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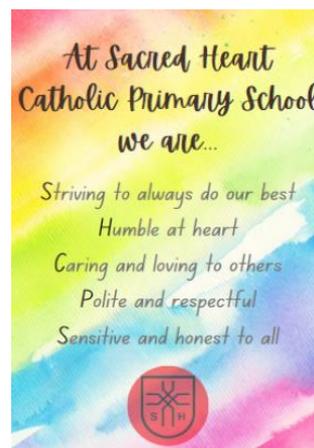
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September

Dear parents/carers,

I am pleased to welcome you back to school today and I hope that you had a wonderful holiday. It has been incredibly special for me to walk around classes today and see the children full of joy at returning to school and already embracing the challenges of their learning. I know that all children will continue to thrive as we move through the year.

Teachers have been in school lots and have been busy ensuring that the learning environments are engaging, exciting and support bringing learning to life. We have continued to build reading pods throughout the school to celebrate our love of reading across school. In the coming weeks we will be organising reading mornings where we will be inviting in families to share books and reading time with their children – watch this space!

As a staff, we have been exploring the values that we want all children to hold as they move through Sacred Heart. Below is a poster detailing what we feel is important in instilling for our children.



We would like all children to take part in a competition to celebrate these values by writing a prayer incorporating these. The winning prayer will then become our new school prayer which will be used throughout school during prayer and liturgy. Entries should be submitted to class teachers by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome some new staff to school; Mr Johnson and Mrs Mortimer are joining us as new class teachers. Mrs Mordi is starting as a teaching assistant working in Key Stage One. Additionally, Miss Douds and Miss Bowles are joining us as trainee teachers as we look to further develop links with local universities. I



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know that the families will make our new staff feel welcome. Mrs Longden and Mrs Matsutani are also taking on new roles as phase leaders; again, I know that the school community will wish them well in these roles.

I feel so privileged to be the Headteacher of our fantastic school and look forward to working with you all and seeing our children and community succeed.

See you on the gate!

Mr Claxton