

# NEWSLETTER

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

6<sup>th</sup> December 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a fun couple of weeks. Last week, the children looked fantastic dressed in the colours for St Andrew's Day. They also learnt lots about him in class. The children have started learning their songs for their Christmas plays and Advent Service. It is a delight to walk around school and listen to them. I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming plays and services.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Smith

## Christmas Plays and Advent Service

On Tuesday at 9:30am, the Year 1 and Year 2 pupils are performing their Christmas Play. Parents and siblings are most welcome to attend this performance. They are then showing the play again on Wednesday for parents - we ask for no siblings to attend this performance.

Following this, at 11am we have the Junior Advent Service in church. Parents are most welcome to join us.

Next week, on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December, Nursery and Reception are performing their play at 9:30am.

The children have been working very hard on their plays and services and they are very excited to perform them for you.



## Nursery Post Office Trips

This week, the Nursery children have visited the Post Office on Bushey High Street. They have posted a home-made Christmas card. Nursery parents, please look out for these letters. I am sure they will be a joy to read.

## Phase 1/2 Bushey Museum

On Thursday, the pupils in Year 1 and Year 2 visited Bushey Museum for a talk on toys. They saw lots of old toys and compared them to the toys we have today. Their behaviour was fantastic and they were a real credit to the school.



## Carol Singers

Some of our Year 6 pupils sang at a Carol Concert at Bushey Academy on Wednesday. The singing was beautiful and really set the scene for preparing for Christmas. The pupils looked very smart in their uniform and were fantastic ambassadors for the school. Well done to the pupils who performed and thank you to Miss Zarandi for organising this.

## Sports Achievements



The boys' football team played Ashfield this week. The score was 3 – 1 to Ashfield. The boys showed great teammanship and determination right up to the end of the game. Well done.

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## Christmas Bazaar

Thank you for the prizes that the children brought in today for the Staff Tombola and the Bottle Tombola.

If anyone can help on the day, please let your class reps know.

The Christmas Bazaar is on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December from 11am – 2pm. We look forward to seeing you.

Thank you for your continued support.

## Attendance

Currently the whole school attendance is 96.26%. This year we are aiming to keep our attendance over 96% and to be as close to 97% as possible. We thank you for your support with this.

Descriptor	Threshold Attendance	Actual Attendance	Whole Days Absence	Learning Hours Lost
EXCELLENT	100%	190 days	0	0
	99%	188 days	2	10
GOOD	98%	186 days	4	20
	97%	184 days	6	30
SATISFACTORY	96%	182.5 days	7.5	37.5
	95%	180.5 days	9.5	47.5
CAUSE FOR CONCERN	90%	171 days	19	95
	89%	169 days	21	105
UNSATISFACTORY	88%	167 days	23	115
	87%	165 days	25	125
SERIOUS CAUSE FOR CONCERN	86%	163 days	27	135
	85%	161.5 days	28.5	142.5
CRITICAL	84%	159.5 days	30.5	152.5
	83%	158 days	32	160
	82%	156 days	34	170
	81%	154 days	36	180
CRITICAL	80%	152 days	38	190

## Olympic & Paralympic Values

For the next two weeks, we will be focusing on respect. As we are now in Advent and preparing to celebrate Christ's birthday, it is important that we remember Jesus' most important message – 'to love one another'. Therefore, over these last two weeks of term, staff will be looking for pupils who show this by respecting others – both children and adults.

## Parking

As we now draw into the winter months, can we remind parents and carers to be extra considerate when parking close to the school. In particular, please ensure that you are not blocking any residents' driveways when you park.

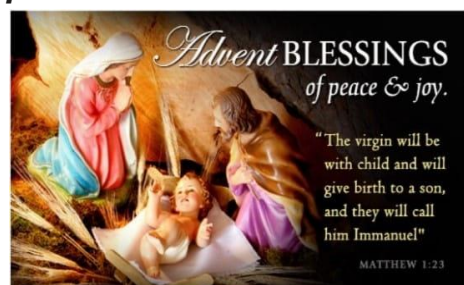
## Christmas Carol Concert

### 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 – any food contributions would be welcomed.

If any children would like to sing with the choir at this event, please email [sacredheartevents12@gmail.com](mailto:sacredheartevents12@gmail.com).

***The concert is a free community event but please bring along a Christmas donation for the Bushey Food Bank e.g. Mince pies or a selection box.***



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## Reception 2020

Applying for a school place for September 2020:

**Monday 4 November 2019** - application process opened.

**Wednesday 15 January 2020** – Statutory deadline for applications. Please apply online at [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions).

Please be aware that the deadline to return the Supplementary Information Form (SIF) to the school office (along with supporting documents) is also **Wednesday 15 January 2020**.

If you need any further information or assistance please contact the school office, 01923 901179 or visit our website, [www.sacredheart682.herts.sch.uk/admissions](http://www.sacredheart682.herts.sch.uk/admissions).

## Dates for Autumn Term 2019

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

Date	Event
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> December	Junior Advent Service in the church at 11am for Years 3,4,5,6. Parents are welcome to join us.
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Clubs and Music Lessons for the term.
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Bazaar 11am- 2pm in school.
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Foundation Stage (Nursery and Reception) Christmas Play in school at 9:30am. Parents are welcome to join us.
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Parent Forum in school at 9:15am.
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Music Concert led by Zoltan at 2:30pm in the school hall. Parents of the pupils performing will be invited to join us.
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> 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.

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## Spring Term 2020

Date	Event
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Start of Term
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> 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.
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	Reception Children Health Screening
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	Cinderella Pantomime in school for all year groups from Nursery up to Year 6.
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 6 Year Group Mass in school at 2pm. Parents are welcome to join us.
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Phasels Wood Parents' Meeting at 5:30pm.
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Feeling Good Week
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Internet Safety Day
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Key Stage One (Years 1 and 2 pupils) Assembly in school at 9:30am. Parents are welcome to join us.
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent Forum in school at 10:30am.
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Half Term
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Children return to school
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> March	Phase 3/4 Parents' Evening from 2pm. This is for parents of children in Years 3 and 4.

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Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Phase 5/6 Parents' Evening from 2pm. This is for parents of children in Years 5 and 6.
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> March – Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 Phasels Wood trip
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Junior Lent Service in church at 10am for Years 3,4,5,6. Parents are welcome to join us – time has changed.
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Parent Forum in school at 9:15am.
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	End of term and Whole School Easter Bonnet Parade, school finishes at 1:15pm.

## Summer Term 2020

Date	Event
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Children return to school
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> April	Manor Adventure Parents' Meeting at 5:30pm.
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Parent Forum in school at 9:15am.
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	May Day Bank Holiday
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May to	Year 6 Sats



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Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> May – Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	One World Week
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	EYFS Assembly in school at 9:30am. Parents are welcome to join us.
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>nd</sup> May	Inset Day
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Half Term
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Children return to school
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June – Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Manor Adventure – Year 6 Residential Trip
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Year 5 Year Group Mass in school at 2pm. Parents are welcome to join us.
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> June	Parent Forum in school at 9:15am.
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	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 <sup>th</sup> 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. Matthew - 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 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 5/6 Production in school at 6pm. Parents are welcome to join us.
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 5/6 Production in school at 2pm. Parents are welcome to join us.
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Nursery trip to the allotments.

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Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers' Mass in Church at 7pm.
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Term and whole school picnic, school finishes at 1:15pm
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Inset Day Inset Day Inset Day