Learning and loving with Christ as our teacher

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2024

Dear Lord,
Thank you for this wonderful school we have to go to. Please help us to be guided by the Sacred Heart of Jesus and follow His word about spreading love and kindness to everyone.
Thank you for the food and water we are provided with and bless the people who do not have enough food and water. Bless everyone around us especially those who are most in need.
Amen
Written by Orla, Sofia and Liana



Upcoming Key Dates

Summer Term	Year 4 Swimming
Thursday 11th July	**Transition Day**
Friday 12th July	**St Anne's class (Nursery) wear their own clothes to celebrate the feast day of St Anne which is on 26th July.**
Thursday 18th July	**End of Term - School finishes at 12:30 pm for Years R up to Year 5 (pupils have lunch in school).** **School ends at 1:30pm for Year 6 pupils.** **9:15 – Year 6 Leavers Mass in Church**

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a very busy and exciting Summer Term so far. We celebrated the Sacred Heart Feast Day and our RE inspection report was published. We are delighted to have been awarded outstanding. This is testament to all the hard work of the Governors, Staff, Pupils and Parents. We are very proud that it was recognised that Sacred Heart 'excels at being a Christ-centred school community.' Thank you for your support with this.
We have also had our Sports' Days, taken part in several competitions and there have been many educational trips. You can find out more about these in the newsletter.

Warm regards,

Mrs. Smith





Phase EYFS Pentecost Party

In May, EYFS held a Pentecost Party. They came into school dressed in red party clothes. During the day they learnt about Pentecost, completed a range of activities linked to Pentecost and held a special Pentecost Collective Worship.

















SACRED HEART FEAST DAY MASS & CELEBRATIONS

On June 7th we celebrated Mass for the Sacred Heart Feast Day and had a picnic on the school field. Phase 1/2 led the Mass fantastically and we had a joyous picnic over lunchtime. In class the pupils completed activites about the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Reception made Sacred Heart biscuits. Thank you to everyone who joined us.

















ONE WORLD WEEK

Last week, we celebrated One World Week. During the week, Phase 5/6 visited Bushey Synagogue, Phase 3/4 visited Bhaktevedanta Manor and Phase 1/2 visited St James' Church. On these trips and in class the pupils learnt about different religions and cultures from around the world and that it is important that we treat all people fairly and respectfully. On Tuesday, for our International Day, we celebrated all the different cultures we have in our school.

Trips





International Day















PHASE 1/2 TRIP TO ASHRIDGE

Last week, Phase 1/2 went to Ashridge. They had a scavenger hunt in the woods where they collected natural objects. They then used these objects to create natural sculptures. They had a fantastic time and made some wonderful sculptures.











Spotlight Catholic Social Teaching

Last half term, we focused on 'Dignity of the Worker'. The children reflected on how they should treat people they meet in their work place and how they could help people around the world to have dignity in their work. They prayed for all workers to have dignity at work and they then took action to help others to have dignity at work. Below are some of the actions they took.

Phase EYFS	Making a special effort to leave their classroom tidy at the end of the day. This helped the cleaners to be able to focus on cleaning the classroom and teachers to be able to focus on setting up their lessons. Writing thank you cards for Caddy who cleans the Infant classrooms and the staff who work in their phase.
Phase 1/2	Making a special effort to leave their classroom tidy at the end of the day. This helped the cleaners to be able to focus on cleaning the classroom and teachers to be able to focus on setting up their lessons. Writing thank you cards for our school cooks and the staff who work in their phase.
Phase 3/4	Making a special effort to leave their classroom tidy at the end of the day. This helped the cleaners to be able to focus on cleaning the classroom and teachers to be able to focus on setting up their lessons. Writing thank you cards for Chris who cleans the Junior classrooms and the staff who work in their phase.
Year 5	Making a special effort to leave their classroom tidy at the end of the day. This helped the cleaners to be able to focus on cleaning the classroom and teachers to be able to focus on setting up their lessons. Writing letters to Mrs Smith persuading her to purchase fair trade products for school. Writing cards for the office staff, our caretaker and the staff who work in their phase.
Year 6	Making a special effort to leave their classroom tidy at the end of the day. This helped the cleaners to be able to focus on cleaning the classroom and teachers to be able to focus on setting up their lessons. Writing letters to Mrs Smith persuading her to purchase fair trade products for school. Writing cards for the staff who work at Longridge, the staff who took them on their residential trip and the staff who work in their phase.













