

NEWSLETTER

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

11th February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have continued to work incredibly hard and are becoming experts at using Google Classroom. Thank you for supporting your children with their learning and thank you to the teachers who are ensuring that both the children in school and at home are being taught.

This week the children have enjoyed celebrating Internet Safety Day and Feeling Good Week. They have completed a variety of exciting activities which they have shared on Google Classroom. After half term we have Parents' Consultations and World Book Day. There is more information about these below.

I hope you have a lovely half term.

Thank you for your continued support.

May God bless you and take care.

Mrs Smith



Remote Learning

The children have continued to access their remote learning through Google Classroom. On the school website under pupils there is a Google Classroom page. This has videos with advice on how to use Google Classroom.

<https://sacredheart682.herts.sch.uk/>

Little and often is the best way to help learning embed in a child's long term memory. Therefore it is better to do some English and Maths every day as opposed to spending hours one day and not doing any the next. You may also find that if your child spends too long working one day, they will find it more difficult to be motivated the next day.

Parents' Consultations

Parents' consultations will take place over the first two weeks after half term. You will be sent a link to book your virtual meeting with the class teacher. The dates are on the diary dates below.

World Book Day

On Thursday 4th March it is WORLD BOOK DAY! To celebrate this we would like the children to dress up as a character or object from a book. We will be taking part in a Virtual Parade to celebrate and see each other's amazing costumes!

The Virtual World Book Day Parade will be between 10am and 11am. Please post pictures on our school Twitter account, @NewsfromSHS between these times. You can also send your pictures to news@sacredheart682.herts.sch.uk and we will post them for you.

The children will be set fun writing and reading activities which are focused around a text or book they have been looking at in class.

RE Newsletter

Please click the link below to access the February RE Newsletter

www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-newsletter/

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Children's Newsletter



If you would like your child's work to go into the Children's Newsletter or onto the school's Twitter account, please email their work to: news@sacredheart682.herts.sch.uk. This is a lovely way for pupils to share their work. Any pictures and work that are sent through to this email account will be put into the Children's Newsletter and/or onto the school's Twitter account. Please only send to the news email if you are happy for these to be used for those two purposes.

Attendance

We are continuing to take the register during the first morning live meeting and at least 98.5% of the school are accessing their learning everyday. This is amazing and once again I would like to thank the parents and staff for supporting the children to access their work. We are delighted that our whole school attendance since September has improved. This time last year it was 95.83% and it is now 97.15%. A huge well done to everyone.



Wellbeing

Lockdown is a challenging time for everyone. Below are some links to sites which have advice and tips for families.

Highlighted are the new links.

- <https://www.healthyyoungmindsinherts.org.uk/young-people/when-get-help-immediately>
- <https://www.justtalkherts.org/just-talk-herts.aspx>
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zrmhscw>
- <https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/supporting-your-child-during-the-coronavirus-pandemic/>
- <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/coronavirus-advice-support-children-families-parents/>
- <https://www.familylives.org.uk/advice/your-family/family-life/coping-practically-and-emotionally-during-the-covid-19-outbreak/>

The helpline below is also available for young people aged 10-18 years who are experiencing a dip in their mental health and wellbeing.

- <https://www.hertsmindnetwork.org/young-peoples-helpline>

On the school website, you can find a wellbeing pack for parents. Click on the link below to access this.

- <https://sacredheart682.herts.sch.uk/news-dates/newsletters/>

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Nursery Admissions

A reminder that the deadline to apply for a place in Nursery starting September 2021 is tomorrow, Friday 12 February. To download an application form please go to the school website

<https://sacredheart682.herts.sch.uk/our-school/nursery/>

For more information please contact the school office, 01923 901179.

COVID-19

If your child tests positive for coronavirus, please notify us as soon as possible so we can complete the relevant tracking and tracing process with Public Health and notify any other children or staff who have been in close contact and need to self-isolate.

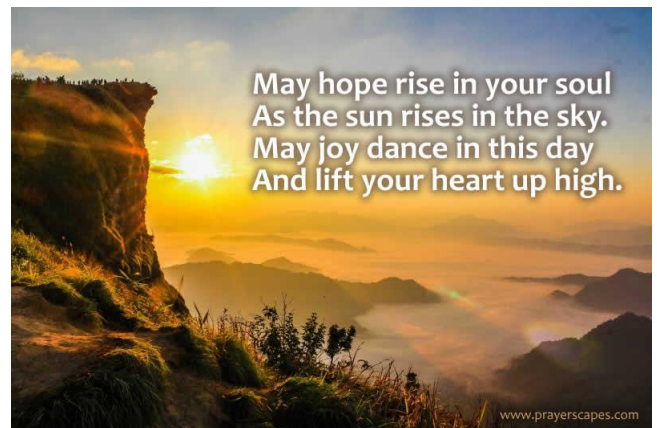
Remember as soon as your child or any member of your household develops symptoms, they must start self-isolating immediately and book a test.

