



## Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School & Nursery

Newsletter No 24

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*Dear Parents,*

This week has been one of much reflection. We began on Monday by being fully immersed in a marvellous Lenten experience which was created by Mrs CC and held at St James' Church in the village. The interactive experience enabled all of our pupils to encounter some of the key events that led up to Jesus' crucifixion and burial during Holy Week. The children were able to not only see and hear the story but also had the opportunity, for example to eat at the Last Supper. By enriching their senses and bringing these scenes to life, a real buzz was evident throughout our school and everyone was talking about it. This was then used across the school as a stimulus for some highly detailed, descriptive and emotive writing. Thank you so much Mrs CC you are so very talented and you truly enabled each and every one of us to have a personal encounter as well as enrich our understanding of this poignant and glorious Gospel, which is at the core of our Catholic faith.

Later on this week our Year 4, 5 and 6 pupils visited our church to share in the sacrament of reconciliation. This encouraged our children to examine their conscience and say sorry, as well as to consider how they can be the very best that they can be. I really appreciate the time that Father Jim has given to our school family this week. Father Jim has a very calm and relaxed aura and I know the children felt at ease with their confessions which meant a great deal to them.

We concluded our week of contemplation today with our Junior lent service which re-enacted the stations of the cross. Well done Years 5 & 6 for so beautifully reminding us of Jesus' journey on the cross. It was lovely to see so many families join us for this thought provoking occasion. Thank you for supporting the tone of this occasion by remaining still and quiet. This helps the children to recognise the different types of liturgies that take place throughout the liturgical year and the importance of silence helped to mark this occasion with the honour and respect it so rightfully deserved. Many thanks to Miss McCarthy and the team of staff who organised this service as well as to Simon Blackburn and John Marseglia for their generosity of spirit and ongoing support at these special services. To conclude our Holy Week on Thursday 29 March, we will be supporting a charity for brain cancer as part of our Lent giving. We invite all children to grab their favourite hat and raise funds for this important cause.

On Wednesday a group of our Y6 children attended a Youth Conference in Borehamwood for Hertsmere Borough Council. They came back full of enthusiasm and excitement from the day. They spent time with children from a number of other schools sharing ideas of how they as pupils can make a difference to their community. Thank you to Mrs Murphy and Mrs Corrigan for accompanying our Sacred Heart representatives, I know you were extremely impressed with the day and shared how proud you were of our children.

It was wonderful to see so many of you attend parent consultations this week for R1-Y4. I know the staff are extremely proud of how hard the children are working, so I hope you were able to celebrate in your child's efforts and success.

We are unfortunately saying goodbye to a few of our super helpers. Mrs Boyle, Mrs Cole & Mrs Chapman have been supporting Mrs Hoy once a week in running a knitting club for our upper Key Stage 2 pupils. As you can imagine this is potentially a dying art and our children have benefitted so much from learning this craft. The ladies have dedicated four fabulous years to our school and we will miss them.

We will also be saying a sad farewell to our fantastic lollipop lady who is finishing at the end of next week. Thank you very much for helping us stay safe on our busy school road.

If anyone is interested in either volunteering for the knitting club so that it can continue, or if anyone knows of someone who might be interested in taking up the position of school crossing patrol we would be delighted to hear from you. Please do not hesitate in contacting the school office for further details!

Wishing you a happy 'snow free' weekend.

*Mrs Rebecca Tregear*

### **IMPORTANT \*\*\*\* 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.

### **Holy Week**

Please encourage your children to say the Act of Contrition during Holy Week next week.....

*Oh my God  
Because you are so good  
I am very sorry that I have sinned  
against you  
and by the help of your grace I will not  
sin again.  
Amen*

### **New Menus**

The menus will be changing after Easter and a separate letter will be sent out at the beginning of next week.

### **After-school Clubs**

#### **Premier Sports**

Due to parents evening, Premier Sports will be having a replacement session on Thursday 19 April.

#### **Game On**

As the school was closed due to the snow, Game On will be having a replacement session on Friday 20 April.

#### **New Tennis Club**

Starting in the summer term. More information to follow next week.

### **Archery Report**

On Thursday morning some of Year 2 went to an archery competition. The archery was hard but it was the best day. We came third, it was so much fun that we didn't mind. We knew we had all tried our best! It is a great sport with numbers on the target so it also helps you with Maths.

Malachy  
Year 2/3

### **Netball Report**

On Tuesday, our netball teams played against Bushey Heath Primary. With some excellent play from all on court, the year 6/5 team won 4-2 while the year 5 team drew 2-2

Bushey Heath chose Ava as player of the match. Both teams played really well with fantastic shooting and defending on show. This was our last netball club for this term so a great way to finish. Bushey Heath have asked that we play at their school next term, so another exciting match to look forward to.

Happy Easter everyone!  
Thanks  
Lynda

### **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 **No Mufti Day** as originally stated.

Fri 18 May Mufti Day (Juniors to ring a bottle/Infants to bring nearly new toys)

Sun 20 May - Spring Fair at 12 noon

# Dates for your Diary

## 2018

### March

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

### April

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

Mon 16 April – Easter Bonnet parade. Information to be included in next weeks newsletter

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 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

Academic dates starting Sep 2018-Jul 2019 to follow next week.