Spotlight on PE

The pupils are currently focusing on skills they need to be able to play team games and athletics for sports day.

Year Group	PE Focus
Yr N	Throwing and catching
Yr R	Throwing and catching
Yr 1	Bat and ball skills and multi skills in games.
Yr 2	Bat and ball skills and multi skills in games.
Yr 3	Striking and fielding and team games.
Yr 4	Striking and fielding and team games.
Yr 5	Striking and fielding, football and netball. Leading activities in the Infant and Phase 3/4 Sports Days.
Yr 6	Striking and fielding, football and netball. Adventurous sports on their Residential Trip.

Phase EYFS Sport's Day











Spotlight on PE

Phase 1/2 Sports Day











Year 6 Residential Trip








Spotlight on PE















Spotlight on PE

Sports Day Equipment

The SPAR in Bushey kindly donated PE equipment for us to use during our Sports Day. This increased the range of activities that the children took part in. Thank you.





Phase 3/4 Sports Day










Phase 5/6 Sports Day












Catholic Social Teaching – Dignity of the Worker

During this half term, we are focusing on Dignity.



Pope Francis said that:

"Every person is immensely holy and deserves our love."
Pope Francis

Some of the ways we are focusing on this are:

- In assemblies and lessons, the pupils are learning about the principles of Dignity.
- Across the curriculum, pupils learn about different cultures and religions and the importance of treating everyone with dignity.
- Phase 1/2 went to St James' Church, Phase 3/4 went to Bhaktivedanta Manor and Phase 5/6 went to the Bushey Synagogue. Here they learn about different religions.
- In Catholic Social Teaching lessons, pupils have thought about about what makes them special and what makes others special.
- Pupils are writing and delivering thank you letters to workers in the local community.
- Next week, Mary's Meals are delivering an assembly to the pupils. This will focus on how their work helps children in Africa to be able to go to school, to gain a good education and improve their life chances. In supporting Mary's Meals and helping those in need, the pupils are respecting others dignity.

Eco Ambassadors' Initiatives



The Eco Ambassadors have planted their strawberry plants and they are watering and tending to them every day. Before the holidays they will also plant some pumpkins seeds.










Caritas Ambassadors' Initiatives

The Caritas Ambassadors have been continuing to carry out their Community and Participation on Catholic Social Teaching by helping Phase 3/4 with their sports days.

This half term each phase has been focusing on Dignity. As part of this we celebrated One World Week and International Day where we celebrated different cultures and faiths.
Next week, the children are having a special assembly from Mary's Meals about how we can help those in need and respect others dignity. Over the summer they will collect any foreign currency they or their family have to donate to Mary's Meals. Every £19 collected will provide a child in Africa with school meals for a whole year.
In class the children are learning about dignity. Below is how they are doing this.

Phase EYFS	**The children have been learning about their special gifts and the special gifts of others.**
Phase 1/2	**The children have been learning about how they could show someone that God loves them. The children went on a trip to St James' Church to learn about Christainity.**
Phase 3/4	**The children have been learning about how and why they should treat everyone with dignity. The children went on a trip to Bhaktivedanta Manor to learn about Hinduism.**
Year 5/6	**The children have been learning Pope Francis' quote, 'Every person is immensely holy and deserves our love.' They have been reflecting on what this teaches us about dignity. The children went on a trip to Bushey Synagogue to learn about Judaism.**








