

# NEWSLETTER

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

2nd March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely half term. I am delighted that all of the children are back on 8<sup>th</sup> March. School has not been the same without them. Thank you for all of the guidance and support you have given your children during this lockdown. I would also like to thank the staff who have supported both the children at home and at school. The children's engagement in their learning has been fantastic and this is down to you and the teachers. Thursday is World Book Day. More information about this is below.

I look forward to seeing you all on 8<sup>th</sup> March.

Thank you for your continued support.

May God bless you and take care.

Mrs Smith



## Remote Learning

The children have continued to access their remote learning through Google Classroom. On the school website under pupils there is a Google Classroom page. This has videos with advice on how to use Google Classroom.

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

Little and often is the best way to help learning embed in a child's long term memory. Therefore it is better to do some English and Maths every day as opposed to spending hours one day and not doing any the next. You may also find that if your child spends too long working one day, they will find it more difficult to be motivated the next day.

## Attendance

Our whole school attendance is slightly down from 97.15% to 97.04. Thank you for your support with this as over 97 is good attendance. Please ensure that your children attend school every day unless they are unwell.



## RE Newsletter

Please click the link below to access the March RE Newsletter.

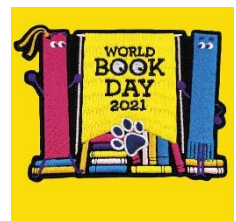
[www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-newsletter/](http://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-newsletter/)

## World Book Day

On Thursday, it is WORLD BOOK DAY! To celebrate this we would like the children to dress up as a character or object from a book. We will be taking part in a Virtual Parade to celebrate and see each other's amazing costumes!

The Virtual World Book Day Parade will be between 10am and 11am. Please post pictures on our school Twitter account, @NewsfromSHS between these times. You can also send your pictures to [news@sacredheart682.herts.sch.uk](mailto:news@sacredheart682.herts.sch.uk) and we will post them for you.

The children will be set fun writing and reading activities which are focused around a text or book they have been looking at in class.



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## Wellbeing

Lockdown is a challenging time for everyone. Below are some links to sites which have advice and tips for families. New links are highlighted in yellow.

- <https://www.healthyyoungmindsinherths.org.uk/young-people/when-get-help-immediately>
- <https://www.justtalkherths.org/just-talk-herths.aspx>
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zrmhscw>
- <https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/supporting-your-child-during-the-coronavirus-pandemic/>
- <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/coronavirus-advice-support-children-families-parents/>
- <https://www.familylives.org.uk/advice/your-family/family-life/coping-practically-and-emotionally-during-the-covid-19-outbreak/>

The helpline below is also available for young people aged 10-18 years who are experiencing a dip in their mental health and wellbeing.

- <https://www.hertsmindnetwork.org/young-peoples-helpline>

On the school website, you can find a wellbeing pack for parents. Click on the link below to access this.

- <https://sacredheart682.herts.sch.uk/news-dates/newsletters/>

## RSE Consultation

The Department for Education has announced changes to Relationships and Sex Education (RSE). In the academic year 2020/2021, Relationships Education and Health Education will become a statutory part of our school's curriculum. In light of upcoming statutory requirements, we are now consulting with parents, carers, governors and staff regarding our new RSE Curriculum.

Please click on the consultation link below: <https://sacredheart682.herts.sch.uk/curriculum/pshe-citizenship/>

## 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 the strictest confidence. If you know you are entitled to Pupil Premium funding, you can apply

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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.

## 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/>

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



## Dates for Spring Term 2021

Date	Event
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2021	Virtual Parents' Consultations – St Anne/Nursery, St Josephine-Bakhita/Year 5
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2021	Virtual Parents' Consultations – St Anne/Nursery, St Patrick/Year 4, St John Bosco/Year 6
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2021	Virtual Parents' Consultations – St Peter/ Year 3/4, St Padre Pio/Year 5/6

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Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	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. Virtual World Book Day Parade between 10am and 11am. Please post pictures on our school Twitter account, @NewsfromSHS between these times. You can also send your pictures to <a href="mailto:news@sacredheart682.herts.sch.uk">news@sacredheart682.herts.sch.uk</a> and we will post them for you.
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	All classes from Nursery up to Year 6 - Mothers' Day class assemblies – more information to follow.
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	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 School Gateway.
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	Junior Lent Service – more information to follow.
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	End of term and Whole School Easter Bonnet Parade, school finishes at 1:15pm.

## Summer Term 2021

Date	Event
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2021	Children return to school.
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> April 2021	Beginning of Term Mass - Year 4 pupils will lead the Mass – more information to follow.
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2021	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.
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2021	May Day Bank Holiday
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> May to Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> May 2021	Year 6 Sats.
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> May 2021	Ascension Mass in Church at 2pm for Years 1 – 6 - Year 3 pupils will lead the Mass – more information to follow.
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> May 2021	Phase 1/2 Mass – more information to follow.
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2021	EYFS Assembly – more information to follow.
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> May 2021	Year 5 Year Group Mass – more information to follow.
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> May – Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	Half Term
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	Inset Day

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Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> June – 11 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	One World Week – Working together for a just, peaceful & sustainable world.
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	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 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	Phase 3/4 Mass – more information to follow.
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	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. Matthew - Yellow, Mark - Red, Luke - Green and John - Blue
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	St Peter and Paul Mass - Year 6 pupils will lead the Mass – more information to follow.
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> July 2021	Year 5/6 Production – more information to follow.
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> July 2021	Year 5/6 Production – more information to follow.
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July 2021	Year 6 Leavers Mass – more information to follow.
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> July 2021	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.