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SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

13th November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you all had a lovely half term. The pupils have come back to school looking very smart in their winter school uniform. The children may wear their school PE jumpers on any day to school and we recommend that they wear layers under their uniform. Windows are open in the classrooms to aid air flow and ventilation so this will help them to keep warm. Last Monday, the whole of Year 4 held a virtual Year group liturgy and on Thursday Phase 5/6 held a virtual Phase liturgy. The children read very well and reflected on friendship and love.

Mrs Smith

Anti-Bullying Week & Just Talk Week

Next week is Anti-Bullying Week. The House Captains have put together a range of activities on the theme that we are all a piece in the puzzle, and together, we're united against bullying.

These include an assembly on Monday, a questionnaire for the pupils to complete and the children can wear odd socks on Monday.

It is also 'Just Talk Week' next week. The children will be completing activities that focus positive mental health and stories of hope.

Attendance

Our current attendance is 96.94%. Thank you to all families for continuing to make a concerted effort to ensure that children are in school, on time, each day, even in the midst of challenging national circumstances.

Our attendance champions this week are the Reception cohort, with a fantastic attendance of 97.85%. Well done Reception.

November RE Newsletter

Last week we sent out a link for the November RE newsletter. You can access this by clicking on the link below:

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-newsletter/>



Esafety Newsletter

An safety newsletter has been sent out with this newsletter. Please take time to read this.

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Reception 2021 School Admissions



If your child was born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017 and you would like to apply for a place in Reception at Sacred Heart School for September 2021, please apply to your Local Authority and complete our school's Supplementary Information Form (SIF). Please submit the school's SIF directly to our school office, along with any supporting documents.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and current guidance, we are unable to offer tours of our school, individually, or as a group. On our website, you will find a copy of our school brochure, which will give you an insight to our school and Reception classes, our Supplementary Information Form (SIF), and our Admissions Policy for 2021-2022 <https://sacredheart682.herts.sch.uk>.

The Certificate of Catholic Practice is signed by priests for all practising Catholics defined by Canon Law, which includes weekly attendance at Mass on Holy Days of Obligation; this form is available from your parish Priest.

If you would like a paper copy of any of the documents, please telephone the school on 01923 901179 or email admin@sacredheart682.herts.sch.uk

Google Classroom

We are delighted to announce that we now have Google Classroom up and running. Parents and children will be able to access their homework on this from Monday 16th November. Also, when appropriate, pupils self-isolating will also be able to access their home learning through this.

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 different to normal.

If you're not sure whether symptoms suggest that they have coronavirus or an everyday cough or cold, you can consult this online NHS symptom checker: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms>

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Dates for Autumn Term 2020

Currently Masses and Liturgies are being held virtually and the children are accessing these from their classrooms.

Date	Event
Monday 16 th November – Friday 20 th November	Anti-Bullying Week – United Against Bullying
Monday 16 th November	Odd Socks Day – The children can wear odd socks to school.
Tuesday 24 th November	Parents' Consultations - These will be virtual meetings via SchoolCloud; https://sacredheartcatholic.schoolcloud.co.uk .
Wednesday 25 th November	Parents' Consultations - These will be virtual meetings via SchoolCloud; https://sacredheartcatholic.schoolcloud.co.uk .
Thursday 26 th November	Parents' Consultations - These will be virtual meetings via SchoolCloud; https://sacredheartcatholic.schoolcloud.co.uk .
Friday 27 th November	Occasional Day
Monday 30 th November	Non-Uniform day. To celebrate St Andrew's Day the children may wear blue, white or tartan clothes. We ask for a £1 donation towards the school funds via the School Gateway.
Tuesday 8 th December	Key Stage One (Years 1 and 2) Christmas Play – More information to follow.
Wednesday 9 th December	Key Stage One (Years 1 and 2) Christmas Play – More information to follow.
Wednesday 9 th December	Junior Advent Service – More information to follow.
Tuesday 15 th December	Foundation Stage (Nursery and Reception) Christmas Play – More information to follow.
Thursday 17 th December	End of term and Christmas Dinner Day. The children may wear their own clothes, a Christmas jumper and a Christmas hat. Staggered finishing times:- Nursery (extended hours) & Reception at 1pm, Years 1 & 2 at 1.10pm, Years 3 & 4 at 1.20pm and Years 5 & 6 at 1.30pm. Siblings can be collected at the latest sibling's collection time.
Friday 18 th December	Inset Day

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Spring Term 2021

Date	Event
Monday 4 th January	Start of Term
Friday 8 th January	Beginning of Term Mass for Years 1 – 6. Parents are most welcome Year 5 pupils will lead the Mass.
Wednesday 3 rd February	Year 6 Year Group Mass
Monday 8 th February – Friday 12 th February	Feeling Good Week
Tuesday 9 th February	Internet Safety Day
Wednesday 10 th February	Key Stage One (Years 1 and 2 pupils) Assembly – more information to follow.
Monday 15 th February – Friday 19 th February	Half Term
Monday 22 nd February	Children return to school
Friday 26 th February	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.
Thursday 4 th March	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.
Tuesday 9 th March	Parents Evening - more information to follow.
Wednesday 10 th March	Parents Evening - more information to follow.
Thursday 11 th March	Parents Evening - more information to follow.
Friday 12 th March	All classes from Nursery up to Year 6 - Mothers' Day class assemblies – more information to follow.
Wednesday 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.
Wednesday 17 th March	Years 5, 5/6 and 6 Mothers' Day class assemblies – more information to follow.
Tuesday 23 rd March	Phase 3/4 play – more information to follow.
Wednesday 24 th March	Phase 3/4 play - more information to follow.

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Thursday 25 th March	Junior Lent Service – more information to follow.
Friday 26 th March	End of term and Whole School Easter Bonnet Parade, school finishes at 1:15pm.

Summer Term 2021

Date	Event
Monday 12 th April	Children return to school
Friday 16 th April	Beginning of Term Mass - Year 4 pupils will lead the Mass – more information to follow,
Friday 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.
Monday 3 rd May	May Day Bank Holiday
Monday 10 th May to Thursday 13 th May	Year 6 Sats
Thursday 13 th May	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	Phase 1/2 Mass – more information to follow.
Tuesday 25 th May	EYFS Assembly – more information to follow.
Wednesday 26 th May	Year 5 Year Group Mass – more information to follow.
Monday 31 st May – Friday 4 th June	Half Term
Monday 7 th June	Inset Day
Tuesday 8 th June – 11 th June	One World Week – Working together for a just, peaceful & sustainable world
Friday 11 th June 2020	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 2020	Phase 3/4 Mass – more information to follow.
Thursday 24 th June	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.

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	Mathew - Yellow, Mark - Red, Luke - Green and John - Blue
Tuesday 29 th June	St Peter and Paul Mass - Year 6 pupils will lead the Mass – more information to follow.
Monday 5 th July 2020	Year 5/6 Production – more information to follow.
Tuesday 6 th July 2020	Year 5/6 Production – more information to follow.
Wednesday 14 th July 2020	Year 6 Leavers Mass – more information to follow.
Friday 16 th July 2020	End of Term, school finishes at 12 pm for Years R up to Year 5. School ends at 1:30pm for Year 6 pupils.