



## **Dear Parents,**

As we are now in the final month of the year, we were reflecting on some of the schools achievements over 2014 and we were delighted with the children's achievements in the Y6 SATs in summer 2014 with 100% achieving a level 4+ in reading and maths and 93% in writing and the high percentage (69%) of all children achieving a level 5+ in all three areas of the assessments with a small group excelling with level 6 maths. Many of these children have returned to see us again this term and share their wonderful experiences at Sacred Heart.

### **Christmas Nativity and Concerts**

You are reminded that the Christmas performances start with Nursery on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 10.30am and 2.15pm. The infants' performance will be on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> and Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 2.00pm with 2R narrating on 11<sup>th</sup> and 2S narrating on 12<sup>th</sup> the Juniors will be on 16<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> December at 2.00pm. NB The junior staff have a special ticketing arrangement whereby parents of Year 3 and Year 5 are invited to attend on Tuesday and parents of Year 4 and 6 on Thursday.

### **Farewell Miss Lynn**

Miss Lynn leaves us at the end of term to prepare for a new chapter in her career in a new school. We would like to thank her for all her contribution to school life, teaching a range of year groups, getting involved in residential trips, extra-curricular activities and many PTA events. We wish her every success for the future.

Miss Elizabeth Knott will join the teaching staff in January and teach the Year 3 / 4 class.

### **Farewell Mrs Frackelton**

Mrs Frackelton will be starting a new job in January and Mrs Metcalfe will be taking on her classroom responsibility.

### **Welcome back Mrs Metcalfe and Mrs Greaney**

Mrs Anne Greaney and Mrs Jenny Metcalfe will be returning to work following maternity leave at the end of this term.

### **Aladdin**

We are delighted that the PTA have part funded the admission to Aladdin and the governing body have agreed for the school to meet the costs of transport at nearly £1000. Thank you for your parental voluntary contribution.

### **Reconciliation Catechists Thanks**

Thank you to Fr John Cullen, the visiting priests, staff and the parish catechists who supported all our Year 4 children when they received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time

### **Additional Maths Tuition**

We have been delighted to welcome back Mrs Priestley to school on a part-time basis this term to offer some specialist maths tuition for groups of children.

### **Social Media**

We would always ask you to contact us directly if you have any concerns with regard to your child's experience at school rather than using social media which does not readily assist a speedy resolution to a problem. Many thanks for your continued support in this matter.

### **Charitable Initiatives**

*Well done to the upper juniors for collecting for the people of Sierra Leone as they confront the ebola crisis.*

### **Attendance Matters !**

Last week's attendance figures for each class are as follows;

Reception	94.7%
Reception 1 G	93.7%
Year 1B	94.0%
Year 2S	95.2%
Year 2R	94.6%
Year 3A	99.0%
Year 3 4 L	96.4%
Year 4S	94.8%
Year 5F	95.9%
Year 5/6M	95.7%
Year 6K	86.7%

### **Football Score**

Congratulations to the football team who beat Forefield 1-0 scorer Matthew Campbell Y6. With only one 1-0 defeat all season, the team goes from strength to strength and Mr Dunne is delighted with the progress.

### **Family Learning Year 3 and Year 4**

Thank you Mrs Sugden, Miss Lynn and Mrs Ashcroft for the science family learning opportunity we enjoyed last week. Thanks to all the families who attended to find out about healthy eating and the human body in an inspirational science afternoon.

### **Nursery Places**

We have six morning places in our Nursery for January for children 3+ years. There are also three places for the afternoon sessions so if you know of nursery aged children who would like to join us, please contact the office or nursery directly.

### **Premises Improvements for the New Year**

We have arranged to install new storage furniture for the Start Right group in the hall and improved fencing for the Reception and Year 1 playground in January 2015.

### **Robinwood Year Six Residential Meeting**

There will be a parents' meeting for Year 6 parents on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2015 at 3.30pm** to discuss the arrangements for Robinwood residential visit due to take place on 4<sup>th</sup> February

### **NB For Your Diaries:**

**School will close on 19<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30pm**

**Children return to school on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2015**

**Kieran A Loftus Headteacher**

