



# Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School & Nursery

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Dear Parents

It is great to finally be back in the land of the living. I was eventually diagnosed with pneumonia. It is really good to feel more myself again and I would like to thank everyone for their kindness and support. It has been a rather challenging time for the school with so much absence before the half term break including my own, many other staff and pupils. I would like to especially thank Mrs Smith for her leadership and Miss McCarthy for supporting her as well as everyone who has 'kept calm and carried on' in the face of adversity. We have a very special community at Sacred Heart and we should remember that the gifts we share aren't always easy to come by; we are very blessed!

This week the children have been engrossed in 'Feeling Good Week'. It was lovely to see everyone wearing bright colours today to celebrate this theme. The children have especially enjoyed sharing their talents and watching others in a talent show. In Miss Grover's class the pupils have been trying to spread kindness with compliments and quotes. They have also been practising positive thinking. They looked at different scenarios the children might come up against in their school work, clubs and friendships and how they can make a choice to think positively about them. Yesterday the whole school participated in a guided meditation session led by Mrs Simpson. All of KS1 and KS2 enjoyed learning how to be more mindful while listening to meditative music and focusing their energies as part of 'Feeling Good Week'.

I would like to pick up where I left off before I was absent, by celebrating our fantastic RE inspection report with you which states we are '**Good**' in the Religious Teaching and Learning and '**Outstanding**' in the Catholic Life Of The School.

I will be looking forward to speaking to parents to find out how they would prefer me to share my vision for where we are heading next at Sacred Heart. For example would people prefer an evening talk? or a more informal coffee morning or afternoon?

Now that I am more back in action and we have our two successful inspections behind us I want to fulfill my promise of continuing to give Sacred Heart the 100% it deserves and support the fantastic staff, pupils and families that we have in our school. For me that isn't about being stuck behind my desk with paper work, it is to get involved with the learning and teaching that is happening across the school. This half term is always a busy one and I would also like to look at other ways that you as parents can get involved as much as you can.

On the note of parental involvement I would like to take this opportunity to thank Susie O'Connor for all her hard work and literally bringing the circus to town in her role as Chair of FOSH. I also say thank you to Mrs Walsh & Mrs Fleming for their time and efforts. I know there has been a slight re-structure of FOSH recently and long standing members like Mick Perretta have stepped aside to give different parents a chance. I am delighted to hear that all those mentioned above will still remain involved in this great cause. I know you will be receiving an update from FOSH with the new trustees and members names and positions soon and would like to thank them for stepping up and taking on these important roles.

I would like to close by extending a personal welcome to all our new staff who have fitted in to our family so well. I know Mrs Ramsay has thoroughly enjoyed her first half term with Year 2 along with Mrs Del Greco-Anderson and Miss Pardoe who have been working across a number of classes as well as Mrs Slight who primarily has worked in Mrs Stapleton's class. This is not forgetting our PE apprentice Mr Anderson and Mrs Harrington in Breakfast Club as well as Mrs Poderenie and Mrs Romega who have joined our After School club. In addition to this Y4 have been telling me how much they enjoyed having Miss Grover.

We have had many exciting sporting events taking place; just before half term. All of our Y4 pupils went to Queens School as they were involved in an Athletics tournament. I know that the adults who accompanied said that they represented our school wonderfully and did very well in the event, coming first for many of the challenges so were then disappointed when they came 5<sup>th</sup> overall out of 8 teams. Well done Y4 it's always important to reach for the moon and if you don't quite get there, you will land amongst the stars....It certainly sounds like you were all super stars!

I was also incredibly excited to hear that our football representatives won the penalty shootout at Watford Stadium and will be going forward to participate in the semi-finals. Again very well done to all who were involved and took part. This week the sporting stamina has continued. The boys football team played at home against Orchard School and drew 1-1 and this afternoon are also playing an away match at Bushey Manor. The Y6 girls attended the partnership sports hall athletics final at Queens and won. They will be going on to represent Watford and Hertsmere in the Hertfordshire finals in March. You will see that we recount of one of these events in this weeks newsletter. Thank you to Mr Longman for being such a fabulous role model to our pupils and for championing the sport in our school!

Wishing you all a very happy weekend. Mrs Tregear

*Living, Learning & Loving happily together with Christ at the Centre*

## Easter Explored

On Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March, Sacred Heart School will be taking part in an exciting Easter project that Mrs CC is running at St James church, Bushey. The church will be transformed into Jerusalem in the year 33AD and local schools will be attending, class by class, to experience the Easter story in an interactive and multi-sensory way. The photos below will give you a taste of what previous year's events looked like, Mrs CC has put this on 7 times in different churches around the UK.

Narrators accompany each class to bring the story alive as they read from a script, which was written from the Gospels. Mrs CC is looking for some more volunteers who'd like to be narrators or to help with the props on the day Sacred Heart attend. (19<sup>th</sup> March) If this is something you're interested in, please do speak to the office.

Many thanks

The Easter Explored Event in previous years



## World Book Day

We are celebrating World Book day on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March and Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Over the two days the children will be undertaking a range of activities linked to books. On Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March we would like the children to bring in **an object linked to a book** e.g. a wand, hat, bag. Be creative.

## The Great British Tidy Up

The ECO council are leading 'The Great British Tidy Up' on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. This will involve the pupils doing a litter pick around the school site. All children will need to bring in Wellington boots or an old pair of trainers.

## Parents' Evening

Year 5, Year 5/6 and Year 6 are having their Parents' Evening on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March. Clip Boards will be on the Infant playground before and after school next week. If the weather is wet, the boards will be in the corridor by the office.

