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SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

8th November 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you all had a lovely half term. The pupils have come back to school looking very smart in their winter school uniform. Please ensure that your child brings a coat with a hood into school every day. This way, we can allow the children to be outside at break and lunchtimes as much as possible over the winter months. On Thursday, we had the Phase 5/6 Mass in Church. It was a lovely Mass with beautiful singing, excellent reading and some fantastic Irish dancing. Thank you to the parents who joined us for this.

On Saturday, we have our annual fireworks from 6:30pm on the school field. We look forward to seeing you there. I recommend that you wear Wellington Boots!

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Smith

Science & Creative Week

The week before half term we had our Science and Creative week. This started with a drama workshop for all the Infant classes from Nursery up to Year 2. On the Tuesday, we had owls and birds of prey visiting us. It was very exciting to see them swooping around the hall. On the Wednesday, Phase 5/6 learnt about air resistance with Dr Taylor. The week ended with Phase 3/4 working with Miss Bradley, a science teacher from Salvatorian College, to learn more about skeletons and fossils. A fun week was had with lots of fantastic learning.

FOSH

On Friday 6th December the children will be having a mufti day. On this day, we would like the children to bring in the following things for the Christmas Bazaar.

Nursery & Reception pupils – Jolly Jars full of sweets, stationery or toys for the Staff Tombola

Year 1 & Year 2 pupils – new toys or stationery for the Staff Tombola

Years 3,4,5 & 6 – bottles for the Bottle Tombola.

Thank you for your support with this.

Reception Drop In

On the last day before half term, the Reception children had a 'drop in' session for their parents at the end of the day. They got to show their parents their pegs, their work and where they like to learn and play in the classroom. Thank you to all of you who joined us.

Parent Forum

Thank you to all parents who attended our first Parent Forum on Wednesday 23rd October. The next one will be on Wednesday 18th December at 9:15am. We look forward to seeing you then.

Sports Achievements

Before half term, the Year 6 football team played against Bushey Manor. Although the boys lost 3-0, they showed real determination and kept going until the end. Well done boys.



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Olympic & Paralympic Values

For the next two weeks we will be focusing on courage. Staff will be looking for pupils who have the courage to take risks in their learning and to strive to be the best that they can be.

Anti-Bullying Week

We will be holding our annual 'Anti-Bullying Week' from Monday 18th November to Friday 22nd November. This will be led by the House Captains. The focus this year is 'Change starts with us.' The House Captains will lead an assembly on the Monday. They will be asking the pupils to complete an Anti-Bullying survey which they will analyse and use to plan how we can further improve our school. They would also like the children to take part in a poster competition – more information on this will be sent out. Finally they would like the children to wear odd socks to school on the Friday. Pupils must still wear school uniform except for the socks. Thank you to the House Captains for the hard work they have already put in to planning this week. We look forward to informing you about how the week went.



#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK

Reception 2019 Open Mornings

**Friday 15th & 22nd November
9.30-11.00am**

If your child was born between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016 and you wish to apply for a place in Reception for September 2020, we have pleasure in inviting you to one of our Open Mornings to see our school in action during an ordinary day.

The open morning is planned to give you information to help you make decisions regarding the transfer of your son or daughter to Reception.

A school brochure, which includes an outline of the Admission Policy, as well as a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) will be given out during the session. The Certificate of Catholic Practice is signed by priests for all practising Catholics defined by Canon Law, which includes weekly attendance at Mass and on Holy Days of Obligation; this form is available from your parish Priest.

To book your place, telephone the school on 01923 901179 or email

admin@sacredheart682.herts.sch.uk



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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.



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. Please ensure that residents' driveways are not blocked and check that children are not kicking the stones over the pavement and road by the corner of Merry Hill Road and Haydon Dell. We thank you for your support with this.



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Dates for Autumn Term 2019

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

Date	Event
Saturday 9 th November	Fireworks from 6:30pm
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	The children may wear odd socks as part of our work on Anti-Bullying. They still need to wear school uniform except for the socks.
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

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Friday 6 th December	Mufti Day for Christmas Bazaar - Nursery & Reception pupils – Jolly Jars full of sweets, stationery or toys for the Staff Tombola Year 1 & Year 2 pupils – new toys or stationery for the Staff Tombola Years 3,4,5 & 6 – bottles for the Bottle Tombola.
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.
Thursday 19 th 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 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.
Wednesday 15 th January	Reception Children Health Screening
Friday 31 st January	Cinderella Pantomime 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.

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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.

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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

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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.
Wednesday 10 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. 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 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