



Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School & Nursery

Newsletter No 23

Friday 16 Mar 2018

Dear Parents,

I cannot believe how quickly the week has zoomed by and it is Friday already. As you know we have had two residential trips this week; Year 5 have stayed for two nights at Phasels Wood near Hemel Hempstead and Year 6 have stayed for four nights at Manor Adventure in Shropshire. It has been a real delight to read about the fun they have all had via the twitter feeds.

As I have said before, the academics we provide in school are extremely important but not at the detriment of having other balanced life skills, such as resilience, as well as social skills including team work and problem solving techniques. This is what is so fabulous about these trips because the pupils get to fully immerse themselves in a range of different activities that they may never have come across. I love to see how their confidence grows and how their 'have a go attitude' pays off!

On both trips, the staff have commented on what a privilege it is to share this special time with your children, away from the school setting. I know these experiences will be treasured memories for our very happy children. We have had lots of people comment on how fabulously our Sacred Heart pupils have behaved and how well they have risen to the challenges. As I am sure you will all agree this is a huge responsibility and takes real dedication from the team of staff who have accompanied the classes. A massive thank you to Miss McCarthy and Mrs Smith for leading the groups, for their organisation, care and attention to detail. I would also like to say a huge thank you to the teams of staff who have looked after the children 24/7, including Mr Longman, Mrs Beswick and Mrs Hiscock. My special thanks go out to our support staff who without them agreeing to take time away from their own families, these trips wouldn't be possible; Mrs Graham, Mrs Pepper, Mrs Diaz, Mrs Zajac and Mr Anderson. I am sure you will wish them all a very relaxing weekend after what has been a fantastic but very tiring week.

This Monday we were delighted to have been lent an extremely rare religious relic; 'The glove of St Padre Pio' which was provided to us by one of our Governors. All the children had the opportunity to see the glove and all classes were blessed with a special healing prayer. This glove is one of very few, but has been attributed to many miracles and healing. St Padre Pio (1887-1968) bore stigmata, the nail wounds of crucifixion, for over fifty years of his life. To protect his scarred hands, he went through many mittens. St Padre Pio was Canonised on the 16 June 2002. Only a few mittens remain in the world and we are fortunate to have a glove in London.

On Thursday Miss Coley took twelve of our Year 2 children to an Archery competition at Merry Hill Infant School. They all received a wrist band and a certificate. Well done Year 2!

Today we had a wonderful opportunity for some of our pupils across the school to take part in an art workshop accompanied by their Dads or other male relatives. Everyone who took part thoroughly enjoyed the event. We look forward to running other occasions similar to this in the future.

On Monday the whole school will be taking part in a Lent Experience that Mrs CC is running which is being held at St James' church, Bushey. It's an interactive, multi-sensory adventure where the children connect with the Easter story by being involved in it. There will be lots of sound effects, smells and opportunities to touch the surroundings which will engage all the senses. A narrator in costume will greet the children who will be taking our pupils through 7 different scenes as the story unfolds, finishing in an empty tomb. If you would like to visit with your family outside of school, there are two after school sessions being provided on Tuesday 20 March at 4pm and 7pm.

Wishing you all a very happy St Patrick's day.

Best wishes,
Mrs Rebecca Tregear

Absences

Please note there are two registrations per day (am and pm). If your child is unwell, please phone (01923) 493040 or send a message via Schoolcomms before 8.50am. Absences should **NOT** be reported directly to the class teacher.

Absences need to be reported on a daily basis.

If your child has a medical/hospital appointment, please inform the School Office in advance and provide a copy of the appointment letter where possible.

If no explanation is given by 9.30am your child's absence will be recorded as **unauthorised**. As per Hertfordshire County Council's guidelines, penalty notices will be issued to parents whose child has had at least 15 unauthorised absences in the current and/or previous term.

Bags 2 School

These will have been handed out to your child this week.

