

NEWSLETTER

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SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY 4TH FEBRUARY 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have had a very exciting couple of weeks with the snow fall, and have enjoyed the creative learning that they have been able to do based on this. I cannot thank you all enough for your support and patience during the unpredictable weather.

Luckily the inclement weather did not fall on Thursday when the whole school enjoyed a fabulous performance of Jack and the Beanstalk. The pupils behaved beautifully and were a real credit!

Best wishes,



Mrs Tregear



Jack & the Beanstalk

M&M Theatrical Productions visited our school last Thursday and took part in a fantastic performance of 'Jack and the Beanstalk'.

The children were mesmerised throughout. They sang along to the songs, participated as an audience and were extremely amused when the teachers had to get on stage and dance with the characters. Their behaviour was incredible and we feel so blessed as staff that they represent our school so perfectly. It was a terrific show, very funny to watch and will give the children excellent memories.

Nursery



In Nursery the children have been learning lots of things about snow. Nursery has so enjoyed the snowy weather recently that they have based their learning around this.

They have created some beautiful art work and have enjoyed finding treasures in the snow.

Reception

Over the last couple of weeks in Reception, children have been learning the class text 'Polly put the kettle on'. They have been enjoying changing parts of the story to make their own. Children have been turning the oven, TV and pizza on or off again. We have also enjoyed finding out what happens when a tea bag diffuses in the brewing process. Using our senses, we found out that different teas have different smells. Next week we are going to explore painting with tea bags.



We have also been busy painting snowmen and writing about our experiences in the snow. One Reception friend said last week "it was the best day ever ... because we can play in the snow." In addition, Ash and Chestnut class have also been working on their 'Foggy Day' dance. We plan to perform our dances to each other.

Years 1/2

Phase 1/2 has been learning about the Magic Porridge Pot story; we all retold the story throughout the Phase while making 'magic porridge' flow!



Year 2's have been adding two digit numbers to two digit numbers and used various resources including playing games. The children have really enjoyed learning in this way.





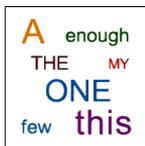
Years 3/4

Phase 3/4 has been having fun learning about angles. We have been exploring right angles within the letters of our names and in our classroom and have been using vocabulary such as 'perpendicular, acute and obtuse'.

Due to the snow, we have also been finding angles in snowflakes!

Years 5/6

This week, as part of our grammar and English work, Year 5 and 6 have been building on our knowledge and understanding of determiners.



We have been identifying different types of determiners and how they need to have a noun with them in order to be a determiner. Our work has enabled us to better understand how to identify possessive pronouns, which could be similar to a determiner, and how to vary our language to suit a situation.

If you would like to find out more, please join us all at the SPaG Information Evening tomorrow evening at 7.00pm.

SPaG

Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPaG)

Our 'Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar' parent information session is tomorrow, Tuesday 5th February at 7pm in the school hall.

The session will be led by the teaching staff from across the school. We aim to give you further clarification on some of the key grammar expectations for the different year groups and phases in a fun and practical way.

If you are unable to attend the evening, the resources will be placed on the website after the event.

We look forward to seeing many of you at our fun and informative information evening.

Sporting Achievements



Watford Penalty Shootout

Year 6 students took part in the half time penalty shootout during the Watford vs Burnley match on Saturday 19th January. They represented the school brilliantly. Although unfortunately, following a 4-4 draw they lost during sudden death. Well done to all the children, you were amazing.



Year 5/6 Athletics Competition

"On Tuesday 29th January 14 girls' and 14 boys went to an athletics competition at Queens' School.

Some of the track events were 6 lap paarlauf, 4x1 relay, 1+1 obstacle relay and under-over relay. Other events were speed bounce, standing long jump, standing triple jump, high jump, javelin and chest push.

After all the events the results were in the top 2 teams went through. The boys came first and the girls came second."

Written by Ciara and Frankie





Free School Meals

Are you aware that if you meet the criteria for free school meals for just one day that this will enable your child to receive school meals for free for the duration of their time at primary school?

In addition to the main school funding from the local authority, which is based on pupil numbers, Sacred Heart also receives additional income for all children who are eligible for Free School Meals (FSM), or those who have qualified for FSM in the last six years.

