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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy half term it has been! I'm sure that our children will appreciate the chance to relax this half term and spend time re-charging their batteries!

There have been so many activities taking place at Sacred Heart, in addition to the curriculum, that there is not enough space to give them all a mention here. I have mentioned below just a few highlights from the last two weeks. Please take the time to read the newsletter and enjoy having a catch-up on a selection of things that have happened at Sacred Heart recently.

Sports Opportunities

Mr Stubbs began working with us six weeks ago and has been greeted with great enthusiasm. Mr Stubbs organises activities for the children at lunchtime, as well as after-school clubs and curriculum PE. We are very fortunate to have such an accomplished athlete providing a positive role-model for our children.

Bugsy Malone

Year 5 had a wonderful opportunity to showcase their talents in singing and dancing at the Floral Pavilion last week. They joined St Mary's Catholic College for a production of *Bugsy Malone*. The opportunity to perform in a professional environment for a real audience was one which they embraced with enthusiasm and confidence. I was very proud of their behaviour and approach to this experience. Thank you to Miss Barrow & Miss Cutler for leading the children in this enterprise.

Outdoor Area for Nursery and Mrs Mortimer and Ms Brady's classes.

I'm sure that you have noticed the developments in the outdoor areas for our youngest children. We have invested in two world class play areas, designed by the teachers, with input from the children too. The final touches will be put in during the half term holiday and when we return the children will at last be able to play and learn in these beautiful environments.

Cakes for Paramedics

The team at Sacred Heart always look out for ways to make the days fun and exciting for the children. In addition, they seek out opportunities for the children to learn the importance of brightening someone else's day. With this in mind, the children in After School Club made cakes which were delivered to paramedics and A and E staff at Arrowe Park Hospital. This gesture of thoughtfulness and generosity was greatly appreciated by the staff at Arrowe Park. The children were very glad to hear that they had made the day special for people who give so much to our community every day.

Maths Evening

Last night was made special by the many parents who attended the maths information evening here at Sacred Heart. The teachers were pleased to have the opportunity to introduce you to methods of teaching maths so that children have the best opportunity to meet their potential in this subject. "Maths No Problem" is a way which encourages all children to see themselves as mathematicians and to understand how maths is



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relevant in their lives. We are already seeing children who had been reluctant in maths becoming more confident and I'm pleased that many parents are reporting that they are seeing a difference too.

An additional benefit to our meeting last night was that the parents all spent time experiencing what it is like to be taught by our teachers. It was lovely for the staff to be able to give you a sense of how they work with your children.

Thank you to Miss Elcome and the teaching team for leading this event.

School Disco

The PA have worked incredibly hard this half term and recently organised a disco for the children which was a fun event for all who took part. The disco raised £530 towards the PA's goal of making improvements around the perimeter of the school which will encourage safe parking and safer places for the children to cross the road.

As well as fundraising, representatives of the PA and the school as a whole, met with council highways to finalise plans for these improvements. The council representatives explained that they are keen to work with us to improve safety for our children, however, any works will have to be checked and authorised by the council, before being undertaken. We hope to see some work taking place to create some extra parking along Danger Lane, before the summer term. Another proposal we hope will gain approval is to prevent parking on the corners of Danger Lane and Daneswell by introducing bollards here. The PA and I will keep you informed of developments.

Of course, all the initiatives and developments we are implementing will come to nothing if individuals persist in parking without concern for others. I heard this week of a parent who parked across a driveway and refused to move when requested to do so. Others have been parking on the double yellow lines and on the corners of side roads. I have also been out with the council in recent weeks and seen grass verges in some of the side streets near the school being destroyed by vehicles belonging to people picking up our children. There have been repeated instances of parents parking on the corner of the side streets, making it dangerous for children to cross and impossible for vehicles to come around the corners safely. Please help us to set the right example to our children and to keep them and their friends safe.

Our neighbours have been encouraged to contact the community police and give the registration details of people who park illegally, dangerously or inconsiderately.

Thank you to all our parents who park safely, setting a good example for the children.

Parents' Evening

The Spring Term Parents' meeting will take place on 20th and 22nd March. At the end of the first week back after half term, you will receive an alert on your phone via the school App. This will ask you to sign up for an appointment with your child's teacher via the App. Please make sure you have the App downloaded by 26th February as paper letters will no longer be sent home from this date. WE will be completely paperless, and as long as you have the App, you will receive all communication without having to worry about letters being lost in your child's bag or on their way home.

For those without access to the website or the App, a selection of current letters will be available from the letter rack in the school entrance. Without the App you will not receive notification that the letters are there, so please check the letter rack every week if this applies to you.

Yours sincerely,

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