



Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School & Nursery

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Dear Parents,

When I said last week that we like to keep busy at Sacred Heart, I hadn't expected that we would get a second Inspection call on Monday from Westminster Diocese. Four inspectors came to look at both the teaching and learning of RE, as well as the Catholic Life of our school. We had an exciting day and were pleased that they recognised many of the things that we do so well. They gave us some useful tips to help us become even better. Our children were hugely praised by all four of our visitors, and one child who was interviewed with a group on the day, told me that they were awarded 10 out of 10! I couldn't agree more! I am exceptionally proud to be Headteacher of our school and am particularly pleased that how special our children are was recognised! In a very similar way to the OFSTED inspection several weeks ago, this report now gets collated, and we will receive the final judgements and published report in approximately three to four weeks.

I am very happy to inform you we have received our Section 8 OFSTED report which will be published on the OFSTED website on Tuesday 14th November. We have attached a copy of the report to today's newsletter; paper copies are available on request. The purpose of the inspection was to check that Sacred Heart had maintained its **Good** judgement since the previous inspection in the Summer Term of 2013. The benchmark for **Good** has significantly raised and I am delighted to inform you that the final outcome is that we are still **Good**. It was wonderful to see that they recognised Safeguarding is a strength of the school, as our staff and Governors have been working hard on this. As you will see from the report it was a very collaborative day and we were involved in agreeing what we felt were the next steps to take us to Outstanding and beyond. I would like to thank everyone for their additional efforts in preparing the evidence for this day.

These inspections are intense and I was very impressed with how our Sacred Heart family, both children and adults, were able to showcase our school. We are looking forward to embracing the next steps to become the very best we can be. Once the RE report is published I will look at ways in which we can share our plans with you.

I was able to join the fireworks extravaganza on Saturday last week which was a huge success. Thank you to everyone who prepared and ran the event as this is a mammoth undertaking. I know everyone who attended thoroughly enjoyed themselves. This has helped to raise much needed funds for our children; in total a huge profit of £5,000.00 was made.

This week we have continued to think about those who have sacrificed themselves by giving their lives for us. The older pupils were involved in a beautiful reflection and came together to share prayers, art and their special 'Remember Me' lists, which we will be collating into a School Remembrance book. The children sang and the orchestra played enabling us to deepen our prayer experience. We were really lucky to have Mr John Marseglia and Mr Jerome Francis (who teaches brass instruments in school). Mr Francis played the Last Post on the trumpet and we marked a minute of silence to show our respect for those who have died, and help prepare the way. The mood was then lifted when the children sang a rousing song entitled "No More Wars" to show that as Christ's followers today we are going to take action and not allow violence and anger to determine our world. Instead we will lead by example and champion for peace and love for all. Thank you to Mrs Simpson for leading our pupils in this.

Please encourage your children to take some time to watch either a small part of the Royal Albert Hall Remembrance Service on Saturday evening and/or the march past the Cenotaph on Sunday morning. Even better if you can visit your local war memorial, I know this would be an important experience for them. As I said before, we all have such busy lives and the pace is never ending, so to model and teach our young ones to stop, think, reflect and pray is paramount! Armistice is so integral to our British heritage and is something that we should ensure to teach our children 'Lest we forget'.

God bless you all over this special weekend.

Peace be with you.

Mrs Rebecca Tregear
Headteacher

Muffi-Day

A reminder that Friday 17th November is Muffi Day. Children in Y2 and the Juniors are asked to bring in a bottle. Children in Y1, Reception and Nursery are asked to bring in a prize suitable for the Children's Tombola e.g. selection box, new toy etc. Bottles will be collected at the FOSH notice board before school. Children's Tombola prizes need to be handed in to class teachers. The children are currently working on a whole school calendar to sell at the Christmas Bazaar.

Anti-Bullying Week

Next week is Anti-Bullying Week. The Anti-Bullying Ambassadors are leading an assembly on Monday and the children will be carrying out a range of activities over the week. The focus this year is that we are all different and we are all equal. This fits in well with Catholic Social Teaching on Human Dignity and the importance of respecting difference.

On Friday, as part of our Muffi Day, we would like the children to wear odd socks to celebrate how we are all different and all equal.

A Message from The Parish

First Holy Communion 2018

The First Holy Communion Classes will commence on Saturday 13th January 2018 at 10am. The first class will be for Parents only, led by Sr Karen. The children's first class will be Saturday 20th January 2018 at 10am. All classes are held at the Sacred Heart School. The deadline for returning FHC applications forms is Sunday 10th December 2017, please return them to Fr Jim or call the Parish office if you have any questions, 0208 9502077.

Absences

All absences must be reported via absence line on 01923 493 040 or via School Gateway BEFORE 9.30am.

Dates for your diary

Change to a date – The Year 4 class Mass has been changed from Wednesday 15th November to Friday 24th November.

Nov

Tues 14 Nov Y6 Basketball Queens 9.30am-12noon

Thurs 16 Nov Reception Open Morning 9am-10.30am

Fri 17 Nov Muffi Day

Tues 21 Nov Y4 Speed Stacking, Queens, 1pm-2.30pm

Fri 24 Nov Y4 Mrs Leaper Class Mass 2pm in school

Sat 25 Nov Christmas Bazaar, 11am-2pm

Dec

Fri 1 Dec R-Y4 Flu vaccination

Mon 4 Dec Y6 School Visit (Crucial Crew)

Wed 6 Dec Y5 Singing at Bushey Luncheon Club 2pm-2.30pm

Wed 13 Dec Infant Play with siblings, 9am

Thurs 14 Dec Infant Play no siblings, 9am

Thurs 14 Dec Carol Singing INTU 4-5pm

Fri 15 Dec Nursery children finish for Christmas

Tues 19 Dec School finish for Christmas 1.15pm

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Jan

Wed 3 Jan INSET day School Closed

Thurs 4 Jan All children back to school



Competitions & Achievements



A big congratulations to our Girls' football team who beat Rickmansworth Park School 6 – 0.

They showed tremendous team work and skill. We are very proud of you.

Good luck to the Boys' football team who are playing Bushey Heath at Sacred Heart School next Thursday.

Prayer for November

We Thank You

*For the people who fought for our country: we thank you
For everyone who died for good in our world: we thank you*

*For the people who starved for our country: we thank you
For the bodies that rest in peace in heaven: we thank you
For the people with nowhere to live because of the war: we thank you*

Help us remember these people in the month of November.

Amen

(Daniel Yr 6)



Stay safe, think of others and enjoy Halloween and Fireworks night



Do

- Remember road safety and wear bright clothing while 'trick or treating'
- Keep Halloween 'tricks' safe
- Be considerate to others
- Keep your distance from fireworks
- Go to an organised fireworks display – it's the safest way to enjoy them

Don't

- Go 'trick or treating' alone and take an adult with you
- Cause damage to people's homes or property
- Handle fireworks if you're under 18
- Knock on strangers' doors
- Scare or hurt others
- Let off fireworks in a public place or anywhere between 11pm and 7am*

*Except on November 5th when the curfew is midnight and for Diwali, New Year's Eve and Chinese New Year, when fireworks can be let off until 1am.

