



Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School & Nursery

Newsletter No 25

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Dear Parents,

As you are aware March has been a very busy month with all of our Lenten activities and fund raising. The children enjoyed coming to school today wearing a hat of their choice to help support Brain Cancer research, a very important cause. We were delighted to raise £269.48. Thank you for your generosity and support.

Well done to our Infant team for leading a beautiful and reflective Lenten Service this morning for our younger classes. It was a lovely way to end Holy Week.

We very much appreciate the time and effort that some of our families gave so freely to knit our Easter chicks and to those who sold them. I am delighted to inform you that this project has raised £653.38. A particular thank you goes to these families:- Jamie Harty, Becca Walsh, Lisa Hoy, Rachel Taylor and Bernie Grimes.

FOSH have been working extremely hard behind the scenes preparing for some events that are taking place next half term. They have produced a newsletter (see attached) to share with you, some of the wonderful things they have been doing and many of the plans they have in place for the near future.

Please share The Wednesday Word at home over this Easter weekend and as a family reflect on the ultimate sacrifice Jesus made for human kind, **'In dying he gave us new life.'**

Please return the Catholic Children's society (CCS) Lenten boxes straight after Easter. We greatly appreciate all contributions. Last year was a very successful year for the charity who were able to work with 70 schools providing specialist support and making a real difference to the children they were involved in. This is a wonderful charity because they work with children and families in crisis. An important part of their work is promoting Catholic Teaching (CST)

Well done to all the children who received an attendance certificate for the Spring Term.

We say a fond farewell to Emma our Lollipop lady today and thank her for keeping us safe come rain or shine!

On Monday 16th April to kick start our Summer term we will be giving all the children the choice to wear an Easter bonnet for our Easter parade. The teachers have set the optional homework task of creating an Easter Bonnet over the holiday break. I have been told this is a tradition and that many of our staff also like to get involved in the fun.

I would like to wish each and every one of you a very happy Eastertide with your families.

Mrs Rebecca Tregear

Dear God

During Lent help us to keep our eyes on Jesus.

Help us to spend more time talking and listening to you.

Help us to share what we have with others and be sorry for times we have done wrong.

Amen

Reminders

Please return school meal information to the office ASAP.

Please remember that the children can wear summer uniform next term.

Sainsbury Active Kids Vouchers

Last year we collected these vouchers which enabled us to replenish a range of PE resources. The scheme is now underway. Please encourage family and friends to collect the vouchers for our school. These can be handed in the school foyer.

Cross County Competition

It has been brought to my attention that we have our very own sporting stars at Sacred Heart. Congratulations to Lucia in Year 5 who went to a cross country competition in Cassiobury Park on Saturday organised by Watford Harriers (she qualified for the competition as a result of finishing in the top 10 of a school competition earlier this year). She came 17th out of 60 Year 5 girls. Well done to Sadie who also qualified for the competition but was injured and couldn't run!

Staff Car Park & Entrance Gate

A reminder to parents that the staff car park and entrance is for staff, visitors and delivery vehicles only. This is also for the safety of your children as the car park is used by delivery vans/drivers throughout the day. It should not to be used by parents to drop off or collect their children, unless you have prior permission from the Headteacher.

Your cooperation in this matter would be greatly appreciated.



Surprise gift from FOSH

Our children were really excited to receive a surprise Easter Egg today as a special end of term treat from our fabulous FOSH team. They have promised that they will wait until Easter Sunday to devour them!

This week many of our pupils have completed some extended writing in RE to describe parts of Jesus' Journey to the Cross. Miss McCarthy's class have shared with us some of their accounts below.

My journey to meet my Father

All I can see is a dusty path leading up to my death; I hear frightful shouts and jeers from the crowd surrounding me. The stabbing pain I feel hearing the crowds mocking me as I stagger along my torturous journey, carrying this heavy burden on my back. I feel like I am in a hideous and unforgettable place. I collapse with exhaustion, but the Soldiers still whip me. My crown of thorns wounds me while I weep in pain.

For the first time in my life, I think I did something right.

They all knew I was close to death by now, so they send in a Cyrenean to help bear my cross.

Though I am leaving my Mother, I am going to meet my Father in a much better place.

Lilly-Mae

The journey to my Crucifixion

The soldiers lowered the cross onto my shoulders. This cross was no ordinary cross; it was very heavy and uncomfortable as the edges were piercing into my shoulder's bone. I felt like at least ten tonnes of wood had been placed onto my shoulders.

I had an appalling headache, it was stabbing me harder the more I furthered. My mouth was dry like a desert that hasn't had any rain for years. The diadem on my head was to mock me: it was made out of thorns. This was the reason I had to carry my cross to the place I will die: I said I was king and the son of God; but maybe I should have stayed silent and only talked to the disciples.

Despite being in pain, I was happy, it was kind of a proud happy.

I was proud to be king of the Jews and happy that I was going to die for them: my people. We had arrived at the top of the hill, the one on which I was going to die. They stripped me of my garments so that everyone could see my scratches, bruises and wounds.

The time had come, to be crucified. The cross had a little ledge for me to stand on. No matter how much it had hurt, I didn't cry because this was the prophecy; this was my destiny; this was how to save my people from their sins. The others do not understand why I would like to do it- I wouldn't- I'm doing it because I must.

Mila

Dates for your Diary 2018

April

Mon 16th April – Term starts

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

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

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

May

Mon 7th May – Bank Holiday

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

Mon 14th May – Thurs 17th May – Year 6 Sats Week

Wed 23 May – Year 6 Class Mass in school - Parents are most welcome

Mon 28th May – 1st Jun – HALF TERM

June

Wed 13th June – Year 5 Class Mass – Parents are most welcome

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

July

Mon 9th July - Junior Play – 7pm – Parents are most welcome ***Please note change of date***

Tues 10th July - Infant End of Year Assembly, 9:30am - Parents are most welcome & young children

Wed 11th July – Infant End of Year Assembly, 9:30 am - Parents are most welcome (no younger children)

Wed 11th July – Junior Play – 7pm – Parents are most welcome

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

Fri 20th July – End of Term – School closes at 1:15pm

Term Dates for academic Year 2018/19

Autumn Term 2018

3rd and 4th September INSET – *School Closed to Pupils*

5th September – 26th October Term time

29th October – 2nd November Half Term holiday

5th November - 21st December Term time

24th December – 4th January Christmas Holidays

Spring Term 2019

7th January INSET – *School Closed to Pupils*

8th January – 15th February Term time

18th – 22nd February Half Term holiday

25th February – 5th April Term time

8th April – 18th April Easter Holidays

19 April Good Friday (Bank Holiday) –school closed

22 April Easter Monday (Bank Holiday) – school closed

Summer Term 2019

23rd April – 24th May Term time

6th May Bank Holiday - *School Closed*

27th May – 31st May Half Term holiday

3rd June – 19th July Term time

Monday 22nd July, INSET *School Closed to Pupils*

Tuesday 23th July, INSET *School Closed to Pupils*

Wednesday 24th July INSET *School Closed to Pupils*