 11 years.



Reach Out for Support at Christmas

COPING AT CHRISTMAS

Christmas can be tough. That's why it's important to know there's always someone you can talk to.



0300 123 3393
Helpline
mind.org.uk



Text SHOUT to 85258
24/7 text service
giveusashout.org



116 123
24/7 helpline
samaritans.org



Text YM to 85258
24/7 text service
youngminds.org.uk



0800 58 58 58
Helpline for men
thecalmzone.net



0800 068 4141
Under 35s Helpline
papyrus-uk.org

Super Reading Awards Autumn Term

Silver Trophy Winners

Class 6 for passing 396 quizzes and reading 1.2 million words since September

Gold Trophy Winners

Class 7 for passing 526 quizzes and reading 4.2 million words since September.



Sacred Heart and St Francis Parish Christmas Mass Times

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Saturday 23rd	17.30pm	4th Sunday of Advent Vigil Mass	Saint Francis
	10.30am	4th Sunday of Advent	Sacred Heart
Sunday 24th	11.45am	Mary's Meals Soup Lunch	Parish Centre
	12.15pm	Christmas Concert	Sacred Heart
	17.30pm	Christmas Day Mass	Saint Francis
	10:30pm	Christmas Carols	Sacred Heart
Monday 25th	11:00pm	Christmas Vigil Mass	Sacred Heart
	10.30am	Christmas Day Mass and Choir	Sacred Heart

Congratulations Class 5

Attendance Winners this Term with 96%

Congratulations to Class 5 with 97.8%. They have the best attendance in school this term and will be treated to a £20 voucher to spend in class as they choose.



ADVENT PRAYER

In this Advent of expectation draw us together in unity, that our praise and worship might echo in these walls and also through our lives.

In this Advent of expectation draw us together in mission, that the hope within might be the song we sing, and the melody of our lives.

In this Advent of expectation draw us together in service, that the path we follow might lead us from a stable to a glimpse of eternity.
Amen.

