

NEWSLETTER

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

13th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, we have had parents' evening for all classes. Thank you to parents for coming to these. The children have been working really hard and it has been lovely for the teachers to share their learning with you.

Next week, we have a non-uniform day on Tuesday 17th March. The children may come to school wearing green, white and orange clothes to celebrate St Patrick's Day. We also have Mother's Day assemblies. Please see the diary dates for more information on these.

Have a good weekend.

Mrs Smith

Online Learning

The pupils now have access to a range of online learning sites. The teachers can set activities for the children to complete and the children can also go online and select activities and games to play. The children have been sent home with letters about the sites. They have also been given a copy of their passwords for each site which they have stuck in their reading record books.

Education City – All year groups from Nursery up to Year 6

The children can complete English, Maths, Science and Computing activities on this site.

<https://www.educationcity.com>

My Maths – All year groups from Year 1 to Year 6

The children can complete Maths lessons and homework tasks. There are also booster activities and games that the children can play.

<https://www.mymaths.co.uk>

Times Tables Rock Stars – All year groups from Year 1 to Year 6

The children can practise learning their times tables to music.

<https://ttrockstars.com>

Next week, the children will also receive a login for Readingeggs which is a site where the children can complete reading and phonics activities. More information will follow.

If you have any issues accessing any of these, please let us know.

5p Challenge

The 5p Challenge is an interclass competition to see who can collect the most 5p coins. Some classes have begun filling their second bottle and the children can continue to bring in 5p's up to the end of term.

The winning class receive £50 and will get to decide, along with their class teacher, what they would like to spend the money on for their class.

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Sports Achievements

We have had a range of sporting events over the last couple of weeks.

The boys football team played a match against St. Joseph's and the girls football team played against Chorleywood Primary school. The netball team played Newberries Primary school. All teams had great matches and the children all enjoyed participating.

Our gymnastics team came 4th in their competition and performed brilliantly. Well done to all children involved.



FOSH

After school today, FOSH started selling Mother's Day gifts. These will also be selling them after school on Monday 16th March. Presents cost £2.50. Presents will be available for Nursery children on Monday at 11.45am.

They are also delighted to share with you that our application to the Tesco Bags of Help grant scheme has been successful and our project to refurbish the library will be put forward to a customer vote in Tesco stores during April, May and June 2020.

Our project, along with two other successful projects in the region, will go forward to a vote in Tesco stores where their customers will decide the outcome by voting for their favourite project each time they shop. Voting will take place from Wednesday 1st April 2020 until Tuesday 30th June 2020. The project with the highest number of votes across the region will receive £2,000, the second placed project £1,000 and the third placed project £500.

You can vote in the following stores:

3372	WATFORD EXTRA	WD17 2BD	Extra
6547	WATFORD 114 HI ST EXP	WD17 2BJ	Express
6753	WATFORD LANGLEY EXP	WD17 4BU	Express
5674	WATFORD WIPENDELL EXP	WD18 7NB	Express
3158	SOUTH OXHEY EXPRESS	WD19 6EG	Express
2181	BUSHEY HEATH EXPRESS	WD23 1EL	Express
5018	HARCOURT RD BUSHY EXP	WD23 3PP	Express
5690	WATFORD ST ALBN EXP	WD24 4AU	Express
4819	WATFORD EXP	WD25 0EL	Express
3061	LEAVESDEN WATFORD EXP	WD5 0BT	Express
3382	WATLING RADLET EXP	WD7 7LA	Express
3250	SHENLEY EXPRESS	WD7 9AA	Express

To vote, you will need to make a purchase, within store, of any value. You will receive one token per transaction, it is not necessary to purchase a carrier bag in order to receive a token.

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Parking

Please may we continue to remind parents to consider where they are parking. Please do not block the driveways of the residents or park on the corners of pavements. Residents need to be able to leave their premises at all times during the day and pedestrians need to be able to walk safely on the pavements. Thank you for your support with this.

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.

Lenten prayer

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



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Spring Term 2020

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

Date	Event
Tuesday 17 th March	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 the School Gateway.
Tuesday 17 th March	Due to Phasels Wood, Mother's Day class assembly for all Year 5 in school at 9:05am. Parents and carers are welcome to join us.
Wednesday 18 th March – Friday 20 th March	Year 5 Phasels Wood trip
Friday 20 th March	Mother's Day class assemblies in school, please see timings below. Parents and carers are welcome to join us. 9.00am – Nursery 9.10am – Reception (Miss Loftus & Mrs Stapleton's classes) 9.30am – Year 1, Year 1/2 & Year 2 9.55am – Year 3, Year 3/4 & Year 4 10.15am – all Year 6 There will be teas and coffees in the hall for parents and carers whilst they wait for their child's assembly.
Tuesday 24 th March	Phase 3/4 play in school at 9:30am. Parents and siblings below school age are welcome to join us. Siblings in school will have an opportunity to watch the play.
Wednesday 25 th March	Phase 3/4 play in school at 9:30am. Parents are welcome to join us. We ask for no siblings during this performance.
Friday 27 th March	Second hand school uniform will be sold after school. Weather permitting this will be by the bike shed. If the weather is wet this will be in school.
Wednesday 1 st April	Junior Lent Service in church at 10am for Years 3,4,5,6. Parents are welcome to join us – time has changed.
Wednesday 1 st April	Parent Forum in school at 9:15am.
Friday 3 rd April	End of term and whole school Easter Bonnet Parade, school finishes at 1:15pm.

