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SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

9th December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

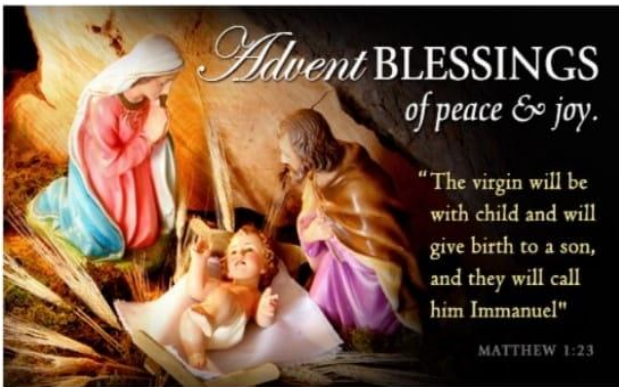
We have had a fun couple of weeks. Last week, the children looked fantastic dressed in the colours for St Andrew's Day. They also learnt lots about him in class. The children have started learning their songs for their Christmas plays and Advent Service. It is a delight to walk around school and listen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

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Smith

Nativity & Advent Service

The children have been working very hard on their plays and services, and they are very excited to perform them for you. These are being recorded this week and we will be sending you a link next week so that you can watch them.



Virtual Pantomime

The company who normally come in for our annual pantomime have created a personalised virtual pantomime. The children will be watching this on Monday morning at 9:30am. This year's performance is Sleeping Beauty.

RE Newsletter

Please click on the link below to read the December RE newsletter.

www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-newsletter/

FOSH

FOSH have worked tirelessly to come up with new and inovative ways to raise money for our school. They created a fantatic Christmas catalogue with Christmas gifts. Thank you to FOSH for their hard work and to all of you who have purchased gifts from this. The money FOSH raises really helps to enhance the pupil's education and experiences in school.

Attendance

Currently the whole school attendance is 97.05% A big thank you to you all for ensuring your children attend school, whilst continuing to be vigilant and helping to keep our children and community safe. Our attendance champions this week are The Year 4 cohort, with a fantastic attendance record of 98%. Well done Year 4.

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Reception 2021 School Admissions



If your child was born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017 and you would like to apply for a place in Reception at Sacred Heart School for September 2021, please apply to your Local Authority and complete our school's Supplementary Information Form (SIF). Please submit the school's SIF directly to our school office, along with any supporting documents.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and current guidance, we are unable to offer tours of our school, individually, or as a group. On our website, you will find a copy of our school brochure (which will give you an insight to our school and Reception classes), our Supplementary Information Form (SIF), and our Admissions Policy for 2021-2022
<https://sacredheart682.herts.sch.uk>.

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.

If you would like a paper copy of any of the documents, please telephone the school office on 01923 901179 or email admin@sacredheart682.herts.sch.uk

COVID-19

If your child tests positive for coronavirus, please notify us as soon as possible so we can complete the relevant tracking and tracing process with public health and notify any other children or staff who have been in close contact and need to self-isolate.

Remember as soon as your child or any member of your household develops symptoms, they must start self-isolating immediately and book a test.

Main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste differently

If you're not sure whether symptoms suggest that they have coronavirus or an everyday cough or cold, you can consult the online NHS symptom checker:
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/sympto>

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★ Festive ideas for you and your family to enjoy over Christmas



Put your winter warmers on, and go for a night-time family stroll or drive around the local neighbourhood to spot the best Christmas light displays, whilst also spending some quality time together.



It's movie night!

Choose a favourite family film suitable for all, make your own cinema tickets and get comfy with blankets, popcorn and hot chocolate.



Bake some Christmas cookies or cakes as presents or just for everyone at home to enjoy!

Find recipes at: www.bbcgoodfood.com/howto/guide/christmas-cookies-kids

www.goodhousekeeping.com/holidays/Christmas-ideas/g2943/christmas-cookie



Show some artistic flair by making your own Christmas cards and decorations this year. Get the whole family involved, listening to some Christmas jingles as you work.

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/howto/guide/salt-dough-christmas-decorations>



Complete a jigsaw or get all your old board games out and use your imagination when playing charades, festive alphabet or even invent your own.

