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SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

26th November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week the House Captains led an excellent campaign for *Anti-Bullying Week* and *Just Talk Week*. We all enjoyed seeing the odd socks the children wore to school. This was part of a range of activities the children participated in to help raise awareness that we are united against bullying and to help focus on positive mental health. Thank you to the House Captains and Mrs O'Grady for leading this week.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Smith

Anti-Bullying Week

Last week we held our annual 'Anti-Bullying Week'. It was led brilliantly by the House Captains. The focus this year was that we are all a piece in the puzzle; together we are united against bullying. It was also 'Just Talk Week', and the children spent a lot of time doing activities to help them focus on their mental health and stories of hope.

Remembrance Day

Poppies

The children worked incredibly hard and made some lovely poppies, and pictures, that were used to make a beautiful display for Remembrance Day. We observed the two minute silence, allowing us to remember those who have made sacrifices for our country.



Parents' Consultations

We have had our Parents' Consultations this week, with a slightly different format, due to Covid-19. Thank you to the staff and parents for embracing this new format. Well done to the children for their hard work this term. They should be proud of their achievements.

Occasional Day

School is closed on Friday 27th November for an occasional day.

St Andrews Day

On Monday 30th November it is non-uniform day to celebrate St Andrews Day. We encourage the children to wear blue, white or tartan clothes, and ask for a £1 donation towards the school funds payable via School Gateway.

FOSH

FOSH have worked tirelessly to come up with new and inovative ways to raise money for our school. Please look out for the upcoming virtual Quiz night on Friday 4th December. Thank you for all your support.



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Attendance

Currently the whole school attendance is 96.86%. A big thank you to you all for ensuring your children attend school, whilst continuing to be vigilant and helping to keep our children and community safe. Our attendance champions this week are St Therese, with a fantastic attendance record of 98.1%. Well done St Therese!.

Road Safety Week

Last week was Road Safety Week. P B Donoghue led a road safety campaign that the Year 6's took part in; '**No Need to Speed**'. This was a virtual event designed to help teach the children the importance of road safety. As part of their learning, the children were asked to design a safety poster. Well done and congratulations to James, our winner, and Lily and Erin, our runners up, who all won prizes for their brilliant posters.

Parking

As we now draw into the winter months, can we remind parents and carers to be extra considerate when parking close to the school. Please ensure that residents' driveways are not blocked and please watch your speed. Thank you for your cooperation.

Reception 2021 School Admissions



If your child was born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017 and you would like to apply for a place in Reception at Sacred Heart School for September 2021, please apply to your Local Authority and complete our school's Supplementary Information Form (SIF). Please submit the school's SIF directly to our school office, along with any supporting documents.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and current guidance, we are unable to offer tours of our school, individually, or as a group. On our website, you will find a copy of our school brochure (which will give you an insight to our school and Reception classes), our Supplementary Information Form (SIF), and our Admissions Policy for 2021-2022

<https://sacredheart682.herts.sch.uk>.

The Certificate of Catholic Practice is signed by priests for all practising Catholics defined by Canon Law, which includes weekly attendance at Mass, and on Holy Days of Obligation; this form is available from your parish Priest.

If you would like a paper copy of any of the documents, please telephone the school on 01923 901179 or email admin@sacredheart682.herts.sch.uk

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COVID-19

If your child tests positive for coronavirus, please notify us as soon as possible so we can complete the relevant tracking and tracing process with public health and notify any other children or staff who have been in close contact and need to self-isolate.

Remember as soon as your child or any member of your household develops symptoms, they must start self-isolating immediately and book a test.

Main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste differently

If you're not sure whether symptoms suggest that they have coronavirus or an everyday cough or cold, you can consult the online NHS symptom checker:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms>

Dates for Autumn Term 2020

Currently Masses and Liturgies are being held virtually and the children are accessing these from their classrooms.

