



## Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School & Nursery

Newsletter No 22

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*Dear Parents,*

It has been an interesting fortnight with the weather and I am pleased to see that the "Beast From The East" and 'Storm Emma' are behind us. The children loved observing the frozen conditions and seeing snowflake patterns in the ice and the icicles.

In Mrs Ramsay's class the children have been telling us what they love about our school and what they would like to make it even better. Y2 have been writing letters about this and have shared some wonderful ideas that we will be looking at, to see whether some of these can be implemented including buddies across the school, (not just Reception and Y6) having playground monitors to help keep the playground tidy and having a worry box in each class to share any concerns they may have. They even suggested that we have some pupils who take on the role of 'Apostles of Mercy' to remind us and help us to follow in Jesus' footsteps, as well as other incentives and rewards for doing well.

We would like to embed further the principles of a growth mindset and all the pupils in our school will be asked further to think about how they could personally develop their learning and life skills. They will be sharing and discussing different ways in which they might be able to develop their skills such as perseverance, resilience, and team work. I am always extremely impressed with their ideas and so will be looking forward to hearing them. Harrow RFC have donated us some new rugby balls as well as tags and belts for tag rugby. We are looking to introduce this into the PE curriculum starting with some classes next term.

With the very high expectations that we have of our children in class at Sacred Heart we have also been considering how we can make our lunchtimes as fun as possible and are introducing some other lunch time clubs that the pupils can sign up to such as Tennis and Drama. Watch this space for further information. At the moment our Sports Apprentice; Mr Anderson has been tasked to involve more of our less sporty pupils to take part in different activities such as bowls, and archery and these have been very popular.

The Eco - Council have been working hard to think about how we can keep our school tidy. They will be carrying out a litter picking event later this month and encouraging the school to be more environmentally aware. Last Wednesday we had a beautiful mass with Miss Coley's class. As always the children were impeccable in their behaviour and engaged fully in the mass through their readings & prayers, as well as in their singing, signing and responses to Father Jim's questions in the homily. Thank you to the families who were able to join us for this special event. Thank you to Miss Coley for organising the mass and Mrs Simpson for providing the music and leading the children in song. The theme was about 'Light' how Jesus is the light of the world as our saviour and how we can be lights today, both at home and at school. I had the pleasure of sitting near two toddlers and was aware that their Mum's were conscious of keeping them still and quiet throughout the mass. At one point the pair decided to go and play quietly together at the back of the hall and as we do as parents, the children were soon scooped back up. It was at this moment that I thought to myself 'What would Jesus do, if he were standing with us in mass and could hear these little ones laughing and chatting with one another?' I believe the answer to that question would be that he would stop the adults and ask them to be still and listen to the sound of happiness and the children's love of life. It is on a regular basis that we hear difficult news and even tragedy both in our community, nationally and in our world. It was at this moment that I felt called to thank God for the present....the gift of the here and now! We are all so tied up in our busy schedules and with what is to come, that it is often a challenge to remain mindful of the moment we are in. This is what is so beautiful about working in a school because the children are so much better at being in the present. Of course it is important to be reverent in mass, but it made me personally very happy that these little ones took part in celebrating Jesus' light in their own way. The moral of my message here, is to smile and be grateful for what we have, to do our best and to not worry about what others are thinking. To live for every moment and try not to get too wrapped up in our plans for what is next, so that we then lose sight of what is now! We have one life on this earth which is so very precious and we never know what the next day will bring, so let us be grateful for all that we have and everyone we love! It was wonderful to see so many of our families join us this morning for our Mothers Day service. Wishing you all a wonderful weekend, especially our Mum's on Mothering Sunday. I hope you all get to enjoy the present, because time is something that moves so quickly. If you are able to, just stop, look around you and appreciate the many gifts you have in your life today.

*Mrs Rebecca Tregear*

### **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 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.

### **Parents' Evening**

Years R/1 - Year 4 are having their Parents' Evening on Wednesday 21 March and Thursday 22 March. Clip Boards will be outside the School Office foyer next week. If the weather is wet, the boards will be inside in the corridor by the office.

### **Zig-zag lines outside school**

Please could I remind all parents and carers not to drop off/pick up or wait in the zig zag line area outside school. This is a hazard for the child being dropped off or collected and also puts our other children, pedestrians and road users in danger. Thank you for your support.

### **Sports Results**

#### **Netball**

Children from Year 5 and 6 took part in a friendly match against Bushey Manor on Tuesday evening. The Year 6 team lost 5-2 but given that we only had three Year 6's playing this was a good result as the Year 5 girls filling in did a brilliant job against much stronger opposition. The match was actually much closer than the score implies. Sacred Heart had good possession throughout but were unable to score the goals their possession deserved. Player of the match in this match went to Elena (chosen by Bushey Manor).

The Year 5 game was 1-1 for the majority of the game until Bushey Manor managed to snatch victory with a winning goal just before the final whistle. Player of the match was Phoebe (chosen by Bushey Manor).

The girls all played really well and were a credit to Sacred Heart.

A special thanks to Linda who trains the girls and organised the fixture.

### **FOSH Dates**

End of Spring Term - Knitted Easter Chicks on sale in the playground.

29 March Muffi Day. Details to follow

19 May Muffi Day (Bring a bottle)

20 May - Spring Fair at 12 noon

# Dates for your Diary

## 2018

### March

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 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

