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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a lovely couple of weeks. In addition to the activities and achievements below, the House Captains and Class Apostles have been selected. They have taken to their roles brilliantly and we are really excited for the year to come. The House Captains would like as many entries for the new school Mission Statement competition as possible. If your child has not returned this, please do so by the end of next week.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Smith

Harvest Liturgy

Last Friday, we had our Harvest Liturgy. The children sang beautifully and read very well. It was a lovely service. Thank you to all the parents who joined us. Thank you to Mrs Hiscock for leading the liturgy and to Mrs Haywood, Mrs Murphy and Mrs Byrne for setting up the beautiful display in front of the altar.



Olympic & Paralympic Values

Next week and the week after half term, we will be focusing on Excellence. Staff will be looking for pupils who are focusing on their work and working together to produce the very best learning that they can.



Sports Achievements

Two weeks ago, the Year 6 pupils competed in a football and netball competition at St Michaels. The children represented the school fantastically well. The girls got to the semi-final and the boys got to the quarter final. Congratulations to them all.

Last Tuesday, some of the Year 6 pupils took part in a basketball competition. They came second out of all the teams and were a real credit to the school. Well done.

On Tuesday, the Year 5 pupils entered a cross county competition. Juan came 9th and Erin 13th which means that they have qualified for the next stage. All of the children showed great determination. Well done.



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Science & Creative Week

Next week we are having a Science and Creative week. On Monday, the Infant classes from Nursery up to Year 2 are having a drama workshop. On Tuesday we have owls and birds of prey visiting the school. All pupils will get to see these. Dr Taylor is leading an experiment with the pupils in Phase 5/6 on air resistance on Wednesday. On Thursday, we have Miss Bradley, a science teacher at The Salvatorian College, working with the Phase 3/4 pupils. We are really looking forward to the week.

FOSH

On Friday 6th December the children will be having a mufti day. On this day, we would like the children to bring in the following things for the Christmas Bazaar.

Nursery & Reception pupils – Jolly Jars full of sweets, stationery or toys for the Staff Tombola

Year 1 & Year 2 pupils – new toys or stationery for the Staff Tombola

Years 3,4,5 & 6 – bottles for the Bottle Tombola.

Thank you for your support with this.

Prayer for October

This day, Father,
may my eyes be opened
to see the beauty
in all that is ordinary – yet special –
around me.

May the glory of all that you have made
remind me of your presence
and lead me closer to you.



Attendance

Currently, the school attendance has dropped to 97%. Attendance in school is very important and we would like to work towards keeping our attendance at over 97%.

Thank you for your support with this.



Parent Forum

Your views regarding the school are very important to us. To ensure that we are in touch with the needs and concerns of our parents, we are actively seeking your views. Therefore, if you have any ideas to help improve the school or any issues you would like to discuss, please come along to any of the following Parents' Forum dates: Wednesday 23rd October, Wednesday 18th December, Wednesday 12th February, Wednesday 1st April, Wednesday 6th May, Wednesday 17th June. These will all be at 9:15am except Wednesday 12th February which will be at 10:30am.

The first Parent Forum will focus on recent improvements and the school vision. We look forward to seeing you at these.



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Reception 2019 Open Mornings



Friday 15th & 22nd November
9.30-11.00am

If your child was born between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016 and you wish to apply for a place in Reception for September 2020, we have pleasure in inviting you to one of our Open Mornings to see our school in action during an ordinary day.

The open morning is planned to give you information to help you make decisions regarding the transfer of your son or daughter to Reception.

A school brochure, which includes an outline of the Admission Policy, as well as a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) will be given out during the session. 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.

To book your place, telephone the school on 01923 901179 or email

admin@sacredheart682.herts.sch.uk

Important Secondary School Transfer Information

Secondary School admissions opened on 2nd September and the closing date for all applications is 31st October 2019. Year 6 parents must complete the online form at www.hertsdirect.org/admissions and complete the School's Supplementary Form which you can obtain during the School's Open evenings.

Please note, all Catholic Secondary Schools require a Certificate of Catholic Practice which can be obtained from your parish priest.

