



Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School & Nursery

Newsletter No. 4

29 September 2017

Dear Parents,

I am delighted to tell you that the children had the most fantastic time in The Big Tent during our Circus skills workshops on Wednesday. All the pupils and staff were fully engaged with a whole variety of different events including plate spinning, hula hooping, and juggling. I have spoken with many of the pupils from Early Years through to Year 6 and they said it was amazing! Miss Coley's class completed some lovely writing about the visit too. In fact rumour has it that the workshops didn't end at 3.20 that day. Several of the staff were practising their hula hooping techniques and Mr Longman took the practice very seriously! I would like to say a very big thank you to our parents and FOSH for helping to organise the circus. I am sure you will agree this will have taken a lot of time to arrange. An extra special thank you to Susie O'Connor, Chair of FOSH, who led the occasion.

We held a FOSH AGM yesterday evening and it was fabulous to hear about all the hard work that Sacred Heart Friends and Families had put into raising money for our school. I cannot say enough about how challenging school budgets are these days. What used to be considered as basics are now luxuries. I would like to say a huge well done to everyone for their time, energy and support. This year we have a number of exciting ideas for how we would like to spend any funds raised such as a big focus on resourcing the school with I.T. hardware including tablets, visualizers and laptops. The children really enjoy using computing to access the curriculum and we feel it will help to enhance the pupils' learning even further and impact on high standards. We have many exciting events planned for this year that we hope many of you can support and attend. Any help is greatly appreciated. We have our famous Firework evening coming up and then the Christmas Fair later this term. Hope many of you enjoy the Circus show if you are able to attend this weekend.

Best wishes

Mrs Rebecca Tregear
Headteacher

Cycling to School

A reminder for parents that any child cycling to school should be wearing cycle helmets.

Annual Flu Vaccination

All consents need to be submitted online by 29 September 2017. Please see the attached information which was also sent out in the week.

Certificate of Catholic Practice Forms

Fr Jim will be available for signing application forms for secondary school after all masses this weekend and next weekend.

Parents Evening Wed 18 & Thurs 19 Oct

We will be trying out a new online booking system which will go live to parents on Mon 9-13 October for Parents evening. This will enable parents to book online instead of completing sign up sheets. Further information will be sent out next week and we would appreciate any feedback on this system to admin@sacredheart682.herts.sch.uk.

Pupil Choice Meals

A letter will be coming out on Monday about Pupil Choice for School Meals which will be starting after half term. This will need to be completed and returned by Friday 6 October.

Security Fences

We have fantastic fencing that goes all the way round to Y4, ensuring that the entire building is secure. We would like to say a huge thanks to FOSH and the Governors for their contribution.

Vacancies

We have a job vacancy for Breakfast Club. Please see www.teachinherts.com for more details.

Homework Club

Homework Club started this week at lunchtime. There has been a slight change to the days of the week:-

Year 6 Monday
Year 5 Wednesday
Year 4 Wednesday
Year 3 Friday

A Message From Fr Jim McNicholas, Parish Priest

Every year, as part of the teaching for those interested in becoming a Catholic, (RCIA) I go through the Mass while explaining the significance and focus of each stage. We always invite members of the parish to come too. Many parishioners have told me how informative this has been for them and it has helped them to find new meaning when they come to Mass. This year this 'teaching' mass is on Wednesday 4th October at 8pm in the church. I am sorry that this is very short notice but if any of you are able to join us you will be very welcome.

Dates for your Diary

Oct

Tues 3 Oct Y1 Multi Skills Competition, Bushey Manor, 1-3pm
Wed 4 Oct Teaching Mass 8pm - 9pm, in the Church
Fri 6 Oct Y6 St Michaels Football & Netball tournament
Mon 9 Oct FOSH Meeting, 3.30pm School Hall
Fri 13 Oct Harvest Liturgy, 10.15am, in church
w/c 16 Oct Science & DT Week
Tues 17 Oct Y4 One World Festival, St Michaels
Wed 18 Oct Parents Evening 5pm-7.30pm
Thurs 19 Oct Parents Evening 3.30pm-6pm
Fri 20 Oct Deanery Day INSET DAY
Mon 23 Oct- Fri 27 Oct HALF TERM

Nov

Sat 4 Nov Fireworks night
Sat 25 Nov Christmas Bazaar, 11am-2pm