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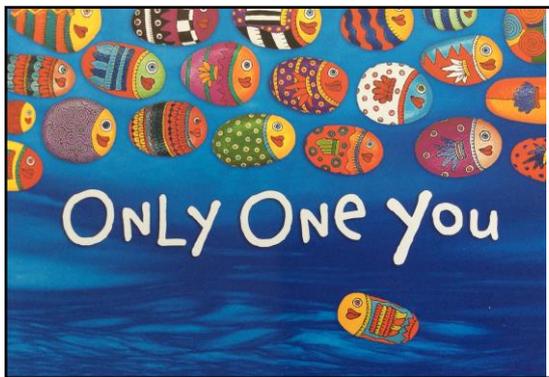
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to another new school year. **Most** of our children say that they are glad to be back at school! They certainly look very smart in their new uniforms and are arriving on time each day. They have settled down very well to their work and our teachers are very pleased that the year has got off to such a good start.



We started the school year with Key Stage assemblies to welcome everyone back to school. The theme was: 'Follow me'. We explored the Gospel story, where Jesus calls his disciples to follow him. We are all called to be disciples and to share God's good news with everyone, through our words and actions. We shared a lovely story of a little fish, beginning his journey in life called, 'Only One You'. We are all special individuals, unique people, called by God. We will continue this theme throughout the year.

Teachers and support staff met together on Monday for our training day. The Focus for our day was Religious Education. We looked at planning and assessment in RE and the importance of scripture. We looked at the 'Come and See' programme in preparation for our first topics of the new year. We shared together in worship to pray for each other and for our school community at the start of the school year.

Results 2017

So this year, we aim to build on the many successes of our previous year. We are pleased that our SATS results are very positive again this year and we have achieved results that are well above the National picture in Maths in particular. These results are testimony to the hard work and dedication of our pupils, parents and staff.

Our school performance continues to rise, as does our attendance data. Pupils make better progress than others nationally in reading, writing and maths across Key Stage Two.

97% of pupils in Year Two achieve the expected standard in phonics.

Attendance is improving year on year!



90% of pupils in Year One achieve the expected standard in phonics compared to 81% nationally in 2016.

Attainment in Maths is 13% above the National at Key Stage Two and well above the National at KS1.

Our plans continue to raise attainment across the whole school and we will be continuing with our 'Singapore Maths' programme, with Read, Write Inc Phonics, our Literacy and Language Programme and with our cross curricular topics. We look forward to many 'WOW' moments this year and are already planning our educational visits for this term. Look out for letters soon with more details about these visits.

Our after school activities will begin the week commencing Monday 18th September. We have some new clubs starting and we will be writing out to parents very soon with further details.

Some reminders...

- Ear rings are not allowed and should be removed for school, for health and safety reasons.
- Dark sensible shoes are required. Please do not send your child wearing with black trainers for school.
- Sensible hairstyles ensure our children look smart and are not distracted. Please remove Jo Jo bows and coloured hair braids. Thank you!
- Parking - at pick up and drop off times. Please be mindful of our local residents who need access to their drives. Some of them are elderly and have mobility difficulties and need our consideration.
- Parking on the zig-zag lines is dangerous to our children and this area should be avoided. Thank you!
- Our school gate is locked at 8.55am each morning. Anyone arriving after this time should enter through the main entrance.

Building work - As you are aware, our Year Six upstairs classroom is being extended and we have moved one class to the hall on a temporary basis. Pupils in KS2 are entering school via the outside classroom doors for the next few weeks. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this period.

Celebration Assemblies - As the KS2 hall is currently 'out of action', our Celebration Assemblies will be held in the KS1 hall. They will be on alternate weeks, until further notice as follows:

Friday 22nd September 2017 at 9.00am for S classes
Friday 29th September 2017 at 9.00am for H classes
Friday 6th October 2017 at 9.00am for S classes
Friday 13th October 2017 at 9.00am for H classes

Parents asked for
more notice of events!

Parents and carers will receive a written invitation to attend, at the end of the previous week. This will give parents more time to organise time off from work if needed.

After the building work is completed and we have access to two halls again, we will be able to hold both assemblies every week.

I leave you with this lovely picture of our Year Six award winners for July 2017. What wonderful young people they are, who have demonstrated what can be achieved at Sacred Heart by taking advantage of everything school can offer. Best of luck to all of them at High School.

Once again, welcome back to what I hope will be a great year for us all!

Kind regards,

Mrs C. Mason

(Headteacher)