Fr. Jim will be signing the Certificate of Catholic Practice forms Secondary after weekend masses only.

Christmas Carol Concert

Save the Date: Family Christmas Carol Concert

The Church is hosting a family Christmas Carol Concert on **8th December 2019 at 3.30pm**. There will be light refreshments in the hall afterwards.

If any children would like to sing with the choir at this event please email sacredheartevents12@gmail.com.



Slipper Swap Social

Pick up **FREE** slippers to prevent slips and trips. Join us for a cuppa, a chat and learn how to stay steady on your feet.

Croley Green Library	Wednesday 16 Oct	10.00am - 1.00pm
St Albans Library	Friday 1 Nov	10.15am - 1.00pm
Borchamwood Library	Monday 11 Nov	2.00pm - 3.00pm
Bushy Library	Wednesday 28 Nov	1.00pm - 3.00pm
Oakmere Library	Tuesday 26 Nov	12.00pm - 3.00pm

For more information visit www.hertsdirect.org/psoc/slipperswap or call 0930 1234649

No booking needed just come along!

FREE refreshments for all attendees welcome



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Dates for Autumn Term 2019

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

Date	Event
Tuesday 15 th October	Year 5 Cross Country competition at Queens School.
Monday 21 st October – Thursday 24 th October	Science & Creative Week – STEAM Week
Monday 21 st October – Thursday 24 th October	The Book Fair will be open after school from 3:30pm – 4pm. Parents and children are welcome to come and see the children's books that are on sale.
Monday 21 st October	Drama Workshop in school for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils.
Wednesday 23 rd October	Influenza Vaccinations – All pupils from Year R up to Year 6.
Wednesday 23 rd October	Parent Forum in school at 9:15am. The focus will be on recent improvements and the school vision.
Thursday 24 th October	Reception Parent Drop in at 3pm. Parents are welcome to visit their child's classroom at 3pm. The children will show their parents where their peg is, where they sit on the carpet and the activities they undertake.
Friday 25 th October	Deanery Day, school closed to pupils
Saturday 26 th October – Sunday 3 rd November	Half Term
Monday 4 th November	Children return to school
Thursday 7 th November	Year 5/6 Phase 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.
Saturday 9 th November	Fireworks
Wednesday 13 th November 2019	National Child Measurement Programme (Height and Weight) and health questionnaire for Year 6 pupils.
Friday 15 th November	Open morning for prospective Reception parents at 9:30am.
Monday 18 th November – Friday 22 nd November	Anti-Bullying Week
Tuesday November 19 th November	Year 4 Speed Stacking competition at Queens' school in the afternoon.

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Friday 22 nd November	Open morning for prospective Reception parents at 9:30am.
Monday 25 th November	Phase 5/6 Parents' Evening from 2pm. This is for parents of children in Years 5 and 6.
Tuesday 26 th November	Phase 3/4 Parents' Evening from 2pm. This is for parents of children in Years 3 and 4.
Wednesday 27 th November	Reception and Phase 1/2 Parents' Evening from 2pm. This is for parents of children in Reception and Years 1 and 2.
Thursday 28 th November 2020	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.
Friday 29 th November	Occasional Day
Monday 2 nd December	Nursery Visit to the Post Office Group 1
Tuesday 3 rd December	Nursery Visit to the Post Office Group 2
Wednesday 4 th December	Nursery Visit to the Post Office Group 3
Thursday 5 th December	Nursery Visit to the Post Office Group 4
Friday 6 th December	Mufti Day for Christmas Bazaar - Nursery & Reception pupils – Jolly Jars full of sweets, stationery or toys for the Staff Tombola Year 1 & Year 2 pupils – new toys or stationery for the Staff Tombola Years 3,4,5 & 6 – bottles for the Bottle Tombola.
Tuesday 10 th December	Key Stage One (Years 1 and 2) Christmas 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 11 th December	Key Stage One (Years 1 and 2) Christmas Play in school at 9:30am. Parents are welcome to join us. We ask for no siblings during this performance.
Wednesday 11 th December	Junior Advent Service in the church at 11am for Years 3,4,5,6. Parents are welcome to join us.
Friday 13 th December	End of Clubs and Music Lessons for the term.
Saturday 14 th December	Christmas Bazaar 11am- 2pm in school.
Tuesday 17 th December	Foundation Stage (Nursery and Reception) Christmas Play in school at 9:30am. Parents are welcome to join us.

