

NEWSLETTER

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SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY 21st December 2018

Christmas Bazaar

On Saturday 1st December we celebrated our wonderfully festive Christmas Bazaar, a joint venture between school and Parish, showcasing the strong ties of our Sacred Heart community. There was plenty to tempt everyone; face painting, Santa's Grotto, bottle stall and Teachers' Tombola, books and hand-made gifts!



Delicious foods and beverages were available throughout, from lasagne to mulled wine and Irish coffee. A fantastic selection of homemade cakes was on hand to energise weary shoppers and browsers. Father Jim was spotted stocking up on goodies! There was a fantastic energy and atmosphere to the occasion, not to mention a colourful display of Christmas jumpers! Our Bazaar culminated, as always, with our Grand Draw and an exciting array of prizes.

We must extend a big thank you to FOSH, Sacred Heart parents and staff and parishioners for all their help organising and preparing this wonderful event. It was a delightful start to the season of Advent.

Intu Watford

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the carol singing at Intu Watford last week. You were all fantastic! Please see below an extract from the letter I received from Roger Stuart, who organises this event.

"Dear Mrs Tregear.

A grateful acknowledgement of the efforts of your choir, teachers and supporters last Thursday.

The children as usual were delightful. I hope it added to their enjoyment and experience as they helped to communicate the Christmas message.

The sum raised was £495.27 that Oxfam is allocating to humanitarian aid in YEMEN.

Happy Christmas and Peaceful New Year you all!"

News

Last week, Rory attended a special Christmas party at Downing Street. This is through a charity called Starlight Children's Foundation which is connected to Great Ormond Street Hospital.

He brushed shoulders with a number of famous faces including Jodie Whittaker, who is the current Doctor Who.

You must take a moment to have a look at our very own Sacred Heart shining star in issue 1166 of OK! Magazine on page 103.



Advent Service

Last Thursday, KS2 took part in the annual Advent Service. This was a beautiful morning led by all the KS2 year groups and was an opportunity to think about Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem and Jesus' birth. Each Year group sang their song beautifully and included some great actions. Thank you to the parents who joined us in the Church and for joining in with the carols. The children's behaviour and reverence in the service was fantastic.

End of Term Mass

The end of term Mass on Thursday was a lovely chance to reflect on a busy and exciting autumn term. There was beautiful singing and the Year 4's were brilliant with their readings. We also enjoyed singing some of the songs that we have been learning over the build-up to Christmas.



Whole School Senior Council Lead House Assemblies

One of our new initiatives this year is the introduction of a House system where every child in the school is part of one of the four Houses: **Matthew, Mark, Luke** and **John**. All children know which House they are part of and its associated colour and they have the opportunity to collect House Points for their House Team. Staff throughout the school look for children who are living out our Ready, Respect, Safe message.

On Wednesday, every House held an assembly which was led by the two Year 6 House Captains. This was the first occasion when the children from **Matthew, Mark, Luke** and **John** had gathered together as a House. As part of the assembly, the two House Captains introduced themselves to the children and shared their hopes for all of the children in the team. The assemblies finished with the children singing a school favourite: Midnight.

Well done to all the House Captains for leading with such confidence and clarity and to all the children, in the different Houses, for their enthusiasm and being so attentive.

Christmas Dinner & Cards

The children have been giving out Christmas cards this week. Each class had a post box in the library and their cards have been delivered daily. The children have had great fun opening them.

Today the children enjoyed a scrumptious Christmas dinner. They wore Christmas jumpers and hats. There was a very festive feeling in the hall. Thank you to the cooks and Midday Supervisors for a great ending to the term.

Thank you!

Thank you to Mr Peretta who came up with the idea of taking class photos for our infant pupils dressed up for their Nativity performances.

I cannot be more appreciative to him for taking the time out to organise this and sell the photographs as a memento for parents at each performance. This was such a lovely idea and I know really greatly received by many. Not only this but all profits of the photographs went directly to school funds providing us with an additional £267.00 towards much needed school resources. Along with this donations made on the days of the performances this came to a further £145.30 totalling £412.30.

Many, many thanks to those parents who helped provide the refreshments as well as those who contributed. It just shows how these things add up and it has made a real difference!



I would to thank Mrs Morgan for making the lovely Advent Wreath which we used as a symbol in assembly to help remind us about the importance of Advent.

Also a big thank you to Mrs Weedon who has won £250.00 for our school through her workplace's community fund. This money will go towards the ICT equipment that FOSH are raising money for.



Nursery & Reception

We have had a lovely two weeks preparing for Christmas in Nursery. We made and posted our own Christmas cards from the Bushey Post Office to be delivered to our own homes. We made some lovely gifts for our parents and had a fantastic Christmas party. We played party games, made our own sandwiches and enjoyed some tasty party food.

On Tuesday the children in Early Years performed a beautiful Nativity play. They looked fabulous in their costumes and spoke, sang and danced wonderfully. The Early Years team were so proud of our youngest children.

