

NEWSLETTER

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SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY 19th October 2018

Harvest

Last Friday, we celebrated our Harvest Liturgy in Church. Thank you to those of you who joined us and for the food the children brought in. It was a lovely service and the children sang beautifully.

Last Friday, Years 1-6 went to church to celebrate the Harvest Festival. Our service was led by the children in Sycamore, Hawthorn and Rowan classes and consisted of a reflective Liturgy which encouraged us to think about people who do not have a variety of food to choose from. The service involved readings and songs and we finished by singing 'Lean On Me' which sounded beautiful in church. Mrs Tregear commented that our singing was fantastic.

As part of our Harvest celebrations, all the Junior children were asked not to bring in a snack on Cafod's Harvest Fast Day and to think about other children in the world who do not have enough food to eat. During the service, Father Jim reminded us not to take our food for granted and to appreciate what we are given. Children across the school were asked to bring in a variety of different foods which were displayed on the altar in church. Thank you for all your kind donations. All the food was donated to the Bushey Foodbank.

Shenon and Emilia

RE

In RE, Phase 3/4 has been getting into character to retell a very important Gospel story. We have chosen a few sentences from their fantastic work to share with you. Can you guess the character and the story?

Erin

Suddenly, everybody around us started whispering to friends that they were hungry and wanted something to eat. Staring directly at Jesus, I hoped that the thunder-like rumbling in my stomach would come to a halt and everybody would be fed.

Then I saw a tall, black haired man coming towards me. "What is in that cloth?" he asked me, kindly. "Five flat loaves and two small fish," I replied.

Oscar

So the disciples split up and looked among the crowd for food. Suddenly, one of the disciples asked me, "Can I have that basket full of five loaves and two fish?" I felt scared and I thought there wasn't enough for everyone but I just gave it to him. Jesus had compassion on the crowd and he said we were like sheep without a shepherd.

Finlay

I ran to the front of the crowd. Jesus took the bread and said, "Lord thank you for this bread". He took the fish and again said, "Lord thank you for this fish". All of a sudden the food multiplied. Jesus performed a miracle. I was sure He was divine.

One World Festival

Our Year 4 children attended the One World Festival in St Michael's on Tuesday and what a credit to the school they were! Their behaviour was exemplary and their performance was fantastic. All of the children sang beautifully with a smile on their faces! We are very proud of them. Well done Year 4.



Black History Month

Since 1987, Black History month has been celebrated in October in the UK.

We have been promoting knowledge of black history and raising awareness of role models, and recognising the achievements of black people and their impact on world history. We have also been discussing equality and thinking about the importance of treating people equally. We enjoyed a celebration assembly today where the classes shared some of the work they have been doing to celebrate Black History month.

Sporting Achievements



This morning, some of our Year 2 children took part in a Hockey competition at our school. They played against Hartsbourne School. They played brilliantly and were fantastic representations of our school. Well done to our winning team.

The Hockey tournament was good. Sacred Heart Team 2 got medals and Sacred Heart Team 1 are going to get certificates and the whole of Sacred Heart has got a trophy. We all cheered!

Stephanie

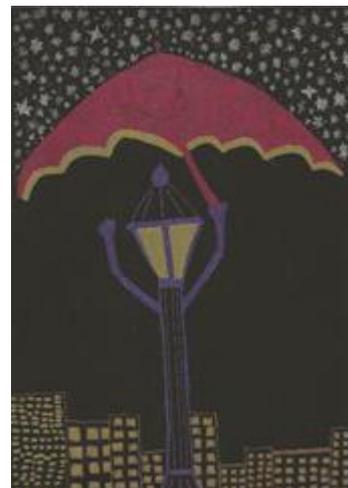
Congratulations to Sadie for her amazing achievements in gymnastics. She is Hertfordshire In Age level 3 champion. She also won the 'Dolphina Shield' for the highest beam score and the 'Eleanor Bloom' trophy for the highest floor score. We are very proud of her and her dedication to her sport.

Art Competition

Last academic year, our pupils entered an art competition on light pollution.

On Tuesday evening, Alexander and Frankie went to County Hall in Hertford. They attended the Award ceremony for the 2018 Children's Art Competition which was run by the Hertfordshire Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE). As part of the evening, they listened to a talk about how CPRE are trying to protect rural England by minimizing light pollution because it harms the night-time view and wildlife. Alexander collected his prize and certificate for coming first in the Year 5 and Year 6 age category and former pupil Poppy, who is now at Secondary School, collected her certificate and prize for coming second in the same category. Frankie, who attended with his sister Poppy, accepted the certificate and prize for Sacred Heart being the Overall Winning School. Well done to everyone who entered their artwork into the competition and thereby enabling us to win the competition for the most entries. We would like to say a big well done to Alexander and Poppy. We are very proud of them.

You can see Alexander's and Poppy's beautiful pictures below.



MarvellousMe



MarvellousMe is a light-touch app that our teachers will use to share wonderful news with you about your child's/children's learning and skills development.

