

NEWSLETTER

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

6th September 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back. I hope that you had a wonderful holiday! Here we are at the end of the first week of the 2019/20 academic year and it has been a wonderful week for the whole school. I am delighted to report that all of our pupils, both new and those not so new, have settled back into school routines, expectations and life incredibly smoothly; it has been a pleasure to have them all back in school with us.

I would like to say a special welcome to the new staff and to the new children who have joined us in Reception and Nursery this year and to the children who have joined us from other schools. I am very excited about the year of learning ahead of us and I am sure your children will thoroughly enjoy their time at school this year.

School Improvement Priorities for 2019-2020

The priorities for the School Development Plan this year are:

1. Mathematics – developing pupils' fluency, reasoning and problem solving skills.
2. Writing – developing pupils' spelling, punctuation, content, handwriting presentation and handwriting skills.
3. Reading- developing pupils' decoding, understanding and fluency skills.
4. Attendance – improve pupils' attendance to 96.6% which is the national expectation.

FOSH

I would like to say a special thank you to FOSH for their hard work and for purchasing our new mathematics scheme, books and resources. The staff and I are so grateful for their continued dedication and commitment to fundraising for our school.

Thank you very much to all of the parents who attended and supported the FOSH events too. We are hoping that these new resources will enable us to meet our School Improvement Priorities.

Building Works

The school has been a hive of activity over the holidays. The Year 1/2 classroom has been transformed with a new ceiling, separate toilet facilities, carpets and within the next two weeks (fingers crossed) the new furniture and interactive TV will arrive. We have also had new lino fitted to Years 5, 5/6 and 6, the playground equipment has been painted and essential tree works have been completed. All of the rooms look fantastic and the children are enjoying playing on the newly refreshed playground equipment.

Before: Year 1/2



After



New toilets



More photographs to follow, once it has been completed and the the furniture has arrived.

Before: hall



After: floor



After: Hall



I am hoping to refurbish another classroom but will need to raise approximately £17,000; therefore, could you please ensure you pay your Building Fund donation previously known as the Governor's Fund. It is £20 per child, per term or £40 per term, per family. If you would like to pay your voluntary donation in advance, please complete the attached standing order form or make cheques payable to Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School.

Thank you for support.

New Sensory Room

I am delighted to inform you that due to the hard work and money raised by Mrs Nevin, we now have a wonderful sensory room in our school. We are hoping that the children with additional needs can facilitate this space to further access the curriculum.



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.

School Uniform

The children are looking very smart in their new school uniforms. Thank you to adhering to our school uniform policy. However, there are a few children wearing trainers. All children must wear shoes. Trainers, including black trainers, are not allowed and shoes must be worn in school. Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform and appropriate footwear. Thank you for your help regarding this matter.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Have a great weekend,

Linda Payne
Executive Headteacher

Dates for Autumn Term 2019

Date	Event
Monday 2 nd September 2019	Inset Day
Tuesday 3 rd September 2019	Start of Term – children in school
Friday 25 th October 2019	Deanery Day, school closed to pupils
Saturday 26 th October – Sunday 3 rd November 2019	Half Term
Monday 4 th November 2019	Children return to school
Friday 29 th November 2019	Occasional Day
Friday 20 th December 2019	End of term, school finishes at 1:15pm

Spring Term 2020

Date	Event
Monday 6 th January 2020	Start of Term
Monday 17 th February – Friday 21 st February 2020	Half Term
Monday 24 th February 2020	Children return to school
Friday 3 rd April 2020	End of term, school finishes at 1:15pm

Summer Term 2020

Date	Event
Monday 20 th April 2020	Children return to school
Friday 8 th May 2020	May Day Bank Holiday
Friday 22 nd May 2020	Inset Day
Monday 25 th May – Friday 29 th May 2020	Half Term
Monday 1 st June 2020	Children return to school
Monday 1 st June – Friday 5 th June 2020	Manor Adventure – Year 6 Residential Trip
Thursday 16 th July 2020	End of Term, school finishes at 1:15pm
Friday 17 th July 2020	Inset Day
Monday 20 th July 2020	Inset Day

Tuesday 21 st July 2020	Inset Day
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