



# Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School & Nursery

Newsletter No. 6

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Dear Parents,

Wow what a week! We found the one day Section 8 OFSTED Inspection very valuable and the children were a credit to you. It was an intense experience but also a real team building exercise and I would like to thank the staff and all the other stakeholders who were involved for their efforts. We have many areas to celebrate and some aspects to improve on even further. The report will be published including these details along with the judgement grade in approximately 3 weeks. We will share this with you as soon as we have been informed that it has been completed and posted onto the OFSTED website. A big thank you to everyone who took the time to fill in the parent view and pupil survey.

It was lovely to end what has been a very tiring week with a wonderful Harvest Liturgy today. Thank you to all families who sent in donations for the food bank and to the volunteers who kindly transported these to the church this morning. This is a fabulous tradition and begins to show to our children how we can all contribute and make a difference to others through charity in the pursuit of living out the gospel values for the common good. The children read and sang beautifully. It was a real delight to also see many of the congregation joining in with those well-loved classics like 'Cauliflowers Fluffy and Cabbages Green'. Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for this special occasion and to Mrs Simpson for arranging it. I would also like to mention that it means a lot to have Mr Marseglia and Mr Blackburn's contributions to the family of Sacred Heart. In addition to this, it was especially nice to have Kane Booth (one of our ex pupils) and some others from our community join us in the orchestra. Sacred Heart is very lucky and certainly unique!

I would like to congratulate our Year 6 pupils, staff and helpers on such a successful day at St Michaels Junior school football and netball tournament last Friday which was so ably led by Mr Longman. All teams got through to the semi finals and only lost to penalties. The girls' netball team won and they even brought back a trophy. This was very exciting as Sacred Heart has only ever won this once, in 2011, since the event began in 1999. It was really wonderful to hear how much the children enjoyed themselves. One child told me; "I think the highlight was that we worked really well together as a team." Well done to one and all, we are very proud of you and your team mentality!

We finally received our **SMILE AWARD** trophy and so were able to give the first two children from every class a certificate for a range of different reasons for 'Sharing Messages of Inspiration and Love Everyday'. These varied from good listening to being a good role model and demonstrating great behaviours for learning. The school were incredibly pleased to cheer each child as they held up the trophy. The photos of the children will be displayed in the hall each week. I am also looking forward to seeing whose raffle tickets get pulled from the box next week so that they can join me for tea. Staff have been issuing tickets to individuals when they have seen acts of kindness, examples of being well mannered or helpful and so on.

Next week we also have another fun filled week planned with some Science & DT activities organised by Miss Coley. The children are looking forward to entering into the spirit and dressing up on Wednesday. We plan to share some of our learning together at the end of the week and we will publish some photos to show you what the school has been getting up to on our website.

I will hope to see many of you at Parents Evening next week, please do come and say hello.

Wishing you all a happy and restful weekend.

*Mrs Rebecca Tregear*  
Headteacher

### **Absences**

Need to be reported to the school office before 9.30am daily.

### **Parents Evening**

There are still a few spaces left on the online booking system.

### **Headlice**

A case of headlice has been reported in school. Please can we ask parents to check your child's hair regularly and treat if necessary.

### **Gymnastics Club**

Due to Parents evening next week, there will be no gymnastics on Thursday.

### **French Club**

There will be no lunchtime French club next week. This will resume immediately after half term on Monday 30 October.

### **Watford Observer My First Day Photos**

Due to the school being closed for the Deanery Day on Fri 20 Oct, we are not able to sell the newspapers at school.

### **Doctor/Dentist/Hospital & Leave of Absence Forms**

Please note emails are not accepted for time off to attend appointments. The necessary form must be completed in advance and can all be found in our reception foyer.

### **A polite request**

There are still several parents who choose to come through our **Staff** Car Park. It is for your own safety and the safety of our children that we ask you to kindly use the pedestrian gate only. Anyone choosing to ignore this polite request will be asked to walk round to the pedestrian gate.

### **Parking**

Please can we ask parents to be considerate to one another when parking around the school. It goes without saying that pick up and drop off times are an extremely busy time of the day and the safety of your children should be paramount.

### **Secondary School Applications**

Please be aware that the deadline for applications to secondary and upper schools is fast approaching. Parents will need to make an online or paper application by the closing date of Tuesday 31 October 2017.

### **Dates for your diary**

#### **Oct**

w/c 16 Oct Science & DT Week  
w/c 16 Oct Book Fair  
Tues 17 Oct Y4 One World Festival, St Michaels  
Tues 17 Oct Miss Coley Parents Evening 2pm-7pm  
Wed 18 Oct Science MUFTI Day  
Wed 18 Oct Parents Evening 5pm-7.30pm  
Thurs 19 Oct Parents Evening 3.30pm-6pm  
Fri 20 Oct Deanery Day INSET DAY School Closed  
Mon 23 Oct- Fri 27 Oct HALF TERM  
Mon 30 Oct Back to school  
Tues 31 Oct Y5 Cross Country, 1pm Queens

#### **Nov**

Wed 1 Nov School to join Community Mass Feast of All Saints 9.15am  
Thurs 2 Nov Reception Open Morning 9-10.30am  
Sat 4 Nov Fireworks night  
Tues 14 Nov Y6 Basketball Queens 9.30am-12noon  
Wed 15 Nov Y4 Mrs Leaper Class Mass 2pm in school  
Thurs 16 Nov Reception Open Morning 9am-10.30am  
Tues 21 Nov Y4 Speed Stacking, Queens, 1pm-2.30pm  
Sat 25 Nov Christmas Bazaar, 11am-2pm

#### **Dec**

Fri 1 Dec R-Y4 Flu vaccination  
Mon 4 Dec Y6 School Visit (Crucial Crew)  
Thurs 14 Dec Carol Singing INTU Details to follow  
Tues 19 Dec School finish for Christmas 1.15pm

#### **Jan**

Wed 3 Jan INSET day School Closed  
Thurs 4 Jan Children back to school