

NEWSLETTER

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SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY 18th January 2019

Welcome back!

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very Happy New Year to you all and welcome back to school.

I hope that you all enjoyed the festivities over the Christmas holidays and are looking forward to the year ahead. I would like to thank you on behalf of myself and the staff for the very generous gifts we received at the end of the term.

The children have all settled back into their school routines very quickly and have been very well behaved. I look forward to your continued support throughout 2019 and hope that we can all enjoy a very happy and healthy year working together.

Unfortunately although having had the flu jab in November I have been unwell this week with a flu virus but am looking forward to seeing you all next week.

I know what an excellent Autumn term the children had and we have many marvellous plans for the rest of this academic year...watch this space!

Our House Points system has generated real excitement amongst the teams and the pupils have been discussing how they can work towards being the best that they can be in everything they do.

At the beginning of term I attended a Catholic Leaders event and have made links with some schools across the country so that we can share with each other some of our learning and celebrate our successes. I have said before how important it is that we educate our children for the future and we are continuing to explore ways to ensure that every child in our school gets the most out of their education in a fun way. We want all pupils to embrace lifelong learning skills and this is essential to what we are doing at Sacred Heart. Please do not forget that I have an open door policy and invite you share to your thoughts with us.

Best wishes



Mrs Tregear

Snow & Icy Weather



As we move into the New Year, there will inevitably be a higher risk of inclement weather, linked with the possibility of school closure or later opening.

In the event of heavy snowfall, parents should check for closure notices on the school website, as well as looking out for parent mails from the school.

Any decision to close is not taken lightly. At the heart of everything is the health and safety of the children getting to and from school, safety of staff, and ensuring there is adequate supervision.

Please see **Everbridge** guidance below:

In the event of severe weather, a public emergency or unforeseen circumstances, it may be necessary for a school to close or partially close.

In order to ensure parents and guardians are informed as quickly as possible of anything that may have an impact on a normal school day, this notification system has been put in place to enable messages from schools to be sent immediately via text message, email and a voice message (if required).

If you are not already registered with Everbridge, please take 5 minutes to enter your details via the link below for any Hertfordshire school that you are connected to:-

member.everbridge.net/index/892807736725489

This link will direct you to the "Sign Up" page where you need to click on the "sign up" button located at the top right hand side of the page on the black strip and from there follow the instructions. It should take no more than 5 minutes to register and you can edit your information should it change at any time.

Each contact within the system can have two devices added for each communication type. This means that in addition to adding your

own mobile number and email address, you can include the mobile number and email address of a partner or other relative in the registration process. They would then also receive any messages in relation to a school's closure. Alternatively, interested parties could register themselves separately.

If you are connected to more than one school you can register for those schools too in a single registration process by selecting all the relevant schools.

Please note under the section 'My Alert Subscriptions' do not tick the box or you will receive notifications for all the schools. Instead, expand the choices by clicking the blue cross. This will then list all the areas. Select Bushey and you will find Sacred Heart School.

If you experience any problems signing up to the system, please call the help line on 0800 098 8273.

Attendance

At Sacred Heart we monitor attendance regularly. Our attendance is also monitored by school Governors and the Local Authority. Attendance at school is extremely important for all children so that they can achieve their best. Attendance is now part of safeguarding procedures. The Government expectation is that attendance for each pupil should not fall below 95% and ideally should be 96% or above. Ofsted also scrutinise our attendance. We will be looking at the attendance of every child over this half term and will be writing to some families with regards to how we can support an increase in their child's attendance.

School Clubs

We are very proud of the quality and the range of clubs that Sacred Heart now offers. Please do contact the school office if you are interested in your child joining any of the clubs that we have in place. Some do still have spaces.

We also do have some availability for our Breakfast Club and After School Club. If you are unable to book please email the school office and we will see if we can help in anyway.

Any unwanted toys, such as cars, train sets, dolls, puzzles, games, etc. will be gratefully received by our After School Club. Unfortunately we cannot accept large toys as we do not have the storage facilities.

Curriculum Newsletters

The Curriculum Newsletter for your child's phase will be sent to you in a separate email. We hope you find the overview for the Spring term useful. We will be looking forward to ways in which we can share the learning that is taking place across the term.

Nursery 2019

**Open Afternoons
Wednesday 23rd & 30th January 2019**

If your child was born between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016 and you wish to apply for a place in Nursery for September 2019 we have pleasure in inviting you to one of our Nursery's open afternoons.

During the afternoon the school will inform you of how to apply for a place in Nursery and provide you with an application pack. All applications need to be submitted directly to the school.

To book your place telephone the school on 01923 901179 or email admin@sacredheart682.herts.sch.uk.

School Crossing Patrol

If you are interested in becoming the School Crossing Patrol for our school please contact Janet at Hertfordshire County Council on 01992 556815.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

SPRING TERM 2019

8th January – 15th February Term time

7th January	INSET	<i>School Closed to Pupils</i>
31st January	Reception to Year 6	Jack and the Beanstalk Pantomime
5th February	Reception to Year 2	Drama workshop
5th February		Grammar workshop for parents at 7.00pm
12th February	Cedar	Ashridge Estate school trip
14th February	Holly & Aspen	Ashridge Estate school trip

18th – 22nd February Half Term holiday

25th February – 5th April Term time

11th -15th March	Year 6	Manor Adventure
13th -15th March	Year 5	Phasels Wood
19th March	Year 4	Sportshall Athletics
19th March	Reception to Year 2	Infant Parents Evening 12.00pm – 6.00pm
26th March	Year 5/6	Parents Evening 1.00pm – 6.00pm
27th March	Year 3/4	Parents Evening 1.00pm – 6.00pm
4th April	Year 3 to Year 6	Junior Lent Service 11.00am – 12.00pm

8th April – 18th April Easter Holidays

19th April Good Friday (Bank Holiday) – school closed
22nd April Easter Monday (Bank Holiday) – school closed

SUMMER TERM 2019

23rd April – 24th May Term time

6th May Bank Holiday - *School Closed*

27th May – 31st May Half Term holiday

3rd June – 19th July Term time

Monday 22nd July, INSET School Closed to Pupils

Tuesday 23th July, INSET School Closed to Pupils

Wednesday 24th July, INSET School Closed to Pupils