



Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School & Nursery

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Dear Parents,

I cannot believe that we have already worked through the majority of September...where has the time gone! It has been wonderful to meet so many of you at 'Meet the Teacher' this week. Unfortunately I was unable to attend all sessions but as I have already said please know that I genuinely do have an open door policy and what I mean by that is, I would rather you came into school with any small concerns you may have before they become problems. This way we can work in partnership with you in ensuring we have a happy Sacred Heart Catholic family. As already explained please do not be worried if you have been unable to attend as the information provided will be made available on the school website. Next week we will be beginning our new Whole School incentive known as the **SMILE** Award. Two pupils every week will be congratulated for **Sending Messages of Inspiration and Love Every day**. We will be selecting pupils for this award from a wide range of reasons including academic and non-academic. Each week in the Friday celebration assembly the pupils will be presented with the certificates. They will then have a photograph taken of themselves holding the Smile Award cup which will be displayed on a board in the school. We have other rewards throughout the school, one being a raffle ticket system that Mrs Smith set up last year. Each week a number of tickets will be pulled out of the pot and these pupils will have 'Tea with Mrs T' followed by an additional playtime for their efforts. This system is based on chance but obviously the more tickets the children receive the greater the chance of being chosen. Class teachers then have a variety of other strategies that they use to encourage good behaviours for learning such as, marbles in the Jar, a Points system and so forth. I have a firm belief that a happy child will succeed so we are working hard in school to celebrate all efforts made.

Hope you have a fun weekend.

Mrs Rebecca Tregear, Headteacher

Just a couple of our house keeping rules:-

Registration

Please can we remind parents that there are 2 registrations: 8.50am (morning) and 1.15pm (afternoon). If your child is not well in the morning and they feel better and have not been sick or have a temperature they can return to school for the afternoon registration.

Medical Appointments

There has been a sudden increase in the amount of children leaving during the day for medical appointments. Whilst we appreciate that hospital appointments cannot be changed, we would ask parents to book doctor/dentist appointments after school where possible. Students who attend school (96% or above) are statistically more likely to make progress and outperform students who have a lower rate of attendance.

Late Arrivals

Children who are late into school must enter the school via the pedestrian gate and not the staff car park. This is for the safety of your children. They must also sign in on the new digital screen.

Staff Car Park

This is to be used by staff unless you have prior permission from the Headteacher.

Emergency Access Parking

Please do not park or use the space outside the locked car park entrance gates as these are for Emergency access. It is also not considered as a road to the children so poses danger. We have ordered some new cones to cordon this off and will do so when they arrive.

Wednesday 27 September – MUFTI DAY

Next Wednesday we will be welcoming a circus workshop into school. As it's going to be an exciting day for the children we will be holding a mufti day where we ask that all children wear bright colours into school and bring in a voluntary donation of £1.

Thursday 28 September Meet the Teacher - Nursery

Meet in the hall at 9.10am

Homework Club

We are delighted to say that many of our Junior pupils have signed up for our new lunchtime homework clubs. These will be starting from Monday 25th September.

- Year 6 homework club will be on Monday lunchtime.
- Year 5 and Year 4 homework club will be on Wednesday lunchtime.
- Year 3 homework club will be on Tuesday lunchtime.

Pupils must have signed up for homework club to attend. It is not a drop in session and pupils are expected to attend each week.

FOSH AGM Meeting

Thursday 28 September, 7.30pm in school. All welcome.

After School Club

There are still spaces at the After School Club. Please contact the school office if you are interested or want further information.

Toy donations

Thank you very kindly for all the donations that we have received and continue to receive. We are blessed to have generous parents!

Vacancies

The school has three current vacancies:- After School Club Assistant, Breakfast Club Assistant and Teaching Assistant. If you are interested in these there is further information on the site below:

www.teachinherts.com

Circus is coming to Sacred Heart

Saturday 30 September – Sunday 1 October, 11am-3pm

Tickets £9 each. Available from class rep or FOSH