They were outstanding on stage. Parents, you should be very proud of your children.

Phase 1/2

Last week Year 1/2 had their Christmas production 'A Midwife Crisis'.

Following weeks of practise and hard work learning lines, songs and dance moves the children performed the show and it was a great success!

Parents, siblings and the Juniors really enjoyed the show and the Phase 1/2 team were extremely proud of all the children. As well as this the children did lots of work behind the scenes to help paint and decorate the backdrop and headdresses.

It was a great start to the festive season and a lovely reminder of the true meaning of Christmas. Well done Year 1/2!

Phase 3/4

Year 3 Westminster Trip

On Wednesday 5th December Year 3 represented Sacred Heart School in an Advent Carol Service in Westminster Cathedral. The children formed part of the choir and got the opportunity to sit on the altar and sing the carols. It was a fantastic experience and one that the children took seriously and enjoyed. Throughout the Service, the Nativity was told and there was a real donkey and a real sheep taking part! The Catholic Children's Society organised this event and invited every school in the Diocese of Westminster to attend so it was a real honour to be part of this celebration.

Thank you children for behaving so beautifully and being fantastic ambassadors for Sacred Heart School.

Thank you also to our parent helpers



Special Visitors

Phase 3/4 were absolutely fantastic as they sang Christmas carols on Tuesday afternoon to their adults.



The children were then extremely excited to showcase all of the elf news in their classrooms, including elf reports, missing posters and fact files.

Over the last two weeks, the three classes in Year 3/4 have been visited by elves. They disappeared for a few days but fortunately arrived back this week. The children have had great fun writing about the elves. Below is an example of a newspaper report the children wrote whilst we were searching for them.

SACRED HEART NEWS

Last Thursday, the elf on the shelf from Willow class, Festive Freddie that arrived on Tuesday 11th disappeared. The following morning, Oak and Maples elves disappeared also. We are awarding either candy canes or house points to anybody who finds either a class elf or a black elf.

The last sighting of the elves was in the evening before the morning the elf disappeared.

They all have red Santa hats and red chubby cheeks. All of them wear red jumpers and black belts with white buckles, Willow's elf's belt is turned slightly to the side, and they all have candy cane like leggings just without the curve at the top. Also, they wear pointed black boots.

*Rewards: Willow's elf, Festive Freddie: 20 house points or 20 candy canes;
Oak's elf, Spice: 25 house points or 25 candy canes;
Maples elf, Jeff Junior: 30 house points or 30 candy canes and;
Black elf that's on the loose: 75 house points or 75 candy canes.*

If you find any of these, please contact us.

Written by Erin.T. and Roisin.H.

Phase 5/6

World War Two



On Friday 13th December, Year 5/6 had a World War Two Exhibition in school to present their takeaway homework from the last four weeks. The children began in the hall where they told the story of the Christmas Truce. They also sang a beautiful rendition of 'Night of Silence' before welcoming the adults into the classrooms to view the wonderful work they had produced. Year 5/6 had created a variety of pieces including Anderson shelters, gas masks and objects they would take with them if they were an evacuee. The children put in so much effort and we were all so proud of them and their excellent creations.

Well done Year 5/6!

Sporting Achievements

Football

On Monday 26th November the boys' football team put in a spirited performance against Ashfield. They maintained their positions well throughout the match and created a number of chances. Despite this, the game remained close and the final result was 1-1. A special mention should go to Liam who pulled off a brilliant penalty save.

Penalty Shoot-Out

Congratulations to the following Year 6 children who will be competing in a penalty shoot-out at Vicarage Road on 19th January.

Kuba, Billy, Luke, Ava, Kara, Liam

Reception 2019

Applying for a school place for September 2019:

Monday 5 November 2018 - application process opened.

Tuesday 15 January 2019 – 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

Tuesday 15 January 2019.

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 2019

Open Afternoons

Wednesday 23rd & 30th January 2019

If your child was born between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016 and you wish to apply for a place in Nursery for September 2019 we have pleasure in inviting you to one of our Nursery's open afternoons.

During the afternoon the school will inform you of how to apply for a place in Nursery and provide you with an application pack. All applications need to be submitted directly to the school.

To book your place telephone the school on 01923 901179 or email admin@sacredheart682.herts.sch.uk.

Clubs

Please see attached list of Clubs and start dates for next term.

School Crossing Patrol

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



Yesterday afternoon the children in our Orchestra performed a showcase for us, arranged by Mr Koffer. The music was lovely, the children are so talented and performed brilliantly. Well done and thank you to all involved.

Goodbye and good luck to Mr Anderson, our Sports Apprentice, who will be leaving us today. Thank you to Mr Anderson for all his hard work and dedication, he will be missed.

Thank you to all the staff for being such a hard working term and to all our parents for your continued support.

Wishing you all a fabulous Christmas and a lovely holiday.

Mrs Tregear

Headteacher

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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

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Wednesday 24th July, INSET School Closed to Pupils