Further ideas: <https://www.goodtoknow.co.uk/family/11-best-christmas-games-for-the-family-62560>

Free Online Christmas Events ★

Google - This is live all year with various Christmas themed games available to play and then on Christmas Eve you can track Santa. <https://santatracker.google.com/>

SCAtHome presents The Christmas Extravaganza - Glasgow Science Centre presents a festive online show exploring how Santa travels around the Globe on Christmas Eve and how to build your own Gingerbread House. <https://www.list.co.uk/event/1615580-gscathome-presents-the-christmas-extravaganza>

Glastonbury Street & Musical Comedy Society are running free pantomimes from 2nd December to 30th December 2020 live on their YouTube channel. <https://www.gsmcs.co.uk/upcoming-events/virtual-panto>

CBeebies - Fun Christmas activities <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/christmas-all-wrapped-up>
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Eventbrite - Online events are amazing opportunities to have fun and learn. Find new online arts performances and Christmas concert events on Eventbrite.
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/d/online/free-arts-performances/christmas-concert/>

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Dates for Autumn Term 2020

Currently Masses and Liturgies are being held virtually and the children are accessing these from their classrooms.

Date	Event
During the week 14 th December – 17 th December	The Christmas Plays and Advent Service will be recorded this year. We will share these with you before the end of term.
Monday 14 th December	Virtual Pantomime
Wednesday 16 th Decemeber	School Quiz
Thursday 17 th December	End of term and Christmas Dinner Day. The children may wear their own clothes, a Christmas jumper and a Christmas hat. Staggered finishing times:- Nursery (extended hours) & Reception at 1pm, Years 1 & 2 at 1.10pm, Years 3 & 4 at 1.20pm and Years 5 & 6 at 1.30pm. Siblings can be collected at the latest sibling's collection time.
Friday 18 th December	Inset Day

Spring Term 2021

Date	Event
Monday 4 th January	Start of Term
Friday 8 th January	Beginning of Term Mass for Years 1 – 6. Year 5 pupils will lead the Mass.
Wednesday 3 rd February	Year 6 Year Group Mass
Monday 8 th February – Friday 12 th February	Feeling Good Week
Tuesday 9 th February	Internet Safety Day
Wednesday 10 th February	Key Stage One (Years 1 and 2 pupils) Assembly – more information to follow.
Monday 15 th February – Friday 19 th February	Half Term

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Monday 22 nd February	Children return to school
Friday 26 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 4 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.
Tuesday 9 th March	Parents Evening - more information to follow.
Wednesday 10 th March	Parents Evening - more information to follow.
Thursday 11 th March	Parents Evening - more information to follow.
Friday 12 th March	All classes from Nursery up to Year 6 - Mothers' Day class assemblies – more information to follow.
Wednesday 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.
Wednesday 17 th March	Years 5, 5/6 and 6 Mothers' Day class assemblies – more information to follow.
Tuesday 23 rd March	Phase 3/4 play – more information to follow.
Wednesday 24 th March	Phase 3/4 play - more information to follow.
Thursday 25 th March	Junior Lent Service – more information to follow.
Friday 26 th March	End of term and Whole School Easter Bonnet Parade, school finishes at 1:15pm.

Summer Term 2021

Date	Event
Monday 12 th April	Children return to school
Friday 16 th April	Beginning of Term Mass - Year 4 pupils will lead the Mass – more information to follow,
Friday 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.
Monday 3 rd May	May Day Bank Holiday

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Monday 10 th May to Thursday 13 th May	Year 6 Sats
Thursday 13 th May	Ascension Mass in Church at 2pm for Years 1 – 6 - Year 3 pupils will lead the Mass – more information to follow.
Tuesday 18 th May	Phase 1/2 Mass – more information to follow.
Tuesday 25 th May	EYFS Assembly – more information to follow.
Wednesday 26 th May	Year 5 Year Group Mass – more information to follow.
Monday 31 st May – Friday 4 th June	Half Term
Monday 7 th June	Inset Day
Tuesday 8 th June – 11 th June	One World Week – Working together for a just, peaceful & sustainable world
Friday 11 th June 2020	Sacred Heart Feast Day Mass at 11am for Years 1 – 6. Year 1 and 2 will lead. If possible, this will be followed by a whole school picnic at 12pm on the school field. More information to follow.
Wednesday 16 th June 2020	Phase 3/4 Mass – more information to follow.
Thursday 24 th June	Infant Sports Day at 9:15am Junior Sports Day at 1:30pm More information to follow. Children wear their PE kit with a coloured t-shirt to match their house. Mathew - Yellow, Mark - Red, Luke - Green and John - Blue
Tuesday 29 th June	St Peter and Paul Mass - Year 6 pupils will lead the Mass – more information to follow.
Monday 5 th July 2020	Year 5/6 Production – more information to follow.
Tuesday 6 th July 2020	Year 5/6 Production – more information to follow.
Wednesday 14 th July 2020	Year 6 Leavers Mass – more information to follow.
Friday 16 th July 2020	End of Term, school finishes at 12 pm for Years R up to Year 5. School ends at 1:30pm for Year 6 pupils.

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