

NEWSLETTER

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

12th June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to see some of the children returning to school but we miss having all of the children here. Just so that you know, we will be sending out school reports by post next week so please keep a look out for these. Next Friday, is the Sacred Heart Feast Day. There is information below on how the children can all join in our celebration for this.

May God bless you and take care
Mrs Smith

Staffing

Miss Zarandi will be leaving Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School at the end of this academic year. She has been an invaluable member of the school community for over ten years. Miss Morin is also leaving at the end of this school year. The staff and pupils have all enjoyed working with her this year. We would like to thank them both for all of their hard work and commitment to the school. We will miss them both and wish them all the best as they further their careers.

We are pleased to announce that Ms Emma Shi, Miss Michaela Rosenthal and Mr Paolo Graceffa will all be joining the Sacred Heart team. We are looking forward to working them.

Sacred Heart Feast Day

We are celebrating our Sacred Heart Feast Day on Friday 19th June. The pupils have activities linked to this in their home learning packs next week. On the Friday, please post pictures of the children's work or their celebrations for the feast day on to our Twitter account - @NewsfromSHS. Equally you can send pictures to news@sacredheart682.herts.sch.uk and we will post these up for you.

Novena to the Sacred Heart – concluding on 19th June 2020.

There is a long-standing tradition in the Church of dedicating nine days of prayer to the Heart of Christ, concluding on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart on 19th June. Many parishes and schools already pray this Novena every year and there are many beautiful variations. This year, there is a version, composed by the Pope's Prayer Network Director in London, which will be available online at www.popesglobalprayer.net. Each day of the Novena is presented in an Ignatian way, suggesting a Spiritual Exercise each day.

Home Learning

Home learning packs are being emailed to parents and put onto the school website. Also under the COVID-19 home learning section on the school website - <https://sacredheart682.herts.sch.uk/>, there are some extra year group home learning packs. To access these click on Maths & English Activity Booklet. You can email your child's work to their teacher on the class email for them to see. These class emails can also be found in the home learning section on the website.

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Children's Newsletter

Many pupils are sending work to news@sacredheart682.herts.sch.uk for the Children's Newsletter. Thank you for this as it is a lovely way for pupils to share their work. Also, thank you to Mrs Ramsay for our latest editions of these.

Pupil Premium Funding

In certain circumstances, schools are able to claim approximately £1,600 of extra funding per child for pupils whose parents are in receipt of various benefits. The criteria are the same as they would be for applying for 'free school meals' in KS2. The money can be used to support anything that improves a child's enjoyment, wellbeing, achievement or attainment at school. The funding could be used to pay for individual music tuition, 1:1 maths/literacy support, Breakfast Club and After School Club places, etc. If you think that you or your partner may be eligible to claim this extra money for your child, please speak to Mrs Pryke in the school office as soon as possible. All enquiries of this nature will be treated in strictest confidence. If you know you are entitled to Pupil Premium funding, you can apply directly using the following website: www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals. Once successfully applied for, this funding will remain in place each year that your child is with us. Please note that this extra funding is available to all eligible children in school, from Nursery to Year 6. If you are in any doubt if your child is eligible for Pupil Premium Funding please ask us.