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Wednesday 18 th December	Parent Forum in school at 9:15am.
Friday 20 th December	End of term and Christmas Dinner Day. School finishes at 1:15pm. The children may wear their own clothes, a Christmas jumper and a Christmas hat.

Spring Term 2020

Date	Event
Monday 6 th January	Start of Term
Friday 10 th January	Beginning of Term Mass in Church at 9:15am for Years 1 – 6. Parents are most welcome to join us. Year 5 pupils will lead the Mass.
Wednesday 15 th January	Reception Children Health Screening
Friday 31 st January	Pantomime Cinderella in school for all year groups from Nursery up to Year 6.
Wednesday 5 th February	Year 6 Year Group Mass in school at 2pm. Parents are welcome to join us.
Thursday 6 th February	Phasels Wood Parents' Meeting at 5:30pm.
Monday 10 th February – Friday 14 th February	Feeling Good Week
Tuesday 11 th February	Internet Safety Day
Wednesday 12 th February	Key Stage One (Years 1 and 2 pupils) Assembly in school at 9:30am. Parents are welcome to join us.
Wednesday 12 th February	Parent Forum in school at 10:30am.
Monday 17 th February – Friday 21 st February	Half Term
Monday 24 th February	Children return to school
Wednesday 26 th February	Ash Wednesday Service in church at 9:15am for Years 3,4,5,6. Parents are welcome to join us. This week Friday and Wednesday school dinners will swap – Wednesday roast will be on Friday and Friday Specials on Wednesday. The Infant children have their own Ash Wednesday Services in their classroom.
Friday 28 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.

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Thursday 5 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.
Monday 9 th March – this has changed	Reception and Phase 1/2 Parents' Evening from 2pm. This is for parents of children in Reception and Years 1 and 2 .
Tuesday 10 th March	Phase 3/4 Parents' Evening from 2pm. This is for parents of children in Years 3 and 4.
Thursday 12 th March	Phase 5/6 Parents' Evening from 2pm. This is for parents of children in Years 5 and 6.
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	Years 5, 5/6 and 6 Mothers' Day class assemblies in school from 9:15am. Parents are welcome to join us. Timings will be confirmed.
Wednesday 18 th March – Friday 20 th March	Year 5 Phasels Wood trip
Friday 20 th March	All classes from Nursery up to Year 4 - Mothers' Day class assemblies in school from 9:15am. Parents are welcome to join us. Timings will be confirmed.
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.
Wednesday 1st April	Junior Lent Service in church at 10am for Years 3,4,5,6. Parents are welcome to join us – time has changed.
Wednesday 1st 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.

Summer Term 2020

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.
Friday 24 th April	Beginning of Term Mass in Church at 9:15am for Years 1 – 6.

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	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.
Wednesday 6 th May	Parent Forum in school at 9:15am.
Friday 8 th May	May Day Bank Holiday
Monday 11 th May to 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.
Tuesday 9 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 with them in class.
Wednesday 17 th June	Parent Forum in school at 9:15am.
Friday 19 th June 2020	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. Mathew - Yellow, Mark - Red, Luke - Green and John - Blue
Wednesday 1st 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

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	class.
Monday 6 th July 2020	Year 5/6 Production in school at 6pm. Parents are welcome to join us.
Tuesday 7 th July 2020	Year 5/6 Production in school at 2pm. Parents are welcome to join us.
Tuesday 14 th July	Nursery trip to the allotments.
Tuesday 14 th July 2020	Year 6 Leavers Mass in Church at 7pm.
Thursday 16 th July 2020	End of Term and whole school picnic, school finishes at 1:15pm
Friday 17 th July 2020	Inset Day
Monday 20 th July 2020	Inset Day
Tuesday 21 st July 2020	Inset Day