

NEWSLETTER

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SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY 30th November 2018

Remembrance Day

On Monday 12th November we were lucky to have an assembly with Padre Baptiste who is a chaplain in the armed forces. He showed us his helmet and the boots he wore in Afghanistan and explained to us that soldiers need his pastoral care when away from home and at war.



He played a memory game where Macey and Mr Longman had to remember certain items he had brought. They both won a big bar of chocolate! The memory game was to symbolise how easy it is to forget things and why we celebrate Remembrance each year to keep the memory of people who have died in our hearts and minds. We ended the assembly with a reflection and a song. Thank you to Padre Baptiste for a really informative, solemn and fun assembly.

Nursery

Nursery had a fantastic morning on the 9th November. They listened to war time classics and marched with Captain Catchpole. He explained how he helps people and looks after us all in his job. He taught Nursery all about his medals and how he had won them. He showed his sword and explained why he was the only one that could touch it. He explained why his hat is different to other soldiers. The children had a very interesting and enjoyable time with the Captain and they were sad when he had to leave. We hope he will come back soon.



Phase 1/2



On Friday the children looked fabulous in red, white and blue as we celebrated the Centenary of the Armistice as well as Anti-Bullying Week. In assembly we discussed peace and the children were very thoughtful in their responses. They were able to reflect on how people might have felt in 1918 at the end of the war and ways that we can bring peace today. In the 1/2 phase we got into role by listening to some First World War songs. We made paper chains, bunting and welcome home cards for a soldier returning from the war. We also wrote prayers for peace. Thank you for sharing your family photographs, medals, stories and newspaper articles over the past few weeks, all the children have been really intrigued to learn from their



friends. A big thank you to the members of our school community who have kindly come into school to talk to us about Remembrance. You have all helped to make this anniversary special at Sacred Heart.

Phase 5/6

We Shall Remember Them

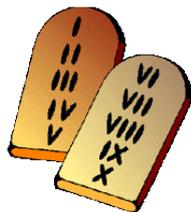
Two of our parishioners, Mr Blackburn and Mr Innes, visited school last week to talk to Year 5/6 about World War 1. Mr Blackburn shared memories of his Great Uncle and Mr Innes shared memories of his Granddad who both fought in the war. The children were very interested in the photos, life stories and history and they asked some really thoughtful questions. Thank you to Mr Blackburn and Mr Innes for sharing your time with us.



Thank you for supporting the Poppy Appeal again this year. I'm pleased to tell you that we raised £398.45. This will now get passed to the Royal British Legion, a wonderful cause.

Juniors

On 7th November, Year 5 was lucky enough to be visited by the Watford Schools Trust. They had a very thought provoking and informative lesson about The Ten Commandments. The children looked carefully at the commandments and each of them was explained in a child friendly way to support their understanding. Later in the lesson, the children were able to think about which commandment they felt was the most important. They drew this commandment and showed examples of what this might look like in their lives today.



Reception 2019

If your child was born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015 and you wish to apply for a place in Reception for September 2019 please apply online with your local authority and return our schools' Supplementary Information Form (SIF) to the school office. This can be found on the school website, www.sacredheart682.herts.sch.uk



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.



Sporting Achievements



KS1 Archery Competition

On Friday 16th November a group of Year 2's took part in an archery competition. It was a very exciting morning! Sacred Heart had two teams in the competition and after some fantastic shots and great scores one of our teams won the competition and our other team came second. We won a trophy and the children received medals and certificates. Well done to both teams for all their hard work and practice!



KS2 Netball Match

Sacred Heart had a very entertaining match against Coates Way on Friday 23rd November. It was a great match and the children all enjoyed participating. The score was Sacred Heart 8 – Coates Way 0. Well done to the netball team!