Sporting News



Netball Match Report

On Monday 24th June, Sacred Heart played against Knutsford Academy in a netball match and won 7-1.
Caitlin and Isla scored our goals. Our team was made up of Caitlin, Eabha-Mae, Orla, Isla, Alannah, Ava, William Wright, Annie, Amelie, Freya, Inaya, Lauren and Chika.
We thank Claudia, our netball coach, for organizing the match.
Written by Chika

Football Match Report

On Friday 21st June, Sacred Heart played Saffron Green on home turf.
Liam scored a brilliant goal to set the score to 1-1. A plethora of chances went by when suddenly Saffron Green slotted a shot into the bottom net.
We all worked really hard and were determined to win.
Our players were Sammy, Liam, Jake, Jack, Henry, Arban, Freddie, Riley and Shea.
Thank you to Mr Aston for organising the match and cheering us on!
Written by Arban and Freddie



Football Match Report

On Friday 21st June, Sacred Heart played against Saffron Green. To start the game off Saffron Green scored two early goals to set the score at 2-0, then Hugo scored a great goal to make the score 2-1, then Fernando scored a fantastic goal to make it 2-2. Saffron Green then scored a goal, 3-2 was the final score.
Written by Hugo and James



RE Parent Information



RE Newsletter

Please click on the link below to read the latest RE Newsletter.
www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/

Prayer at Home

You can access our latest Prayer at Home newsletter on the link below: https://sacredheart682.herts.sch.uk/2023-2024-prayer-at-home-newsletters/



Wednesday Word

The Primary School Wednesday Word is an online resource that allows you to reflect on the weekly Gospel. You can access this on the link below:
Wednesday Word

Mark 10 Mission

The Primary School produces weekly videos on the Sunday Gospel. These help children to experience the Word of God, pray and sing together. You can access these on the link below:
https://www.themark10mission.co.uk/



Sacred Heart Church Services

The weekend Mass times at the church are as follows:
Saturday - 6pm
Sunday - 8:30am, 10:30am, 6pm
There is a children's liturgy during the 10:30am Mass.

Parish Newsletter

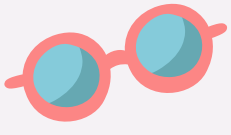
You can access the parish newsletter on this link:
https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/bushey/weekly-newsletters/

Wellbeing

The website below has some tips to help parents over the summer holidays.

https://thewellbeingpractice.co.uk/summer-holidays-3/







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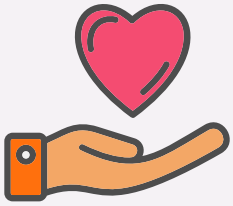
Learner Acronym Focus

This half term we are focusing on R for resilience.
Resilient children are often good at solving problems and learning new skills. This is because they're more willing to try again even if things don't go the way they want the first time. When things don't go well and children feel anxious, sad, disappointed or frustrated, resilience helps them understand that these uncomfortable emotions don't last forever. They can experience these emotions and know they'll be okay before too long. Children learn resilience through experience. Each time your child overcomes a problem, it builds their confidence in their ability to handle the next challenge. In class the children will be given opportunites to try new things and solve problems. Please discuss with your child what they are learning at school and encourage your child to have another go when things don't work out the first time they try something.

