

NEWSLETTER

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

20th January 2020

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 kind gifts we received at the end of the term. It is very thoughtful and greatly appreciated.

We had a lovely beginning of term Mass last week. The children read and sang beautifully. Thank you for joining us.

Have a good weekend.

Mrs Smith

Class Apostles

Next week the Class Apostles are going to be holding Class Councils. They are going to ask the children what they think is going well at Sacred Heart School and what could be even better. After this, they will work with the House Captains to see how we can implement some of their ideas. I look forward to hearing them.



Olympic & Paralympic Values

Over the next two weeks, we will be working on respect. This is a good focus for the beginning of a new year. The children will be thinking how we can show respect and learning about how Jesus showed respect to everyone.



School Uniform Sale

We have a lot of good quality second hand uniform. This will be sold after school on 31st January. All items will be sold for £1.

Sports Achievements

On Tuesday, the girls football team played against St Paul's. The result was 4 – 2 to St Paul's. Despite the cold and wet weather, the girls showed great collaboration and determination and scored two brilliant goals. Well done.



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Curriculum Letters

Curriculum letters for Phase 1/2, Phase 3/4 and Phase 5/6 will be sent out shortly. Please look out for these as they will give you more information about what your child will be learning in each subject.

Online Safety

Along with this newsletter, you have been sent the Spring eSafety Newsletter from Herts for Learning. On the school website, a parent information sheet about TikTok will be posted this week. I recommend that you read both of these as they have useful tips for helping to keep children safe online.

5p Challenge

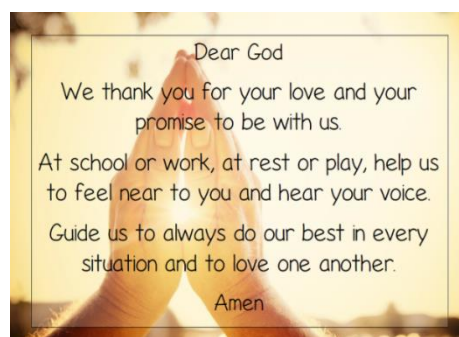
The 5p Challenge is an interclass competition to see who can fill their class bottle first with 5p coins. The bottles will be weighed and progress will be announced at school assemblies. The winning class will receive £50 and will get to decide, along with their class teacher, what they would like to spend the money on for their class.

Pupil Premium Funding

In certain circumstances, schools are able to claim approximately £1,600 of extra funding per child for pupils whose parents are in receipt of various benefits. The criteria are the same as they would be for applying for 'free school meals' in KS2. The money can be used to support anything that improves a child's enjoyment, wellbeing, achievement or attainment at school. The funding could be used to pay for individual music tuition, 1:1 maths/literacy support, breakfast club and after school club places etc. If you think that you or your partner may be eligible to claim this extra money for your child, please speak to Mrs Pryke in the school office as soon as possible. All enquiries of this nature will be treated in strictest confidence. If you know you are entitled to Pupil Premium funding, you can apply directly using the following website:

www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals. Once successfully applied for, this funding will remain in place each year that your child is with us. Please note that this extra funding is available to all eligible children in school, from Nursery to Year 6.

Prayer for the New Term



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Nursery 2020

Applying for a Nursery place for September 2020

The paragraph below is very important for all parents with pre-school children.

You will need to apply for a Nursery place if your child was born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017

You will need to complete the School's Supplementary Form and Certificate of Catholic Practice. Please note, you do not need to apply online.

A Supplementary Information Form is obtainable from the school office. Your priest will also need to complete a Certificate of Catholic Practice which is obtainable from your church. All forms must be completed and returned to the school office before admission can be considered. Therefore, in order to apply for a nursery place, we must receive:

- Supplementary Information Form
- Certificate of Catholic Practice (if applicable)
- Baptism Certificate (if applicable)

The closing date is 14th February. Please do not be late as this could jeopardise your child's place at the school.

You can 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.

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.

Attendance

Is there a proven link between attendance and children's achievement in school?

There is a clear link between poor attendance at school and lower academic achievement. In primary schools, less than 65% of children get good results in Maths and English in schools, when they have an average of 15 days absence, compared to around 90% in schools where the average is less than 8 days. Many parents are surprised how quickly their children accumulate 15 days absence.

Of the children who miss more than 50 per cent of school, only 3% manage to achieve five or more GCSEs at grades A* to C. 73% of children who have over 95% attendance achieve five or more GCSEs at grades A* to C. While GCSEs may seem some time away, setting good attendance and punctuality patterns from an early age, from Nursery and Reception through to Year 6, will really help.

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Our Attendance Policy can be found on the school website. Please be aware of the fixed penalty charge that may be issued.

Spring Term 2020

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

Date	Event
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.
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.

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

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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.
Thursday 25 th June	Infant Sports Day at 9:15am Junior Sports Day at 1:30pm

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	<p>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>
<p>Friday 17th July Monday 20th July Tuesday 21st July</p>	<p>Inset Day Inset Day Inset Day</p>