



Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School & Nursery

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19 October 2017

Dear Parents,

It has been yet another incredibly busy week at Sacred Heart. Our Year 4 children took part in the One World Festival, along with the other Watford Deanery schools, which was held at St Michael's Catholic High School on Tuesday morning. The children were a real asset and sang the song 'Creation' by Marty Haughen, beautifully. Each school was also asked to create a book to share reflections about 'Peace for our World' and this was exchanged between the schools. We were given St Catherine of Sienna's book which has some lovely prayers for us to read. Year 4 also completed some wonderful art work which they proudly shared. We have been very blessed to have Mr Marseglia working with us (Subject Leader of Performing Arts from St Michael's). This term he has been coming in to work with our Year 4 pupils. They have really enjoyed this and represented our school well at the One World celebration on Tuesday.

We have also had our Science and DT week. We had some exciting science workshops where the pupils carried out a variety of activities including investigating materials, learning about the digestive system, as well as testing solar powered buggies for the Mars Rover. It was fabulous seeing so many children wearing white coats and science outfits yesterday and even better seeing the many staff who got involved in the spirit of the day. Thank you to everyone who took part and supported the event. Miss Coley, our Science subject leader, is hoping to put us forward this year for the Science Award and this was a wonderful way to begin gathering some evidence for this. Thank you Miss Coley for organising this week for us.

Today we gathered together as a school to share and celebrate some of the different activities that the children have been involved in. It was fantastic to hear about the new knowledge they have acquired and, more importantly, their enthusiasm was infectious. After half term we will share some of the photos on our website.

The school has also enjoyed having the School Book Fair in. We will advise you of the amount raised in due course.

Parent's evenings have been another way for me to get to know more of you. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the community for making me feel so welcome in my new role in the family of Sacred Heart. I have truly been overwhelmed by the level of support and commitment that our school is given by our families. I cannot express enough the importance of parental links and the impact that this has on our children as they move through their primary education.

When our OFSTED report is published I will be inviting more parental voice so that we can begin to strengthen our home school links even further. I would like to look at rolling out some parent workshops so that you have the opportunity to share with your child the ways in which they are learning. This may include topics such as phonics, maths and guided reading.

The children and staff have worked really hard this half term and deserve a well earned break.

Have a safe half term.

Mrs Rebecca Tregear
Headteacher

Attendance

Today children who had 100% attendance from the beginning of term have received a sticker for their efforts. Congratulations!

A couple of reminders.....

Winter Uniform

After half term, children will need to return in their full winter uniform.

Breakfast Club

Places are limited to 35 children and allocated on a first come first serve basis. If Breakfast Club is full you will be unable to book your child/children in to a session. Due to our child/staff ratio please do not bring your child to Breakfast Club without previously booking. If your child is brought to Breakfast Club but has not been booked in a charge of £20.00 will be applied to cover additional staffing as this will affect our staff pupil ratio.

After School Club

After School Club finishes at 6.00pm, please ensure your child is collected by 6.15pm at the very latest. If you arrive after 6.15pm a charge of £20 for every 15 minutes or part of will be applied.

Please remember to cancel any unwanted sessions at Breakfast Club and After School Club. Your account will be credited and it enables us to offer places to children on waiting lists.

Pupil Choice Form

If you haven't returned your form for the Pupil Choice meal, you will need to provide a home packed lunch for the first week back after half term – week commencing Monday 30 October. If you still wish your child to continue to have school meals you need to complete the Pupil Choice form and return it to the School Office on **Monday 30 October** in order for your child to have a school meal from week commencing **6 November 2017**.

Watford Observer My First Day Photos

Due to the school being closed for the Deanery Day tomorrow - Friday 20 October, we are not able to sell the newspapers at school.

Dates for your diary

Oct

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