



Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School & Nursery

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24 November 2017

Dear Parents,

The evenings have been drawing in this week but that still hasn't slowed us down here at Sacred Heart. The children have been working hard...In Mrs Simpson's class our Reception children have been learning about 'The Little Red Hen' in English and investigating shape and pattern in Maths.

Year 1 have been learning about Christmas in Italy in their RE sessions. Francis Assisi made the nativity scene very popular, when he used them to tell the Christmas story. Year 1 have created their nativity scene with modern characters. These include ourselves as we will go to adore Jesus for his birthday.

In Year 2 our pupils with great excitement have now begun rehearsals for the Christmas nativity. In Miss Grover's class they have also enjoyed learning about Christmas traditions in other countries and sharing their research with one another. They were especially lucky when one of our parents came in to share the Christmas traditions in the Czech Republic. This really helped to bring their culture to life for the class.

Year 4 had a particularly full on week. They attended a local Speed Stacking competition and competed against six other local primary schools. We always advocate that the important thing is the taking part and that it isn't always about the winning that counts, but we certainly weren't disappointed when we did win...Congratulations Year 4! The children were a fantastic example of team work and were incredibly supportive of each other. I was very lucky to have been able to attend and share in their joy. Read some reports in the newsletter.

Today Mrs Leaper's class end the week with a beautiful class mass. This was celebrated by Fr Jim and was held in the classroom which made it a very intimate and special experience. The children read beautifully and were very reflective in the theme 'Sharing our Faith'. Thank you to all the families who were able to join us on this occasion and to Mrs Simpson for her wonderful musical accompaniment.

Yesterday we welcomed a new staff member to our family. Mr Jake Anderson has taken on a Sports Apprenticeship and will be with us this academic year to support our pupils in their learning. Mr Longman will be taking Mr Anderson under his wing and I am sure will enjoy having another male on the team. Mr Anderson will be helping to assist teachers in delivering PE lessons. In having another pair of hands in lessons, we will be able to further personalise our curriculum so that every child, no matter what their ability, is challenged.

Congratulations to our Girls' football team who played their second league match against St Joseph's last night. They continue their unbeaten run with a 2-0 victory. Well done girls.

I would like to end this week by saying a huge thank you to everyone who has been helping to prepare for our Christmas Bazaar. Again this event has a long tradition and I am in no doubt that this year will not disappoint. We will look forward to seeing many of you there. Thank you again to our fantastic community for your ongoing support in raising funds for our school.

Mrs Rebecca Tregear
Headteacher

Absences

When reporting absences, please give your child's FULL name and report absences before 9.30am to avoid receiving an unauthorised absence mark.

Late Children into school

Please can parents refrain from dropping their children off in the reception area without making sure that a member of staff is around to take them down to class. Unfortunately we had a parent who left their nursery child in the reception area but did not inform a member of staff first.

At the beginning of the school day

Please note that parents should not be entering the classrooms first thing in the morning to speak to the teacher. If you do wish to speak to the teacher, please make an appointment via the school office.

Christmas in a Box

Can you fill a box for a disadvantaged child this Christmas? If any parents would like to do this, please see the attached information. Boxes need to be returned to the school office by Wednesday 6 December and we will arrange for these to be collected by the Diocese.

Poppy Appeal

Thank you for supporting the Poppy Appeal again this year. We raised an incredible £186.16.

Thank You.....

for all the additional bottle donations we received this week, it was really appreciated.

Match Report: Sacred Heart v St Joseph's

First Half

I was lucky enough to be involved in this match. We started off strongly and the ball was mostly played in the opponents' half. There were a lot of good shots that either missed the goal or were saved by the keeper. A lot of corners were accurate but St Joseph's had a very good defence. St Joseph's team were very strong though and their throw ins were amazing, so that permitted them to get into our half. By the end of the first half it was 0-0 and tensions were running high.

Second Half

St Joseph's started to creep into our half and Darcey had to save some quite challenging shots but the defenders mostly kept it out of our box. Then suddenly the ball was streaking down the pitch and, after a goal mouth scramble, Maria scored with her right foot. Five minutes later Lilly-Mae had a clean shot with her right foot and it was 2-0 to Sacred Heart. Two minutes later, the game ended and Sacred Heart had won their second league game!

Reported By Anna Hiscock

Dates for your diary

Nov

Sat 25 Nov Christmas Bazaar, 11am-2pm
Wed 29 Nov FOSH meeting to be held in school, 2pm

Dec

Fri 1 Dec R-Y4 Flu vaccination
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

Two Reports from the Speed Stacking Competition

On Tuesday 21st November all the year 4 children walked to Queens Secondary School to take part in a speed stacking competition. When we arrived at the big hall there were lots of other children from different primary schools. The lady said there were 7 schools including Sacred Heart.

We went into our teams and we had to stack the cups 3, 3, 3. A grown up timed each team, to see who was the fastest. We then had to stack the cups in 3, 6, 3 which was more tricky. A grown up timed us again to see which school was the fastest. When every team had finished, the teacher from Queens School called out the results for the top 4 schools. Sacred Heart School won. We were all so excited and very happy. We are now going to the big county final, I hope we win.

By Aoibhinn x

On Tuesday afternoon the children from Year 4 all took part in the annual speed stacking competition at Queen's school. We were put into eight different groups and we competed against other local schools. The atmosphere was amazing as each team tried really hard to get a fast time. Each member of the team had a turn at stacking the cups and the times were recorded. Sacred Heart school had the fastest times and were the overall winners. We have now qualified for the final. We all showed a great team effort.

Go Sacred Heart!!!

By Sorcha Hanbury

Christmas in a box!



Can you fill a box for a disadvantaged child this Christmas?

Thousands of local children are facing a Christmas without presents, food or basic essentials.

You can help them by supporting our 'Christmas in a box' appeal.

How to help

1. Fill an old box or strong bag with the contents listed overleaf (all contents must be new)
2. Giftwrap and decorate your box!
3. Affix one of the labels overleaf to describe what is in your box.
4. Please call: 020 8969 5305 to arrange a time to deliver your gifts to: 73 St Charles Square, W10 6EJ

Thank you!



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Catholic Children's Society
Christmas box label

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- Emergency box Food box Gift

It is for:

- Boy Girl

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Any queries please call

020 8969 5305

or email kimberleyt@cathchild.org.uk

Catholic Children's Society
Registered Charity 210920

Please see below for the items to fill your box. You can customise this by adding extra items as you wish

Box 1: Emergency child gift box
To meet a child's basic needs.

Contents:

Child's hat, gloves, scarf, socks, shampoo, bar of soap, body wash, toothbrush, toothpaste, hand cream, moisturiser, baby lotion, washcloth

Optional: Nappies, baby wipes, Vaseline, comb, small gifts for child, bag of sweets, biscuits, chocolate, stuffed animal, coloured pencils, notepad, children's books etc.

Box 2: Food box

Items should be sealed and ideally long life.

Contents:

- Tinned goods - Baked beans, tinned meat, fruit etc.
- Powdered goods - Cake mix, angel delight, soup sachets, dried milk etc.
- Dried/long life items - Breakfast cereals, tea, coffee, rice, noodles, pasta etc.

Optional: Special Christmas items - biscuits, mince pies, Christmas pudding, sweets, chocolates etc.

3 Other donations

We would also welcome any new toys or gift vouchers for families. Or if you would like to make a direct donation to our charity, you can make cheques payable to Catholic Children's Society, donate by texting CCSW12 (plus the amount) £2/£5/£10 to 70070, or donate at www.cathchild.org.uk