British Values

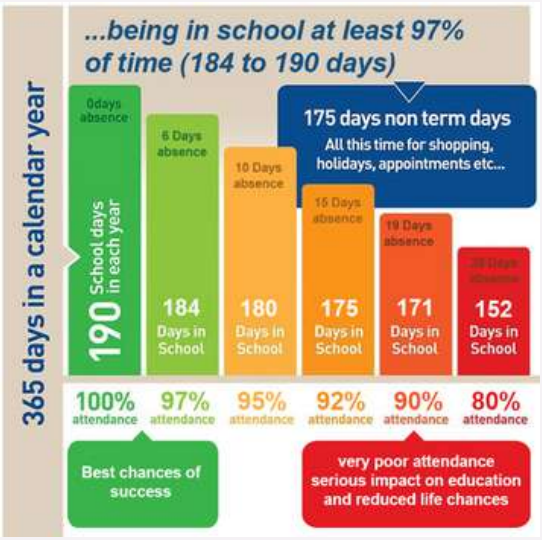
We also actively promote British values to ensure our pupils are prepared for life in modern Britain. Pupils are encouraged to regard people of all faiths, races and cultures with respect and tolerance and understand that while different people may hold different views about what is 'right' and 'wrong' all people living in England are subject to its law. The key values are: Democracy, Rule of Law , Individual Liberty , Mutual Respect and Tolerance of those of different faiths, races and cultures.
This half term, we are continuing to focus on 'Tolerance of those of different faith, races and cultures' which links closely to our Catholic Social Teaching unit on Dignity. Some of the ways in which we will promote are:

- In lessons across the curriculum, pupils learn about different cultures and religions.
- During One World Week and International Day, pupils share and celebrate their cultural heritage.
- Pupils visit different places of worship.
- Pupils learn about different holidays and festivals such as Diwali, Chinese New Year, Ramadan and Hanukkah.
- Pupils attend regular assemblies that focus on themes of tolerance, respect and diversity.
- Pupils read books from diverse authors and cultures to promote empathy and understanding.



Attendance and Punctuality Update

Our current attendance rate has dropped slightly to 95.5%. Please do ensure that your child is in school every day until the last day of term. The last week is 8% of the terms learning. It is not just important to consolidate learning from the week or term but also for social connection and creating a culture of belonging in school.



We thank you for supporting this by ensuring your child is in school unless they are unwell and by dropping them off to school on time.

If in a school year, you are late every day by...	You would have lost approximately...	or you would have missed approximately...
5 Minutes	3.5 Days from School	18 Lessons
10 Minutes	7 Days from School	35 Lessons
15 Minutes	10 Days from School	50 Lessons
20 Minutes	14.5 Days from School	73 Lessons
30 Minutes	22 Days from School	110 Lessons

Pupil Premium Funding

In certain circumstances, schools are able to claim approximately £1,600 of extra funding per child for pupils whose parents are in receipt of various benefits. This funding is available to all eligible children in school, from Nursery to Year 6. The criteria are the same as they would be for applying for 'free school meals' in KS2. The money can be used to support anything that improves a child's enjoyment, wellbeing, achievement or attainment at school. The funding could be used to pay for individual music tuition, 1:1 maths/literacy support, Breakfast Club and After School Club places, etc.
If you think that you or your partner may be eligible to claim this extra money for your child please apply directly using the following website:

https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals

Once successfully applied for, this funding will remain in place each year that your child is with us. However, you will need to reapply for the funding when your child moves from Nursery to Infant and Infant to Juniors (when they leave Nursery to move to Reception and when they leave Year 2 to move into Year 3). If you have any queries, please speak to the School Office in confidence.



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Dates for 2024 - 2025

Monday 2nd September	Inset Day - children are not in school on this day
Tuesday 3rd September	Inset Day - children are not in school on this day
Wednesday 4th September	School starts for children
Friday 25th October	Inset Day - children are not in school on this day
Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November	Half Term
Monday 4th November	School starts for children
Friday 29th November	Occasional Day - children are not in school on this day
Friday 20th December	End of Term - school finishes at 1:15pm
Monday 6th January	School starts for children
Friday 14th February	End of Term
Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February	Half Term
Monday 24th February	School starts for children
Friday 4th April	End of Term - school finishes at 1:15pm
Tuesday 22nd April	School starts for children
Monday 5th May	May Day Bank Holiday
Friday 23rd May	End of Term
Monday 2nd June	Inset Day
Tuesday 3rd June	School starts for children
Thursday 17th July	End of term - school ends at 12:30pm