Please see criteria below:

Your child could get a free school meal if you receive any of the following:

- **Income Support**
- **Income-based Jobseekers Allowance**
- **Income-related Employment and Support Allowance**
- **Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999**
- **The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit**
- **Child Tax Credit** (as long as you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and you don't get more than **£16,190** a year)
- **Working Tax Credit run-on** (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- **Universal Credit** (with annual earned income of no more than **£7,400** after tax and not including any benefits you get).

If you need any support with this application please do not hesitate in contacting the school office and we will be happy to help.

Attendance



At Sacred Heart we work with parents and ask that they work with us to address any attendance problems. Please be aware of the fixed penalty charge that may be issued, more information can be found in our Attendance Policy on the school website.

We are delighted to say that our whole school attendance has increased from 94.4% to 95.9%. Thank you for supporting us with this.

Advertising



If anyone has a business they would like to advertise in the school newsletter at a competitive rate please send an email to admin@sacredheart682.sch.uk

School Clubs

We are very proud of the quality and the range of clubs that Sacred Heart now offers. Please do contact the school office if you are interested in your child joining any of the clubs that we have in place. Some do still have spaces.

We also do have some availability for our Breakfast Club and After School Club. If you are unable to book please email the school office and we will see if we can help in anyway.

Nursery 2019

If your child was born between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016 and you wish to apply for a place in Nursery starting in September 2019 please see the school office for an application form. Alternatively you can download an application form from our school website.

School Crossing Patrol

If you are interested in becoming the School Crossing Patrol for Sacred Heart please contact Janet at Hertfordshire County Council on 01992 556815.





Medication

Please can any replacement or new medicines be handed in to the school office and not the class teachers. A list of expiry dates for all medicine in school is kept in the school office which we need to keep updated. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Coughs and Sneezes Spread Diseases!

So, it goes without saying that correct and proper hygiene practices are very important at school where we can be very susceptible to infections or illnesses.

Proper hygiene control affects everyone at school, children, staff and parents.

Promoting good hygiene also helps to educate children on hygiene practises.

Four simple ways to help stop the spread of infection:

1. Hand Washing
2. Identify germ-harboured "hot spots," and cleaning them every day
3. Cleaning
4. Responding to infection outbreaks



Thank You!



A very big thanks to all for your generous donations; we have been able to send the following amounts to the different charities that we have been raising money for:

£719.33 Grenfell Tower
£230.86 Cancer Research UK
£563.92 Cafod (Harvest collection)

DATES FOR THE DIARY

SPRING TERM 2019

Tuesday 8th January

Tuesday 5th February Reception to Year 2

Tuesday 5th February

Tuesday 12th February Cedar

Thursday 14th February Holly & Aspen

Friday 15th February

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All children return to school

Drama workshop

Grammar workshop for parents at **7.00pm**

Ashridge Estate school trip

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Muffi Day

Half term

Monday 18th – Friday 22nd February Half Term holiday

Monday 25th February

Monday 11th – Friday 15th March

Wednesday 13th - Friday 15th March

Tuesday 19th March

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Tuesday 26th March

Wednesday 27th March

Wednesday 3rd April

Thursday 4th April

Friday 5th April

All children return to school

Year 6 Manor Adventure

Year 5 Phasels Wood

Year 4 Sportshall Athletics

Reception to Year 2

Infant Parents Evening 2.00pm – 6.30pm

Year 5/6

Parents Evening 1.45pm – 7.00pm

Year 3/4

Parents Evening 1.45pm – 7.00pm

Nursery children end of term

Year 3 to Year 6

Junior Lent Service 11.00am – 12.00pm

End of term – Reception to Year 6, school finishes at 1.15pm

8th April – 18th April Easter Holidays

19th April Good Friday (Bank Holiday) – school closed

22nd April Easter Monday (Bank Holiday) – school closed

SUMMER TERM 2019

Tuesday 23rd April

Monday 6th May

Friday 24th May

All children return to school

Bank Holiday, *school closed*

Half term

Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May Half Term holiday

Monday 3rd June

Wednesday 17th July

Friday 19th July

All children return to school

Nursery children end of term

End of term – Reception to Year 6, school finishes at 1.15pm

Monday 22nd July, INSET School Closed to Pupils

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Wednesday 24th July, INSET School Closed to Pupils