Date	Event
Friday 27 th November	Occasional Day
Monday 30 th November	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.
TBC	The Christmas Plays and Advent Service will be recorded this year. We will share these with you before the end of term.

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Thursday 17 th December	End of term and Christmas Dinner Day. The children may wear their own clothes, a Christmas jumper and a Christmas hat. Staggered finishing times:- Nursery (extended hours) & Reception at 1pm, Years 1 & 2 at 1.10pm, Years 3 & 4 at 1.20pm and Years 5 & 6 at 1.30pm. Siblings can be collected at the latest sibling's collection time.
Friday 18 th December	Inset Day

Spring Term 2021

Date	Event
Monday 4 th January	Start of Term
Friday 8 th January	Beginning of Term Mass for Years 1 – 6. Year 5 pupils will lead the Mass.
Wednesday 3 rd February	Year 6 Year Group Mass
Monday 8 th February – Friday 12 th February	Feeling Good Week
Tuesday 9 th February	Internet Safety Day
Wednesday 10 th February	Key Stage One (Years 1 and 2 pupils) Assembly – more information to follow.
Monday 15 th February – Friday 19 th February	Half Term
Monday 22 nd February	Children return to school
Friday 26 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 4 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.
Tuesday 9 th March	Parents Evening - more information to follow.
Wednesday 10 th March	Parents Evening - more information to follow.
Thursday 11 th March	Parents Evening - more information to follow.

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Friday 12 th March	All classes from Nursery up to Year 6 - Mothers' Day class assemblies – more information to follow.
Wednesday 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.
Wednesday 17 th March	Years 5, 5/6 and 6 Mothers' Day class assemblies – more information to follow.
Tuesday 23 rd March	Phase 3/4 play – more information to follow.
Wednesday 24 th March	Phase 3/4 play - more information to follow.
Thursday 25 th March	Junior Lent Service – more information to follow.
Friday 26 th March	End of term and Whole School Easter Bonnet Parade, school finishes at 1:15pm.

Summer Term 2021

Date	Event
Monday 12 th April	Children return to school
Friday 16 th April	Beginning of Term Mass - Year 4 pupils will lead the Mass – more information to follow,
Friday 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.
Monday 3 rd May	May Day Bank Holiday
Monday 10 th May to Thursday 13 th May	Year 6 Sats
Thursday 13 th May	Ascension Mass in Church at 2pm for Years 1 – 6 - Year 3 pupils will lead the Mass – more information to follow.
Tuesday 18 th May	Phase 1/2 Mass – more information to follow.
Tuesday 25 th May	EYFS Assembly – more information to follow.
Wednesday 26 th May	Year 5 Year Group Mass – more information to follow.
Monday 31 st May – Friday 4 th June	Half Term
Monday 7 th June	Inset Day

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Tuesday 8 th June – 11 th June	One World Week – Working together for a just, peaceful & sustainable world
Friday 11 th June 2020	Sacred Heart Feast Day Mass at 11am for Years 1 – 6. Year 1 and 2 will lead. If possible, this will be followed by a whole school picnic at 12pm on the school field. More information to follow.
Wednesday 16 th June 2020	Phase 3/4 Mass – more information to follow.
Thursday 24 th June	Infant Sports Day at 9:15am Junior Sports Day at 1:30pm More information to follow. Children wear their PE kit with a coloured t-shirt to match their house. Mathew - Yellow, Mark - Red, Luke - Green and John - Blue
Tuesday 29 th June	St Peter and Paul Mass - Year 6 pupils will lead the Mass – more information to follow.
Monday 5 th July 2020	Year 5/6 Production – more information to follow.
Tuesday 6 th July 2020	Year 5/6 Production – more information to follow.
Wednesday 14 th July 2020	Year 6 Leavers Mass – more information to follow.
Friday 16 th July 2020	End of Term, school finishes at 12 pm for Years R up to Year 5. School ends at 1:30pm for Year 6 pupils.

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