Lost Property

There are several pairs of glasses which have been found at school. If you have lost a pair, they have been placed in the lost property for one week.

Phone Lines down

We apologise for any inconvenience but thank you very much for your support and patience with the phone lines. It has made things very challenging at school and Mrs Tregear would like to share her appreciation for having such a fantastic admin team. We are investigating changing providers as have not been satisfied with the service we have received over this last week.



Lunchtime French Club Monday & Tuesday Lunchtimes Summer Term 2018

Fun French classes following the award winning la Jolie Ronde course

Available to all children from Year 1
9/10 week term starting w/c 23/4/18

£5 per class

To book a free taster or for further details please contact
Sally Tucker: 07532 084135 sally.tucker1@gmail.com

New Menus

The menus will be changing after Easter and will be sent out next week along with price increases. More details will follow next week.

Parents' Evening

Reminder - Years R/1 - Year 4 are having their Parents' Evening on Wednesday 21 March and Thursday 22 March in the school hall.

Summer Uniform

Just a reminder that after Easter, the children should be wearing full Summer Uniform.



St Patrick's Breastplate

*Christ Be With Me,
Christ Be Beside Me,
Christ Be Before Me,
Christ Be Behind Me,
Christ Be At My Right Hand,
Christ Be At My Left Hand,
Christ Be With Me Everywhere I go,
Christ Be My Friend Forever and Ever.
Amen*

FOSH Members

Thank you to our new/interim committee members for taking up the roles below:-

ANDREA HANBURY Chairman
THALIA CIAMPINI Vice Chair
ANIA STANIEC Treasurer
TERESA SHAW Secretary
NAOMI MC LOUGHLIN Committee member
JOANNE GIBBS Committee member
BERNIE GRIMES Committee member
KELLEY MCGOVERN Committee member
DANNIELLA POOLEY Committee member
MARIAN DANIELS Committee member
REBECCA WALSH Committee member

FOSH Dates

End of Spring Term - Knitted Easter Chicks on sale in the playground.

Tues 27 March FOSH meeting in school 7.15pm

Thurs 29 March Mufti Day. (Details to follow)

Fri 18 May Mufti Day (Bring a bottle)

Sun 20 May - Spring Fair at 12 noon

Dates for your Diary

2018

March

Wed 21st March & Thurs 22nd March – Reconciliation for Junior pupils
Wed 21st March – Yr R up to Yr 4 Parents' Evening – 5pm – 7:30pm
Thurs 22nd March – Yr R up to Yr 4 Parents' Evening – 3:30pm – 6pm
Fri 23rd March – Junior Lent Service in Church – Parents are most welcome
Thurs 29th March – End of Term – School closes at 1:15pm

April

Mon 16th April – Term starts
Fri 20th April – Start of Term Mass in Church at 9:15pm - Parents are most welcome
Wed 25th April – Year 3/4 Class Mass in school - Parents are most welcome

May

Mon 7th May – Bank Holiday
Wed 9th May – Year 5/6 Class Mass in school - Parents are most welcome
Mon 14th May – Thurs 17th May – Year 6 Sats Week
Wed 25th May – Year 6 Class Mass in school - Parents are most welcome
Mon 28th May – 1st Jun – HALF TERM

June

Wed 13th June – Year 5 Class Mass – Parents are most welcome
Thurs 21st Sports Day – Infants 9:30 & Juniors 1:30pm – Parents are most welcome

July

Tues 10th July - Infant End of Year Assembly – 9:30am - Parents are most welcome & young children
Wed 11th July – Infant End of Year Assembly – 9:30 am - Parents are most welcome – no younger children
Tues 10th July - Junior Play – 7pm – Parents are most welcome
Wed 11th July – Junior Play – 7pm – Parents are most welcome
Wed 18th July – Leavers Mass in school at 7pm – Year 6 parents are most welcome
Fri 20th July – End of Term – School closes at 1:15pm

