

NEWSLETTER

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

20th September 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a great three weeks back at school. The children are looking very smart in their uniforms and are working very hard. They are particularly enjoying working through their new Maths books. It has been wonderful to see them so enthused with their work.

*Many thanks for your continued support.
Have a great weekend,
Mrs Smith*

Meet the Teacher

This week we had 'Meet the Teacher'. It was lovely to see so many of you and for the children to have an opportunity to show you around their classes. They are very proud of the work that has been carried out over the summer and excited by the new furniture.



Penalty Shoot Out

Last Saturday, 6 of our Year 6 pupils took part in a 'Penalty Shoot-Out' at Watford Football Stadium. They won 2 -1 and will be competing in the next round. We are incredibly proud of them. Well done.



Forgotten Items

There is a box in the entrance foyer where you can drop off items that your child has forgotten. This is checked at breaktimes and lunchtimes and items are given to the children.

School Office

Mornings are a very busy time for us all. To ensure that you do not need to wait too long, there are copies of club flyers and office forms in the main entrance foyer, along with pens and clipboards for you to use. There is a post box for returning any letters or forms into the School Office which is emptied twice daily. You can give letters and messages to the adult on the gate in the mornings. Also, you can download Appointment, Leave of Absence and Change of Meal Patterns forms from our website and email them to admin@sacredheart682.herts.sch.uk.

Lost Property

Once a month we clear lost property. Items that are named will be given to the children and any items without names will be given to charity. We will be doing this on Friday 27th September.



Grounds' Afternoon

On Friday 27th September we are having a 'Grounds' Afternoon' from 1:30pm to 3:30pm. Any parents who could come and help us tidy up the grounds would be most welcome. Please bring gardening tools and wheelbarrows.



Gourmet Burger Day

We will be having a Gourmet Burger Day on Thursday 3rd October 2019. Please make sure you have placed your order and paid any relevant charges via the School Gateway by **Wednesday 25th September 2019**.

School Number

The school phone number changed over a year ago. There was a divert number which is now deactivated. The school number is 01923 901179.

Flu Vaccinations – Reception to Year 6

Please remember to send in your consent forms to the School Office via the post box in the main entrance foyer by **Monday 23rd September 2019**.

Year 6 National Child Measurement Programme

Please remember to send in any opt-out forms to the School Office via the post box in the main entrance foyer by **Monday 30th September 2019**.

Mary's Meals

Mary's Meals will be coming to the Sacred Heart Church next weekend to take away any unwanted clothing and bedding (no duvets or pillows please). Put the unwanted clothes in tied sacks and bring them to church (the church is open from 8:30am Wednesday to Friday during Mass). Or bring them with you when you come to Mass, but they must be there **before the 10:30am, Mass on Sunday 29th September**.

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 Information Form (SIF) 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.

Aldi's Kit for Schools

Aldi are giving stickers for every £30 spent in store. These can be used by schools to purchase sporting equipment. If you collect any of these, please send them in with your child.

Autumn Prayer

O God of Creation, you have blessed us with the changing of the seasons.

As we embrace these autumn months,

May the earlier setting of the sun

remind us to take time to rest.

May the crunch of the leaves beneath our feet

remind us of the brevity of this earthly life.

May the steam of our breath in the cool air

remind us that it is you who give us your breath of life.

May the scurrying of the squirrels and the migration of the birds remind us that you call us to follow your will.

We praise you for your goodness forever and ever. Amen.



Dates for Autumn Term 2019

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

Date	Event
Friday 27 th September	Grounds Afternoon 1:30pm – 3:30pm. Parents are welcome to join us. Please bring gardening tools and wheelbarrows.
Wednesday 2 nd October	Year 4 Year Group Mass in school at 2pm. Parents are welcome to join us.
Thursday 3 rd October	Gourmet Burger Day
Friday 10 th October	Oral Health Presentation to Reception children
Friday 11 th October	Harvest Liturgy in Church at 10am for Years 1 – 6. Parents are most welcome to join us.
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 book 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.
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.
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.

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
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.
Tuesday 17 th December	Foundation Stage (Nursery and Reception) Christmas Play in school at 9:30am. Parents are welcome to join us.
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.
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.
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.
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 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 11am for Years 3,4,5,6. Parents are welcome to join us.
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. 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 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.
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 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 Monday 20 th July 2020 Tuesday 21 st July 2020	Inset Day Inset Day Inset Day