The MarvellousMe Parent app is free, fun and simple to use. It will help you to:

- **Have a meaningful conversation with your child about their school day.**
- **Continue your child's learning and practise topics that they've done in class.**
- **Celebrate and reinforce their successes and positive behaviours.**

You will be able to enjoy MarvellousMe on your smartphone, tablet or online, and can easily share it with partners, carers and family members.

We will send you a letter containing all the details of how you can sign up to MarvellousMe next week to those children whose parents have returned their GDPR Third Parties Consent Form. If you have not returned your form yet hard copies are available from the School Office.

You can find out more at www.marvellousme.com. We think you will love it!

School Book Fair



**The Scholastic Book fair is next
Monday 22nd to Friday 26th October, in the library
after school.**

A useful website for book recommendations from other children is:

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/book-sorter>

This website allows children to find book recommendations from other children. They will need to input their age and interests which will enable them to gain access to a selection of books recommended by other children.

Science & DT Week

Next week is Science and DT week and we will be doing a variety of activities during the week.

We have an exciting workshop planned for Phases 1/2, 3/4 and 5/6 on Wednesday. On Friday we are having a science themed Mufti day and the children can dress up as anything science related.

School Photos

Individual/family photos

Tues 13th Nov Nursery, Reception, Yr1, Yr2

Wed 14th Nov Siblings & Years 3, 4, 5 & 6

Parent Consultations

Parent consultations are taking place on the following dates:

Tues 20th Nov 1:30pm – 6pm – Reception, Yr 1 & 2

Wed 21st Nov 1:30pm - 6 pm – Yrs 3 & 4

Thur 22nd Nov 1:30pm – 6pm – Yrs 5 & 6

Sign-up sheets will be available outside the school office, week commencing Monday 12th November.

YouTube

E-Safety Training (www.esafetytraining.org) is a website run by two former police officers: The Two Johns. Their website and social media pages offer useful advice for parents/carers and children.

They discovered that 49 percent of parents allowed their children to use the normal Youtube site unrestricted. Many videos are unsuitable for young children and some contain explicit videos.

You can make Youtube a safer option by using Kids Youtube rather than the normal YouTube.

Download the app 'YT KIDS' and then set it up as an adult. It prompts you to create an account for your child and enables you to add the desired settings. You can enable the child to search YouTube with restricted access making inappropriate content inaccessible, or, you can make it so the child can only access approved content which has been checked by a member of the YT Kids team and is guaranteed as safe.

Reception 2019 Open Mornings

Thursday 8th & 22nd November

9.30-11.00am



If your child was born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015 and you wish to apply for a place in Reception for September 2019 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 Admissions 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

Secondary School Applications



Please be aware that the secondary school's application process is now open. Please see important dates below:

- **September 2018** - online application system opens www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions
 - September and October - Secondary and upper schools hold their open events (details available at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/schoolsdirectory)
- 31 October 2018 - deadline for applications**

School Crossing Patrol

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



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.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.
Mrs Tregear, (Headteacher)

DATES FOR THE DIARY

October 2018

Mon 22nd October – Fri 26th October - Scholastic book fair

Mon 22nd October – Fri 26th October – Science & DT week

Fri 26th October – Parents Forum Drop in Session – 2:30pm

Wed 31st October - Deadline to apply for secondary schools

November 2018

Thu 8th November 2018, 9:30am - 11:00am

Reception Open Morning

Fri 9th November 2018

Armistice 100th Anniversary

Sat 10th November 2018

FOSH Fireworks Display

Tues 13th November 2018

School Photos – Years Nursery, Reception, 1 & 2

Wed 14th November 2018

School Photos – Siblings & Years 3 to 6

Tue 20th November 2018, 1:30pm - 6:00pm

Parents Consultations – Years Reception, 1 & 2

Wed 21st November 2018, 1:30pm - 6:00pm

Parents Consultations - Years 3 & 4

Thu 22nd November 2018, 9:30am - 11:00am

Reception Open Morning

Thu 22nd November 2018, 1:30pm - 6:00pm

Parents Consultations – Years 5 & 6

December 2018

Sat 1st December 2018, 11:00am - 2:00pm Christmas Bazaar

Wed 12th December 2018, 9:30am Infant Play (Year 1/2)

Thu 13th December 2018, 9:30am Infant Play (Year 1/2) – No children

Thu 13th December 2018, 11:00am Advent Service

Tue 18th December 2018, 9:30am EYFS Play

Fri 21st December 2018 Christmas Dinner Day

Fri 21st December 2018 End of Term

Term Dates for academic Year 2018/19

Autumn Term 2018

5th September – 26th October Term time

29th October – 2nd November Half Term holiday

5th November – 21st December Term time

24th December – 4th January Christmas Holidays

Spring Term 2019

7th January INSET – *School Closed to Pupils*

8th January – 15th February Term time

18th – 22nd February Half Term holiday

25th February – 5th April Term time

8th April – 18th April Easter Holidays

19 April Good Friday (Bank Holiday) – school closed

22 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*