



Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School & Nursery

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Dear Parents,

We would like to introduce some new members of staff. Mr Anderson is our new Sports Apprentice and Mrs Harrington is working in Breakfast Club. Also Mrs O'Kelly, Mrs Poderienie and Miss Romega who are working in After School Club. We welcome them to our Sacred Heart team.

There are lots of exciting activities and events happening in school over the next few weeks. This weekend we enter into the season of Advent and the RE boards across the school are changing to purple to reflect the change in liturgical season. The stage is now set up in the hall and the Infant children are busy practising songs and words ready for their performances later this month. The Junior children are practising songs and readings ready for their Advent Service.

Next week the Year 5 children will be singing at Bushey Luncheon Club's Christmas dinner which is always a wonderful experience for both the children and the diners. The Year 4 children have been preparing for the final of their Speed Stacking competition – we wish the two teams the best of luck for the final next Tuesday. Year 6 have an exciting morning on Monday where they will learn about keeping themselves safe and being a good citizen.

Thank you to FOSH, parents, friends and the Parish for a very successful Christmas Bazaar last Saturday. It was wonderful to see so many of you enjoying yourselves as you raised money for the Parish and school. These events do not happen without a lot of hard work before and after the event. We really appreciate all of your support.

It is with great sadness that we learned of the passing of a former pupil of Sacred Heart - Elijah Aldea. He attended our school until he was taken ill when he was in Year 5. Many of our past pupils and members of staff attended his funeral on Wednesday. Please keep Elijah and his family and friends in your thoughts and prayers.

Mrs Anna Smith
Deputy Head

Knitting Club Christmas Puddings

Will be sold for £1 after school
on Monday 11 and Tuesday 12 December.

School Photos

We are delighted by the quality of this years school photographs taken by Mary Hennessey. Please see the additional price list attachment regarding larger print sizes, other packages and canvas prints for school orders. Orders to given to the school office by **Friday 8th December** for delivery back by the end of term.

Poppy Appeal

The organisers sent a message to say that the actual total is £503.45 which is an amazing achievement as they forgot to include a second tin and apologised profusely for their error! Well done everyone.

A special mention

We would like to say a big thank you to Richard Williams from The Horse & Chains pub for the Christmas tree which he kindly donated to the school.



Dates for your diary

Dec

Mon 4 Dec Y6 School Visit (Crucial Crew)
Wed 6 Dec Y5 Singing at Bushey Luncheon Club 2pm-2.30pm
Fri 8 Dec Nursery Retreat morning in school
Tues 12 Dec Y2 St Albans Cathedral
Tues 12 Dec Y3 Advent Service Westminster Cathedral
Wed 13 Dec Infant Play with siblings, 9am
Thurs 14 Dec Infant Play no siblings, 9am
Thurs 14 Dec Junior Play Advent Service, 11am in church
Thurs 14 Dec Carol Singing INTU 4-5pm, all KS2
Fri 15 Dec Nursery children finish for Christmas
Fri 15 Dec Afterschool DISCO, details to follow
Mon 18 Dec YR/1 Retreat morning in school
Tues 19 Dec School finish for Christmas 1.15pm
Tues 19 Dec Christmas Dinner day at school (Children to wear Christmas jumper and bring a hat)

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Jan

Wed 3 Jan INSET day school closed
Thurs 4 Jan All children back to school



Reminders

Trim-Trail & Climbing Frame

Please could you ensure that children are not on the trim-trail or climbing frame before or after school. Infant children must not be on the trim-trail as it is designed for Junior pupils and is not safe for younger pupils. We thank you for your support in this.

Christmas Dinner Day

On the last day of term all pupils can come to school wearing their own clothes. This could be wearing a Christmas jumper and a Christmas hat (which can be home-made).



Advent Prayer

In this Advent of expectation
draw us together in unity,
that our praise and worship
might echo in these walls
and also through our lives.
In this Advent of expectation
draw us together in mission,
that the hope within
might be the song we sing,
and the melody of our lives.
In this Advent of expectation
draw us together in service,
that the path we follow
might lead us from a stable
to a glimpse of eternity.

