

NEWSLETTER

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

20th December 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have come to end of a busy and exciting term. The House Captains have written the first ever 'Children's Newsletter' which has been sent out with this newsletter. Please take time to read this with your children. The children and staff have worked very hard this term which is really evident in their work and the Christmas performances.

We hope that you all have a wonderful Christmas and look forward to seeing you in the new year.

Mrs Payne and Mrs Smith



Christmas Plays and Advent Service

Last week we had the Phase 1/2 Christmas Play and Junior Advent Service. This was followed by the Early Years play this week. The children sang, read and acted fantastically in all of them. They have set the tone for Christmas beautifully. Thank you to the children and staff for all of their hard work and to the parents for their support.

Christmas Bazaar

Last Saturday, we had our Christmas Bazaar. It was a wonderful day and was very well attended. We raised an amazing £4097.51. These events take a lot of preparation, we would like to thank everyone who helped either before or on the day. Also thank you to everyone who came on the day and supported the event.



Carol Singing

Last Wednesday, our Year 2 pupils went to the Bushey Luncheon Club and sang Christmas songs from their play. Some Year 6 pupils joined them and served food to the pensioners. On the same day, some of our Year 6's went to Hillside Care Home and sang Christmas songs. Also last Thursday, some of our Junior pupils sang at Intu in Watford.

The children sang fantastically at all of the events and were great ambassadors for the school. They also passed on the spirit of Christmas to all of their audiences. Well done.



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Olympic & Paralympic Values

When we return in the New Year, we will be working on perseverance. This is a good focus for the beginning of a new year. The staff will be looking out for pupils who show perseverance by doing their best to work towards a goal, especially when it's a big challenge.

Attendance

Currently the whole school attendance is 95.83%. We aim for this to rise above 96% during the Spring Term. Thank you for your support with this.

Parking

Can we remind parents and carers to be considerate when parking close to the school. In particular, please ensure that you are not blocking any residents' driveways or the dropped curb across from the Church as this is where pedestrians cross the road.

Reception 2020

Applying for a school place for September 2020 involves both an online application and completing the school's SIF form. Please see the information below.

Monday 4 November 2019 - application process opened.

Wednesday 15 January 2020 – Statutory deadline for applications. Please apply online at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions.

Please be aware that the deadline to return the Supplementary Information Form (SIF) to the school office (along with supporting documents) is also **Wednesday 15 January 2020**.

If you need any further information or assistance please contact the school office, 01923 901179 or visit our website, www.sacredheart682.herts.sch.uk/admissions.

Nursery 2020

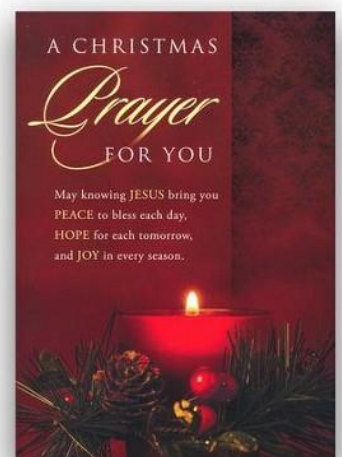
Applying for a Nursery place for September 2020

The Nursery application process is now open. If you have a child who is due start Nursery in September 2020 and you would like to apply for a place at our school please contact the School Office for the relevant paperwork.

You can also make an appointment to view the school with Mrs Smith. If you would like to do this please contact the School Office and they will book an appointment for you.

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Spring Term 2020

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

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 applications deadline.
Wednesday 15 th January	Reception Children Health Screening
Friday 31 st January	Cinderella Pantomime in school for all year groups from Nursery up to Year 6.
Friday 31 st January	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 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.
Friday 28 th February	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.

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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.
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 1st April	Junior Lent Service in church at 10am for Years 3,4,5,6. Parents are welcome to join us – time has changed.
Wdnesday 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

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	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. 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 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.
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 with them in class.
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.

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Thursday 25 th June	<p>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</p>
Friday 26 th June	<p>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.</p>
Wednesday 1st July	<p>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.</p>
Monday 6 th July	<p>Year 5/6 Production in school at 6pm. Parents are welcome to join us.</p>
Tuesday 7 th July	<p>Year 5/6 Production in school at 2pm. Parents are welcome to join us.</p>
Tuesday 14 th July	<p>Nursery trip to the allotments.</p>
Tuesday 14 th July	<p>Year 6 Leavers' Mass in Church at 7pm.</p>
Wednesday 15 th July	<p>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.</p>
Thursday 16 th July	<p>End of Term and whole school picnic, school finishes at 1:15pm</p>
Friday 17 th July Monday 20 th July Tuesday 21 st July	<p>Inset Day Inset Day Inset Day</p>