Year 4 Speed Stacking

One Y4 Pupil said, *'The speed stacking competition was truly challenging. I was on team 1 and we got chosen first for each round so it was nerve wracking being first every time. On the 3-6-3 stack I dropped one but didn't give up. As soon as I knew it, the judge was announcing the results. Team 3 came 5th place and when we got to 1st place, it was our very own team 1! Team 1 has been accepted into the finals, so we'd better get practicing!'*



Boys Football Match

On Monday 12th November, the boys' football team participated in their first league game of the season against Bushey Manor. Sacred Heart took the lead twice in the first half with goals from Alex and a powerful header from Billy. Despite this, a well organised Bushey Manor team managed to score two goals of their own and at half time the score was locked at 2-2. Throughout the second half the Bushey Manor goalkeeper had to be at his best to deal with a number of well crafted chances. Fortunately, Sacred Heart's patience paid off and with less than two minutes to go Alex managed to place a low left footed shot past the goalkeeper. Congratulations to the team on their victory and we wish them the best for their next game.



Girls Football Match

On Monday 19th November the girls' football team played their second league match against Haberdashers. The girls showed tremendous team work and determination throughout the game.



Fireworks Night

In spite of the inclement weather, Sacred Heart put on another magnificent and memorable Fire works' display! Although the conditions were rather wet and cold our spirits certainly weren't dampened, as children rushed about excitedly with flashing light sabres and adults warmed themselves with cups of delicious mulled wine. The display started and ended with a bang as bright, colourful rockets exploded in the night sky.

As one pupil said,
"They were colourful, loud and beautiful with all shapes and sizes!"

A parent remarked,
"There was a lovely atmosphere, super collection of fireworks and it was great value for money."



A huge thank you must be extended to FOSH and all the parents and staff who helped to organise and run this great event.

Special Visitors

Over the last couple of weeks our year 6 pupils were delighted and proud to show many new Reception prospective parents around the school. During the tour, the pupils were engaging and confident to describe how they felt being part of the school community and how the new structure of the school positively impacts on their wellbeing.

On Tuesday 6th November our new school advisor made a visit to our school. She went around all of the classes and looked at some of the children's work. Having not been to our school before, she commented on how impressed with the children she was. She said that their behaviour in class was excellent and that they were incredibly polite. It was wonderful that she recognised what a credit to our school our pupils are. Well done children!

We have also had a visit from our Early Years link advisor from Herts County visited our setting. She visited the Early Years classrooms during free flow and commented on how well the unit worked together and that it felt "cosy and cohesive"

On Thursday 15th November our Governors had a learning walk across the school and visited children within their classes. The children had lots of lovely work to show and talked about what they have been doing. The walk around the phases also showed how the learning evolves and develops over the phases. Thank you Governors for all the time you give to our school.

School Lottery

your school lottery supporting

WIN Family Ticket to Warner Brothers Harry Potter Studio's Tour!

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- Join our weekly online lottery, tickets cost £1 a week.
- 40% of all tickets go to our school, with another 36% funding prizes.
- A GUARANTEED cash prize to one of our supporters every week.
- Chance to WIN £25,000 jackpot every week!

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Sign up before 22nd December. Supporters must be 16 years of age or older.

*Terms and Conditions apply

Christmas Bazaar

Sacred Heart Christmas Bazaar

Saturday 1st December
11am-2pm
Adults: £1
Children: Free

Santa's Grotto
Grand Draw
Tombola's
Lucky Dip
Stalls
Mulled Wine and Irish Coffee

Thank you for all the contributions you have made to Sacred Heart Christmas Bazaar. We really appreciate all of your support and look forward to seeing you on Saturday. Mrs Tregear

DATES FOR THE DIARY

December 2018

Sat 1st December 2018, 11:00am - 2:00pm	Christmas Bazaar
Wed 12th December 2018, 9:30am	Infant Play (Year 1/2)
Thu 13th December 2018, 9:30am	Infant Play (Year 1/2) – No children
Thu 13th December 2018, 11:00am	Advent Service - Years 3-6 in church
Thu 13th December 2018, 4.00-5.00pm	Intu Carol Service for Oxfam - Year 3-6, all welcome
Fri 14th December 2018, 2.50pm	Year 5/6 parent drop in
Tue 18th December 2018, 9:30am	EYFS Play (Nursery and Reception)
Wed 19th December 2018 11.45am	Nursery - End of Term
Fri 21st December 2018	Christmas Dinner Day
Fri 21st December 2018	End of Term

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*
Tuesday 23th July, INSET *School Closed to Pupils*
Wednesday 24th July, INSET *School Closed to Pupils*