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Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to thank the staff, pupils and parents for all of their support over the first half term. It has been amazing to have the children back in school. They have worked incredibly hard and should feel proud of their achievements. I hope that you all had a lovely half term and a well deserved break.

Take care

Mrs Smith

Science & Creative Week

Last week, we had our Science and Creative week. Phase 1/2 learnt about space and Neil Armstrong. They designed some fantastic space suits. Phase 3/4 learnt about bees and plants. They have cleared the allotment outside their phase and are ready to plant some wild flowers after half term. They also plan to build a bug hotel. We look forward to seeing this. Phase 5/6 developed their Chemistry skills by learning about how Volcanoes work. A big thank you to Dr Taylor for working with Phase 5/6 on volcanoes. Thank you also to Mrs Hussey for planning the week and all of the staff for their hard work. A fun week was had with lots of fantastic learning.

Attendance

I am delighted to say that the school's attendance has continued to be strong. Our current attendance is 96.9 Thank you to all families for continuing to make a concerted effort to ensure that children are in school, on time, each day, even in the midst of challenging national circumstances.

Our attendance champions this week are the Year 1 cohort, who are way out in the lead with 98.07% attendance. Well done Year 1.

House Competition

The children in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 have been awarded house points for excellent behaviour and work this half term. The winning house was Mark who had over 700 house points. A huge well done to the children in St Mark. On the first day back after half term, they may wear their own clothes.

FOSH

FOSH have held their AGM where they reviewed last year and started to plan fund raising activities for this year. They have come up with some very creative and exciting ideas. These include selling some delicious Christmas puddings; a doughnut sale later in the Autumn Term; selling Christmas gifts; and a sponsored event for the children.

FOSH have also set up a crowd funding page to help us to raise money for three new interactive whiteboards. These are particularly essential during these times in order for the pupils to attend virtual assemblies, liturgies and lessons. If you would like to contribute to this, please click on the link below:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/friendsofsacredheart-bushey>

Thank you for your support with this.

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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 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

Important Secondary School Transfer Information

Secondary school admissions opened on Tuesday 1st September; the closing date for all applications is Saturday 31st October 2020.

Year 6 parents need to apply online at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions

Hertfordshire County Council recommend that parents complete their online application by **Friday 23rd October**, so that if there are any queries, they can be dealt with by the Admissions Team ahead of the deadline.

Please note, Catholic secondary schools require a Supplementary Information Form which can be obtained from the school you are applying to. Please be aware that the deadline (**31st October 2020**) for returning the Supplementary Information Form (SIF), which must be returned directly to the school as part of the application process, falls within the half term holiday.



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Anti-Bullying Week

The week beginning 16th November is Anti-Bullying Week. This year, more than ever, we have witnessed the positive power that society can have when we come together to tackle a common challenge. Bullying has a long lasting effect on those who experience and witness it. But by channelling our collective power, through shared efforts and shared ambitions, we can reduce bullying together. From parents and carers, to teachers and politicians, to children and young people, we all have a part to play in coming together to make a difference. We're all a piece in the puzzle, and together, we're united against bullying. The House Captains have started to plan activities for this week. They will share these with you after half term.

Prayer for October

*This day, Father,
may my eyes be opened
to see the beauty
in all that is ordinary – yet special –
around me.
May the glory of all that you have made
remind me of your presence
and lead me closer to you.*

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 close contacts 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 different to normal

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

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



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Dates for Autumn Term 2020

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

Date	Event
Monday 2nd November	Children return to school – Any children in St Mark house may wear their own clothes.
Monday 2 nd November	Year 4 Year Group Liturgy – Date has changed
Thursday 5 th November	Year 5/6 Phase Liturgy – Date has changed
Thursday 5 th November	Influenza Vaccinations – All pupils from Year R up to Year 6.
Wednesday 11 th November 2019	National Child Measurement Programme (Height and Weight) and health questionnaire for Year 6 pupils.
Friday 13 th November	Open morning for prospective Reception Parents – more information to follow
Monday 16 th November – Friday 20 th November	Anti-Bullying Week – United Against Bullying
Friday 20 th November	Open morning for prospective Reception Parents – more information to follow
Tuesday 24 th November	Parents Evening These will be virtual meetings. More information to follow.
Wednesday 25 th November	Parents Evening These will be virtual meetings. More information to follow.
Thursday 26 th November	Parents Evening These will be virtual meetings. More information to follow.
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.
Tuesday 8 th December	Key Stage One (Years 1 and 2) Christmas Play – More information to follow.
Wednesday 9 th December	Key Stage One (Years 1 and 2) Christmas Play – More information to follow.

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Wednesday 9 th December	Junior Advent Service – More information to follow.
Tuesday 15 th December	Foundation Stage (Nursery and Reception) Christmas Play – More information to follow.
Thursday 17 th December	End of term and Christmas Dinner Day. School finishes at 1:15pm. The children may wear their own clothes, a Christmas jumper and a Christmas hat.
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. Parents are most welcome 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.