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Date	Event
Monday 20 th April	Children return to school
Thursday 23 rd April	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.
Friday 24 th April	Beginning of Term Mass in Church at 9:15am for Years 1 – 6. Parents are most welcome to join us. Year 4 pupils will lead the Mass.
Wednesday 29 th April	Manor Adventure Parents' meeting at 5:30pm.
Friday 1 st May	Second hand school uniform will be sold after school. Weather permitting this will be by the bike shed. If the weather is wet, this will be in school.
Wednesday 6 th May	Parent Forum in school at 9:15am.
Friday 8 th May	May Day Bank Holiday
Monday 11 th May – Thursday 14 th May	Year 6 Sats
Monday 18 th May – Thursday 21 st May	One World Week
Tuesday 19 th May	EYFS Assembly in school at 9:30am. Parents are welcome to join us.
Thursday 21 st May	Ascension Mass in Church at 9:15am for Years 1 – 6. Parents are welcome to join us. Year 3 pupils will lead the Mass.
Friday 22 nd May	Inset Day
Monday 25 th May – Friday 29 th May	Half Term
Monday 1 st June	Children return to school
Monday 1 st June – Friday 5 th June	Manor Adventure – Year 6 Residential Trip
Wednesday 3 rd June	Year 5 year group Mass in school at 2pm. Parents are welcome to join us.
Friday 5 th June	Second hand school uniform will be sold after school. Weather permitting this will be by the bike shed. If the weather is wet this will be in school.
Wednesday 10 th June	Phase 1/2 Mass – 9:15am in church. Parents are welcome to join us in church. After Mass there will be an opportunity for parents to come back to school and look at their child's work.

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Wednesday 17 th June	Parent Forum in school at 9:15am.
Friday 19 th June	Sacred Heart Feast Day Mass at 9:15am for Years 1 – 6. Parents are welcome to join us. Year 1 and 2 pupils will lead the Mass.
Thursday 25 th June	Infant Sports Day at 9:15am Junior Sports Day at 1:30pm Parents are welcome to join us. Children wear their PE kit with a coloured t-shirt to match their house. Matthew - Yellow, Mark - Red, Luke - Green and John - Blue
Friday 26 th June	Second hand school uniform will be sold after school. Weather permitting this will be by the bike shed. If the weather is wet, this will be in school.
Wednesday 1 st July	Phase 3/4 Mass – 9:15am in church. Parents are welcome to join us in church. After Mass, there will be an opportunity for parents to come back to school and look at their child's work with them in class.
Monday 6 th July	Year 5/6 Production in school at 6pm. Parents are welcome to join us.
Tuesday 7 th July	Year 5/6 Production in school at 2pm. Parents are welcome to join us.
Thursday 9th July	Moving up day
Tuesday 14 th July	Nursery trip to the allotments.
Tuesday 14 th July	Year 6 Leavers' Mass in Church at 7pm.
Wednesday 15 th July	Second hand school uniform will be sold after school. Weather permitting this will be by the bike shed. If the weather is wet, this will be in school.
Thursday 16 th July	End of Term and whole school picnic, school finishes at 1:15pm
Friday 17 th July Monday 20 th July Tuesday 21 st July	Inset Day Inset Day Inset Day

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Term Dates 2020-2021

Autumn Term 2020

Date	Event
Wednesday 2 nd September	Inset Day
Thursday 3 rd September	First Day of term for pupils
Monday 26 th October – 30 th October	Half Term
Monday 2 nd November	Pupils back in school
Friday 27 th November	Occasional Day – school is closed
Friday 18 th December	Last Day of Term – school finishes at 1:15pm
Monday 21 st – Friday 1 st January	Christmas Holidays

Spring Term 2021

Date	Event
Monday 4 th January	First Day of term for pupils
Monday 15 th February – Friday 19 th February	Half Term
Monday 22 nd February	Pupils back in school
Friday 26 th March	Last Day of Term – school finishes at 1:15pm
Monday 29 th March – Friday 9 th April	Easter Holidays

Summer Term 2021

Date	Event
Monday 12 th April	First Day of term for pupils
Monday 3 rd May	May Day Bank Holiday – school is closed
Monday 31 st May – Friday 4 th June	Half Term
Monday 7 th June	Inset Day
Tuesday 8 th June	Pupils back in school
Thursday 15 th July	Last Day of Term – school finishes at 1:15pm