



Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

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"Love one another as I have loved you"

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Have you got any questions, concerns or queries? Please don't hesitate to come in and see us.

Welcome back!

It has been lovely to welcome back all of our gorgeous children this week after the Summer holiday and to say hello to all our new families and starters - we hope they will all be very happy with us here at Sacred Heart School.

It has been especially wonderful to see all the children in their very smart new uniforms - they all look brilliant and the feedback from everyone has been extremely positive. I would like to say a massive thank you to you all for supporting us in this. Please make sure that all uniform is labelled with your child's name so that items don't get lost or muddled up.

We look forward to working closely with you all again this year and I know that we can count on your support with helping the children with their learning at home, especially with reading every night. We look forward to another exciting, happy and successful year.

Please feel free to come in and chat to me if you have any worries or queries about anything - remember, if we aren't aware of a problem—we can't try and fix it!

Year 4

Unfortunately, Mrs Slater is currently on long term sick so for the time being the class will have Mrs Burton as their teacher.

Dates for your diary

September

Friday 7th - Cycling tour of Britain - wear something green!

Wednesday 26th - Author Visit

Friday 28th - Harvest Festival Assembly

October

Monday 1st - Matilda Movie night

Friday 19th - School breaks up for half-term
Non-uniform day

Monday 26th - School re-opens

Wednesday 31st - Halloween Discos

November

Tuesday 6th - School Photographs

Thursday 8th - Parents Evening

December

Tuesday 4th - Advent Day of Reflection and Advent Messy Church

Wednesday 12th - Christmas Fair

Tuesday 18th - Infant Christmas Play

Wednesday 19th - Junior Christmas Play

Nursery and Reception

Our wonderful Nursery continues to go from strength to strength and we are currently full and have a waiting list. This is despite having moved some of the oldest nursery children into the Reception to free up more spaces. We are currently looking at ways in which we can create an extra nursery classroom so that we can offer places to all who want them.

If you know that you need a Nursery place for your child then I would advise you to apply early and get their name on the list, otherwise we may not have the sessions you require available.

As having Nursery and Reception children in the same class makes it a Foundation Stage unit, we have decided to use the terminology commonly used in these units. So Nursery will now be referred to as Foundation 1 and Reception as Foundation 2. This is just for your information so that you know what we are talking about if you see the classes referred to in this way.

ICT

As you know, last year we began fundraising in order to develop ICT throughout the school and we have already made huge improvements. The whole infrastructure has been updated or replaced and each class now has a set of Ipads they can use to support their learning. The children are all beginning to use SeeSaw to create an online portfolio of their work which will also enable them to work collaboratively and in a multi media way.

We are currently updating and improving our website and this will be going live very soon.

However, we still have a long way to go and so this year the fundraising will continue. Any money raised through events such as discos ,fairs, car boot sales and sponsored walks foe example, will all go towards our ICT fund. We hope you will all support these events as best you can and it would be great if more people could get involved with organising or helping out if you can.

Our next plans include: replacing more of the Ipads which are coming to the end of their life and installing new screens in all the classrooms. Laptops and computers will also need replacing.

Once the term is underway a little more and the children and staff are feeling a little more confident in using the new equipment and App's we plan to invite parents and friends into school to see IT in action in our school - I'm sure you will be very impressed!

Class Masses

As you are aware, each week on a Thursday at 9.15am a class attends the Mass at Sacred Heart Church. The children are always an absolute credit to us during these Masses which play an important part in their spiritual development and the parishioners really enjoy having us join them.

The children take part in the Mass by doing the readings, bidding prayers and offertory or by singing. Parents are always very welcome to join us and it would be lovely if you were able to do so. Below is a list of dates and classes attending so you can come along to support your child if you can.

Thursday 13th September - Whole School start of year Mass

Thursday 20th September - New Starters welcome Mass

Thursday 27th September - Year 6

Thursday 4th October - Year 5

Thursday 11th October - Year 4

Thursday 18th October - Year 3

Thursday 1st November - Whole School Mass (Holy Day of Obligation - Feast of All Saints)

Thursday 8th November - Year 2

Thursday 15th November - Year 1

These are subject to change but we will try and let you know if a different class will be attending.

Fr Manny is keen to start regular family Masses at Sacred Heart at 11.00am Mass on a Sunday so again this is something we really hope you will support. More details will be sent out in due course.