

# I AM A DISCIPLE FOR YOU JESUS

Holy Souls Catholic Primary School

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**Dear Parents and Carers,**

It was lovely to welcome our new Reception children for their first full week at school. The children are settling in well and enjoying the start to life here at school. Well done to our parents for being brave and entrusting us with the care of your children. Rest assured we will keep them safe and take good care of them.

Well done to staff and children for settling back so well. We are all facing daily changes and challenges but approaching them with courage and resilience.

Have a lovely weekend. God bless.

Mrs R A Girling Head Teacher

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION – ATTENDANCE SUPPORT AND COVID**

On Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September you will receive a letter regarding attendance. Every day and every minute matters. Our Family Support Worker and Attendance Office – Miss Celine Finn is available on Mondays to meet with you should you have any queries or questions.

Due to the pandemic, we now have a dedicated email address for you to use. We are asking you to use this address to do the following;

1. Inform us of Covid symptoms – child's full name and class.
2. Advise us of when a test has been booked.
3. Inform us of test results. A negative result means a child can return to school the next day.

This email address will be checked throughout the day and during the weekend.

The EMAIL address is

**[covid@holysoul.bham.sch.uk](mailto:covid@holysoul.bham.sch.uk)**

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF NEW RECEPTION CHILDREN FOR A

GREAT WEEK FIRST WEEK OF FUN AND LEARNING IN SCHOOL

## TO BRING GOOD NEWS, TO SHINE FOR YOU.

Sacred Heart and Holy Souls Church – please check the website for the weekly parish newsletter

MASS TIMES – Vigil Mass Saturday 5:00pm Sunday Masses 8:30am, 10:00am and 12:00pm.

### Season of Creation

The Season of Creation is an annual celebration uniting Christians in prayer and action for the protection of our common home. September 1st marked the start of the celebration which will run until 4th October 2020 - the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi.

During this season we are encouraged to pray and engage in community events in order to deepen our relationship with our God, our neighbour and the earth we share. Pope Francis is encouraging us all to look after our environment by becoming greener and more environmentally friendly in our daily choices and actions. In school, pupils will be taking part in activities and prayer to help them understand the vital role we all play in being more attentive to our environment and to those less fortunate.

Can you, at home, think about praying for God's creation as well as ways to be more environmentally friendly? Send in any photos or email us about the things you do e.g. recycling, using less energy, planting your own vegetables etc. We'd love to see them! Please tweet or email!

We look forward to introducing our first ever Holy Souls Eco Club – look out for more details soon!

### Physical Education – Let's get physical!

Coach Colm has been delighted by the outstanding attitudes to learning, engagement in lessons and behaviour of the children. He is with us all year and alongside Mrs Corrigan will be supporting staff and pupils in improving their PE skills and fitness levels!

**BIG RED** – our new mini bus will be out and about very soon as we start to access Eden Bridge Road Playing Fields. You will be getting a permission slip to complete in order for your child to travel on the bus. We are very excited at being able to have access to this recreational facility. Our thanks to Archbishop Illsley for sharing this excellent resource.

### Curious and Active our Gospel Virtues for this half-term

This half term, we are learning to be **curious** about everything; and **active** in our engagement with the world, changing what we can for the better. To be curious about our faith means exploring God's creation and asking questions. To be active means trying to solve or improve situations we come across through our curiosity that could be better.

**How can we be curious and active at home and in school?**

There are some fantastic activities suitable for both key stages on these websites:

Jesuit Pupil Profile:

<http://jesuitinstitute.org/Pages/JPP/7%20Curious%20Active/JPPCuriousActive.htm>

Fr. Hudson's:

<https://www.fatherhudsons.org.uk/children-and-families/primary-materials/118.htm>