

# NEWSLETTER

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

28<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have come back to school ready to learn after half term. The Juniors joined the Parish for an Ash Wednesday Service and the Infant children had their own workshops in their classrooms. They were all extremely reverent and we thank Father Jim for leading the Junior Service.

On Monday, the Year 6 pupils find out their Secondary school places. We will be thinking of them and hope that they are all happy with their allocations.

Next Thursday is World Book Day. The children may dress up as a character from a book or an object linked to a book. I look forward to seeing them and the staff dressed up!

Have a good weekend.

Mrs Smith

## House Captains

The House Captains led Feeling Good Week just before half term. At the beginning of the week they led an Assembly on Feeling Good. They also planned and delivered a workshop to each class. This focused on how they could help each other to feel good. The classes really enjoyed these workshops and found them very useful. A big thank you to the House Captains.



## Olympic & Paralympic Values

It is lovely to see how the children are continuing to receive stickers for the Olympic and Paralympic Values. When the children receive 5 stickers for one value they receive a band. These will be given out in assemblies by the House Captains and Class Apostles.

## Sports Achievements

**Year 6 Sportshall Athletics** – On Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February two Year 6 teams (one boys and one girls) competed in the Partnership finals. Both teams won and have qualified for the County finals. The children all performed fantastically and were great ambassadors for the school.



We are proud of them all and wish them luck in the County finals.

## 5p Challenge

The 5p Challenge is an interclass competition to see who can fill their class bottle first with 5p coins. The bottles are starting to fill up and the children can continue to bring in 5p's up to the end of the term.

The winning class receive £50 and will get to decide, along with their class teacher, what they would like to spend the money on for their class.

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## FOSH

Fosh would like you to keep Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March free as there is a St Patrick's Family Evening at the Parish Centre. More details will follow.

They are also delighted to share with you that our application to the Tesco Bags of Help grant scheme has been successful and our project to refurbish the library will be put forward to a customer vote in Tesco stores during April, May and June 2020.

Our project, along with two other successful projects in the region, will go forward to a vote in Tesco stores where their customers will decide the outcome by voting for their favourite project each time they shop. Voting will take place from Wednesday 1 April 2020 until Tuesday 30 June 2020. The project with the highest number of votes across the region will receive £2,000, the second placed project £1,000 and the third placed project £500.

You can vote in the following stores:

3372	WATFORD EXTRA	WD17 2BD	Extra
6547	WATFORD 114 HI ST EXP	WD17 2BJ	Express
6753	WATFORD LANGLEY EXP	WD17 4BU	Express
5674	WATFORD WIPENDELL EXP	WD18 7NB	Express
3158	SOUTH OXHEY EXPRESS	WD19 6EG	Express
2181	BUSHEY HEATH EXPRESS	WD23 1EL	Express
5018	HARCOURT RD BUSHY EXP	WD23 3PP	Express
5690	WATFORD ST ALBN EXP	WD24 4AU	Express
4819	WATFORD EXP	WD25 0EL	Express
3061	LEAVESDEN WATFORD EXP	WD5 0BT	Express
3382	WATLING RADLET EXP	WD7 7LA	Express
3250	SHENLEY EXPRESS	WD7 9AA	Express

To vote, you will need to make a purchase within store of any value. You will receive one token per transaction, it is not necessary to purchase a carrier bag in order to receive a token.

I would like to thank Mrs Hanbury & Mrs Franco for all the work they put into this application. Reading is an exercise for the mind. It helps children calm down and relax, opening doors of new knowledge to enlighten their minds. Children who read grow up to have better cognitive skills.



## Attendance

The current whole school attendance is 95.8%.

The class with the highest attendance is Year 4 - Saint Patrick. Well done to them.

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## Parking

Please may we remind parents not to block the driveways of the residents. They need to be able to leave their premises at all times during the day. They are part of our local community and support us at many of our social events. It is right that we show them common courtesy and ensure that we are not blocking their private property.

## 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](http://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.

## Lenten prayer

Dear God, During Lent help us to keep our eyes on Jesus. Help us to spend more time talking and listening to you. Help us to share what we have with others and be sorry for times we have done wrong.  
Amen



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## Spring Term 2020

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

Date	Event
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> March	Nursery, Reception ( Mrs Stapleton’s Class) and Phase 1/2 Parents’ Evening from 2pm. This is for parents of children in Reception (Mrs Stapleton’s class) and Years 1 and 2 . This Parents’ Evening will also include Nursery.
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Phase 3/4 and Reception (Mrs Loftus’ Class) Parents’ Evening from 2pm. This is for parents of children in Years 3 and 4.
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Phase 5/6 Parents’ Evening from 2pm. This is for parents of children in Years 5 and 6.
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> March – Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 Phasels Wood trip
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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.
Wednesday 1st April	Parent Forum in school at 9:15am.
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	End of term and whole school Easter Bonnet Parade, school finishes at 1:15pm.

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## Summer Term 2020

Date	Event
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Children return to school
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> 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, payable via School Gateway.
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> April	Manor Adventure Parents' meeting at 5:30pm.
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> May	Parent Forum in school at 9:15am.
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	May Day Bank Holiday
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May – Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 Sats
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> May – Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	One World Week
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	EYFS Assembly in school at 9:30am. Parents are welcome to join us.
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>nd</sup> May	Inset Day
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Half Term
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Children return to school
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June – Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Manor Adventure – Year 6 Residential Trip
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Year 5 year group Mass in school at 2pm. Parents are welcome to join us.
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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.

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Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Parent Forum in school at 9:15am.
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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. Matthew - Yellow, Mark - Red, Luke - Green and John - Blue
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> 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 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 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 5/6 Production in school at 6pm. Parents are welcome to join us.
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 5/6 Production in school at 2pm. Parents are welcome to join us.
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Nursery trip to the allotments.
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers' Mass in Church at 7pm.
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	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 16 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Term and whole school picnic, school finishes at 1:15pm
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Inset Day Inset Day Inset Day

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## Term Dates 2020-2021

### Autumn Term 2020

Date	Event
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	Inset Day
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	First Day of term for pupils
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> October – 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Half Term
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Pupils back in school
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Occasional Day – school is closed
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Last Day of Term – school finishes at 1:15pm
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> – Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> January	Christmas Holidays

### Spring Term 2021

Date	Event
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	First Day of term for pupils
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	Half Term
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Pupils back in school
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Last Day of Term – school finishes at 1:15pm
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> March – Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holidays

### Summer Term 2021

Date	Event
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	First Day of term for pupils
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	May Day Bank Holiday – school is closed
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> May – Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Half Term
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Inset Day
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Pupils back in school
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Last Day of Term – school finishes at 1:15pm