

NEWSLETTER

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

4th October 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a busy couple of weeks. Year 4 have had their year group Mass, there has been a Year 6 football match and today Year 6 are at St Michaels for a netball and football tournament. We hope that they are having a great day and look forward to hearing all about their adventures when they get back to school. The children have been giving fantastic speeches for the roles of Head of House and Class Apostles (previously known as Class Council). We look forward to announcing who these are soon.

Have a lovely weekend
Mrs Smith

Year 4 Mass

On Wednesday, Year 4 celebrated their Year Mass on the theme of Friendship. The children read and sang beautifully. Thank you to parents for joining us.

Olympic & Paralympic Values



This year, the children are working on the Olympic & Paralympic Values -Inspiration, Determination, Excellence, Equality, Friendship, Respect and Courage. The children have focused on friendship and determination since we have been back at school. Over the next two weeks, we will be focusing on respect.

Sports Achievements

Last Friday, the Year 6 boys played a football match against St Joseph's. The score was 5 – 0 to St Joseph's. The boys showed real determination, in line with our Olympic & Paralympic Values, despite the rain and score. Well done.

Harvest Festival

As part of our preparations for the Harvest Festival, we are collecting items from the list below. These will be donated to the Bushey Food Bank.

Tinned meat

Rice

Pasta

Toiletries - shower gel, soap, toothpaste, shampoo

Children have already started to bring their donations into school and these are on display in their classes. We will be celebrating our Harvest Liturgy on Friday 11th October in church. Parents are most welcome to join us.

Christmas Carol Concert

Save the Date: Family Christmas Carol Concert

The Church is hosting a family Christmas Carol Concert on **8th December 2019 at 3.30pm**. There will be light refreshments in the hall afterwards.

If any children would like to sing with the choir at this event please email sacredheartevents12@gmail.com.



FOSH

This week, FOSH had their annual AGM. Thank you to all of you who attended this. Some of the things that FOSH purchased for the school last year were projectors, visualisers, extending the school's wifi, a new Maths scheme and English resources. These have been greatly appreciated by the children and staff. I would like to say thank you to the whole community as by helping or attending these events you are a great support to the school.

Parent Forum

Your views regarding the school are very important to us. To ensure that we are in touch with the needs and concerns of our parents, we are actively seeking your views. Therefore, if you have any ideas to help improve the school or any issues you would like to discuss, please come along to any of the following Parents' Forum dates: Wednesday 23rd October, Wednesday 18th December, Wednesday 12th February, Wednesday 1st April, Wednesday 6th May, Wednesday 17th June. These will all be at 9:15am except Wednesday 12th February which will be at 10:30am.

The first Parent Forum will focus on recent improvements and the school vision. We look forward to seeing you at these.



Attendance

Currently, the school attendance is 97.25%. This is a good start to the school year and we hope to keep this up.

At Sacred Heart we strive to support parents so that all children can maximise their attendance. If you have any problems, please talk to us.

Our Attendance Policy can be found on the school website. Please be aware of the fixed penalty charge that may be issued.

Important Secondary School Transfer Information

Secondary School admissions opened on 2nd September and the closing date for all applications is 31st October 2019. Year 6 parents must complete the online form at www.hertsdirect.org/admissions and complete the School's Supplementary Form which you can obtain during the School's Open evenings.

Please note, all Catholic Secondary Schools require a Certificate of Catholic Practice which can be obtained from your parish priest.

Fr. Jim will be signing the Certificate of Catholic Practice forms Secondary after weekend masses only.



Dates for Autumn Term 2019

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

Date	Event
Friday 10 th October	Oral Health Presentation to Reception children
Friday 11 th October	Harvest Liturgy in Church at 10am for Years 1 – 6. Parents are most welcome to join us.
Tuesday 15 th October	Year 5 Cross Country competition at Queens School.
Monday 21 st October – Thursday 24 th October	Science & Creative Week – STEAM Week
Monday 21 st October – Thursday 24 th October	The Book Fair will be open after school from 3:30pm – 4pm. Parents and children are welcome to come and see the children's books that are on sale.
Monday 21 st October	Drama Workshop in school for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils.
Wednesday 23 rd October	Influenza Vaccinations – All pupils from Year R up to Year 6.
Wednesday 23 rd October	Parent Forum in school at 9:15am. The focus will be on recent improvements and the school vision.
Thursday 24 th October	Reception Parent Drop in at 3pm. Parents are welcome to visit their child's classroom at 3pm. The children will show their parents where their peg is, where they sit on the carpet and the activities they undertake.
Friday 25 th October	Deanery Day, school closed to pupils
Saturday 26 th October – Sunday 3 rd November	Half Term
Monday 4 th November	Children return to school
Thursday 7 th November	Year 5/6 Phase 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.
Saturday 9 th November	Fireworks
Wednesday 13 th November 2019	National Child Measurement Programme (Height and Weight) and health questionnaire for Year 6 pupils.
Friday 15 th November	Open morning for prospective Reception parents at 9:30am.
Monday 18 th November – Friday 22 nd November	Anti-Bullying Week
Tuesday November 19 th November	Year 4 Speed Stacking competition at Queens' school in the afternoon.