## Achievements

Year 5 entered a 100 word story. They worked very hard on their stories and produced excellent work. Several of the stories have been selected to be part of an anthology of stories and will be published in a book. Congratulations to you all.

# 2018 QUIZ NIGHT



FRIDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> MARCH  
SACRED HEART PARISH HALL

£10 INCLUDES FOOD  
DOORS OPEN 7PM QUIZ STARTS 7.30PM  
CASH BAR

TEAMS OF 10  
BOOK YOUR TABLE

FIND ANDREA,  
TAHLIA, NAOMI, OR  
A FOSH MEMBER



## FOSH Dates

- 2 March 2018 at 7pm - Quiz Night in the Parish Centre
- 5 March 2018 at 7.15pm - General Meeting about the Spring Fair at the Horse and Chains Pub, Bushey
- 8/9 March 2018 - Mother's Day Secrets Room in the playground.
- End of Spring Term - Knitted Easter Chicks on sale in the playground.
- 20 May 2018 - Spring Fair at 12 noon



# Dates for your Diary

## 2018

### Feb

Sat 24 Feb – NO Children's mass this Saturday

Wed 28<sup>th</sup> Feb – Year 2/3 Class Mass in school at 2pm - Parents are most welcome

### March

Thurs 1 March – Themed meal for lunch for World Book Day

Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> March – School is celebrating World Book Day – no dressing up. This year is a no dressing up year as we dress up every other year. The pupils will be undertaking special activities in class.

Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> March – Keep Britain Tidy Great British Spring Clean

**Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> March – FOSH Quiz Night – 7pm @ Sacred Heart Parish Hall**

Wed 7<sup>th</sup> March – Yr 5, Yr 5/6 & Yr 6 Parents' Evening – 1:30pm – 7:30pm

**Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> March & Fri 9<sup>th</sup> March – Mother's Day Secret Room in the Nursery from 3:20pm**

Fri 9<sup>th</sup> March – Mother's Day Mass in church – 10am - Parents are most welcome

Mon 12<sup>th</sup> March – Fri 16<sup>th</sup> March – Manor Adventure Yr 6

Tues 13<sup>th</sup> March – RE Retreat Day in school – Yr 5

Wed 14<sup>th</sup> March – Fri 16<sup>th</sup> March – Phasels Wood Y5

Wed 21<sup>st</sup> March & Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Reconciliation for Junior pupils

Wed 21<sup>st</sup> March – Yr R up to Yr 4 Parents' Evening – 5pm – 7:30pm

Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Yr R up to Yr 4 Parents' Evening – 3:30pm – 6pm

Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> March – Junior Lent Service in Church – Parents are most welcome

Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> March – End of Term – School closes at 1:15pm

### April

Mon 16<sup>th</sup> April – Term starts

Fri 20<sup>th</sup> April – Start of Term Mass in Church at 9:15pm - Parents are most welcome

Wed 25<sup>th</sup> April – Year 3/4 Class Mass in school - Parents are most welcome

### May

Mon 7<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday

Wed 9<sup>th</sup> May – Year 5/6 Class Mass in school - Parents are most welcome

Mon 14<sup>th</sup> May – Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> May – Year 6 Sats Week

Wed 25<sup>th</sup> May – Year 6 Class Mass in school - Parents are most welcome

**Mon 28<sup>th</sup> May – 1<sup>st</sup> Jun – HALF TERM**

### June

Wed 13<sup>th</sup> June – Year 5 Class Mass – Parents are most welcome

**Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> June & Fri 15<sup>th</sup> June – Father's Day Secret Room in the Nursery from 3:20pm**

Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> Sports Day – Infants 9:30 & Juniors 1:30pm – Parents are most welcome

### July

Tues 10<sup>th</sup> July - Infant End of Year Assembly – 9:30am - Parents are most welcome & young children

Wed 11<sup>th</sup> July – Infant End of Year Assembly – 9:30 am - Parents are most welcome – no younger children

Tues 10<sup>th</sup> July - Junior Play – 7pm – Parents are most welcome

Wed 11<sup>th</sup> July – Junior Play – 7pm – Parents are most welcome

Wed 18<sup>th</sup> July – Leavers Mass in school at 7pm – Year 6 parents are most welcome

Fri 20<sup>th</sup> July – End of Term – School closes at 1:15pm

### **Year 6 Sportshall Athletics – Partnership Finals**

In our previous Sportshall Athletics completion we came 1<sup>st</sup> out of the girls in the Bushey area. As a result of this we qualified to compete against the other winners from the Watford area. Eleven of us from Year 6 went and we competed against four other groups of girls from different schools. The competition was much harder than in the previous round and we all had to be at our best. Despite this we worked really well as a team in both our relays and field events and in the end we came out victorious! We all let out a huge scream when they called out 'Sacred Heart'. In the next round of competitions we will be representing Watford and Hertsmere against schools from all over Hertfordshire!

By Maria and Elena

### **Bushey Museum Newsletter**

Here is the link to their February newsletter which is on our website under Community/Local partnerships:-

<http://sacredheart682.herts.sch.uk/publication/view/bushey-museum-february-2018-newsletter/>



## **Charity Cake Sale**

**After Mother's Day Mass**

**Venue: Parish Centre**

**Friday 9 March 2018**

**Approx. 10:30 to 12:00**

I am running the Virgin London Marathon for  **Ambitious about Autism**

[AmbitiousAboutAutism.org.uk](http://AmbitiousAboutAutism.org.uk) in April 2018

Please help me to raise some money for a very good cause.

<http://www.justgiving.com/ASVLM2018>

I also welcome donations of cake, biscuits and cookies to sell please bring them to the stall.

Thank you very much Andreas Schwarz [Andreas.schwarz@cqc.org.uk](mailto:Andreas.schwarz@cqc.org.uk)