Main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste differently

If you're not sure whether symptoms suggest that they have coronavirus or an everyday cough or cold, you can consult the online NHS symptom checker:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>



Dates for Spring Term 2021

Date	Event
Monday 15 th February – Friday 19 th February 2021	Half Term
Monday 22 nd February 2021	Children return to school. This week's assemblies will focus on Lent.
Tuesday 23 rd February 20201	Virtual Parents' Consultations – Reception/St Joseph
Wednesday 24 th February 2021	Virtual Parents' Consultations – Reception/St Francis, Year 2/St Therese

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Thursday 25 th February 2021	Virtual Parents' Consultations – Year 1/St Anthony, Year 1/2/St Cecilia, Year 3/St Bernadette
Friday 26 th February 2021	Non-Uniform day. To celebrate St David's Day the children may wear red, white and green clothes. We ask for a £1 donation towards the school funds via the School Gateway. Virtual St David's Day Parade between 10am and 11am. Please post pictures on our school Twitter account, @NewsfromSHS between these times. You can also send your pictures to news@sacredheart682.herts.sch.uk and we will post them for you.
Monday 1 st March 2021	Virtual Parents' Consultations – St Anne/Nursery, St Josephine-Bakhita/Year 5
Tuesday 2 nd March 2021	Virtual Parents' Consultations – St Anne/Nursery, St Patrick/Year 4, St John Bosco/Year 6
Wednesday 3 rd March 2021	Virtual Parents' Consultations – St Peter/ Year 3/4, St Padre Pio/Year 5/6
Thursday 4 th March 2021	World Book Day – the children may come to school dressed up as a character from a book or linked to an object from a book. Virtual World Book Day Parade between 10am and 11am. Please post pictures on our school Twitter account, @NewsfromSHS between these times. You can also send your pictures to news@sacredheart682.herts.sch.uk and we will post them for you.
Friday 12 th March 2021	All classes from Nursery up to Year 6 - Mothers' Day class assemblies – more information to follow.
Wednesday 17 th March 2021	Non-Uniform day. To celebrate St Patrick's Day the children may wear green, white and orange clothes. We ask for a £1 donation towards the school funds via School Gateway.
Thursday 25 th March 2021	Junior Lent Service – more information to follow.
Friday 26 th March 2021	End of term and Whole School Easter Bonnet Parade, school finishes at 1:15pm.

Summer Term 2021

Date	Event
Monday 12 th April 2021	Children return to school.
Friday 16 th April 2021	Beginning of Term Mass - Year 4 pupils will lead the Mass – more information to follow.

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Friday 23 rd April 2021	Non-Uniform day. To celebrate St George's Day the children may wear red and white clothes. We ask for a £1 donation towards the school funds payable via School Gateway.
Monday 3 rd May 2021	May Day Bank Holiday
Monday 10 th May to Thursday 13 th May 2021	Year 6 Sats.
Thursday 13 th May 2021	Ascension Mass in Church at 2pm for Years 1 – 6 - Year 3 pupils will lead the Mass – more information to follow.
Tuesday 18 th May 2021	Phase 1/2 Mass – more information to follow.
Tuesday 25 th May 2021	EYFS Assembly – more information to follow.
Wednesday 26 th May 2021	Year 5 Year Group Mass – more information to follow.
Monday 31 st May – Friday 4 th June 2021	Half Term
Monday 7 th June 2021	Inset Day
Tuesday 8 th June – 11 th June 2021	One World Week – Working together for a just, peaceful & sustainable world.
Friday 11 th June 2021	Sacred Heart Feast Day Mass at 11am for Years 1 – 6. Year 1 and 2 will lead. If possible, this will be followed by a whole school picnic at 12pm on the school field. More information to follow.
Wednesday 16 th June 2021	Phase 3/4 Mass – more information to follow.
Thursday 24 th June 2021	Infant Sports Day at 9:15am Junior Sports Day at 1:30pm More information to follow. Children wear their PE kit with a coloured t-shirt to match their house. Matthew - Yellow, Mark - Red, Luke - Green and John - Blue
Tuesday 29 th June 2021	St Peter and Paul Mass - Year 6 pupils will lead the Mass – more information to follow.
Monday 5 th July 2021	Year 5/6 Production – more information to follow.
Tuesday 6 th July 2021	Year 5/6 Production – more information to follow.
Wednesday 14 th July 2021	Year 6 Leavers Mass – more information to follow.
Friday 16 th July 2021	End of Term, school finishes at 12 pm for Years R up to Year 5. School ends at 1:30pm for Year 6 pupils.

Any dates that are added or amended are highlighted in yellow.