Friday 22 nd November	Open morning for prospective Reception parents at 9:30am.
Monday 25 th November	Phase 5/6 Parents' Evening from 2pm. This is for parents of children in Years 5 and 6.
Tuesday 26 th November	Phase 3/4 Parents' Evening from 2pm. This is for parents of children in Years 3 and 4.
Wednesday 27 th November	Reception and Phase 1/2 Parents' Evening from 2pm. This is for parents of children in Reception and Years 1 and 2.
Thursday 28 th November 2020	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.
Friday 29 th November	Occasional Day
Monday 2 nd December	Nursery Visit to the Post Office Group 1
Tuesday 3 rd December	Nursery Visit to the Post Office Group 2
Wednesday 4 th December	Nursery Visit to the Post Office Group 3
Thursday 5 th December	Nursery Visit to the Post Office Group 4
Tuesday 10 th December	Key Stage One (Years 1 and 2) Christmas 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 11 th December	Key Stage One (Years 1 and 2) Christmas Play in school at 9:30am. Parents are welcome to join us. We ask for no siblings during this performance.
Wednesday 11 th December	Junior Advent Service in the church at 11am for Years 3,4,5,6. Parents are welcome to join us.
Friday 13 th December	End of Clubs and Music Lessons for the term.
Saturday 14 th December	Christmas Bazaar 11am- 2pm in school.
Tuesday 17 th December	Foundation Stage (Nursery and Reception) Christmas Play in school at 9:30am. Parents are welcome to join us.
Wednesday 18 th December	Parent Forum in school at 9:15am.
Friday 20 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.

Spring Term 2020

Date	Event
Monday 6 th January	Start of Term
Friday 10 th January	Beginning of Term Mass in Church at 9:15am for Years 1 – 6. Parents are most welcome to join us. Year 5 pupils will lead the Mass.
Friday 31 st January	Pantomime Cinderella in school for all year groups from Nursery up to Year 6.
Wednesday 5 th February	Year 6 Year Group Mass in school at 2pm. Parents are welcome to join us.
Thursday 6 th February	Phasels Wood Parents' Meeting at 5:30pm.
Monday 10 th February – Friday 14 th February	Feeling Good Week
Tuesday 11 th February	Internet Safety Day
Wednesday 12 th February	Key Stage One (Years 1 and 2 pupils) Assembly in school at 9:30am. Parents are welcome to join us.
Wednesday 12 th February	Parent Forum in school at 10:30am.
Monday 17 th February – Friday 21 st February	Half Term
Monday 24 th February	Children return to school
Wednesday 26 th February	Ash Wednesday Service in church at 9:15am for Years 3,4,5,6. Parents are welcome to join us. This week Friday and Wednesday school dinners will swap – Wednesday roast will be on Friday and Friday Specials on Wednesday. The Infant children have their own Ash Wednesday Services in their classroom.
Friday 28 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 5 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.
Monday 9 th March – this has changed	Reception and Phase 1/2 Parents' Evening from 2pm. This is for parents of children in Reception and Years 1 and 2 .
Tuesday 10 th March	Phase 3/4 Parents' Evening from 2pm. This is for parents of children in Years 3 and 4.
Thursday 12 th March	Phase 5/6 Parents' Evening from 2pm. This is for parents of children in Years 5 and 6.
Tuesday 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.
Tuesday 17 th 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 th March – Friday 20 th March	Year 5 Phasels Wood trip
Friday 20 th 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 th 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 th March	Phase 3/4 play in school at 9:30am. Parents are welcome to join us. We ask for no siblings during this performance.
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 rd April	End of term and Whole School Easter Bonnet Parade, school finishes at 1:15pm.

Summer Term 2020

Date	Event
Monday 20 th April	Children return to school
Thursday 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.
Friday 24 th 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 th April	Manor Adventure Parents' Meeting at 5:30pm.
Wednesday 6 th May	Parent Forum in school at 9:15am.
Friday 8 th May	May Day Bank Holiday
Monday 11 th May to Thursday 14 th May	Year 6 Sats
Monday 18 th May – Thursday 21 st May	One World Week
Tuesday 19 th May	EYFS Assembly in school at 9:30am. Parents are welcome to join us.
Thursday 21 st 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 nd May	Inset Day
Monday 25 th May – Friday 29 th May	Half Term

Monday 1 st June	Children return to school
Monday 1 st June – Friday 5 th June	Manor Adventure – Year 6 Residential Trip
Wednesday 3 rd June	Year 5 Year Group Mass in school at 2pm. Parents are welcome to join us.
Tuesday 9 th 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 with them in class.
Wednesday 17 th June	Parent Forum in school at 9:15am.
Friday 19 th June 2020	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 th 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. Mathew - Yellow, Mark - Red, Luke - Green and John - Blue
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 th July 2020	Year 5/6 Production in school at 6pm. Parents are welcome to join us.
Tuesday 7 th July 2020	Year 5/6 Production in school at 2pm. Parents are welcome to join us.
Tuesday 14 th July	Nursery trip to the allotments.
Tuesday 14 th July 2020	Year 6 Leavers Mass in Church at 7pm.
Thursday 16 th July 2020	End of Term and whole school picnic, school finishes at 1:15pm
Friday 17 th July 2020 Monday 20 th July 2020 Tuesday 21 st July 2020	Inset Day Inset Day Inset Day