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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy week it has been for all of us! In school, we have had several visitors this week as we have been inspected by Ofsted and the Diocese. I am unable to tell you the outcomes of the inspections until the official reports are published, but I can say that I am delighted that the community of Sacred Heart School; children, parents, staff and governors, clearly demonstrated the high standards we aspire to and the ethos of Care Courtesy and Commitment, of which we can be rightly proud.

Year 6 pupils have been enjoying the challenges and excitement of the residential visit to Oaklands this week. The first group came home on Wednesday full of wonderful stories about their experiences. The second group will be on their way home as I write this, and I'm sure they will arrive just as keen to tell us all about the whole experience! It's lovely to hear how well the children represented Sacred Heart School and their families, with staff at Oaklands describing our children as some of the most caring and polite children they have worked with. It's wonderful to see our children living out the school code of conduct- "Care, Courtesy and Commitment"- as they go out into the world.

Classes for September 2017.

On Wednesday 12th July, the children will meet their teachers for September 2017. They will also bring a letter home for you so that you can see which class they will be moving to. I can assure you that all the staff at Sacred Heart are superb at what they do and all our pupils will have the very best opportunities to meet their full potential in their new classes next year.

The children who are on the educational visit next Wednesday will be informed of their new teachers whilst on the trip. We have made arrangements so that they do not miss out.

The information about classes for September will be put on the website on Wednesday, after school, so that children who are absent from school can also be informed of their new teacher.

Summer Fayre

Thank you for your generous donations to the Summer Fayre. The afternoon promises to be fun for everyone and the PA have worked very hard to ensure everyone has a great time. If you can volunteer to help in any way, please get in touch with the PA who will be delighted to hear from you.

Staffing News

We have appointed a new Site Manager, Mr Williams, who will join us from August 2017. I look forward to Mr Williams caring for the site and ensuring a safe, vibrant environment for our community.

Mrs Brady has been appointed to teach in the Early Years team. Mrs Brady is an experienced Early Years Teacher and has a particular interest in sports and music. I am sure that she will be an excellent addition to the teaching team.



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Diary Dates:

Individual letters have been sent home about many of the activities taking place in the next two weeks. I've provided a summary list here to help you to plan ahead:

Wednesday 12.7.17	All day	Year 6 induction day at receiving secondary schools
	pm	Transition afternoon for all children.
Thursday 13.7.17	9.30-11.15am	Nursery and Reception classes (EYFS) Sports Day
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	3.35pm	Meeting for Year 5 parents regarding transition to secondary school
Friday 14.7.17	3.45-5.30pm	Summer Fayre
Monday 17.7.17	2.15pm	Matinee of Year 6 performance "Oh What a Knight!"
Tuesday 18.7.17	7pm	PA party for year 6
Wednesday 19.7.17	12.10pm	Year 6 Leaver's lunch
	2.30pm	Leavers' Mass
	7pm	Year 6 performance "Oh What a Knight!"
Friday 21.7.17		Finish for summer holiday

Looking further ahead...

Extra-Curricular Opportunities

We have achieved a huge amount as a school this year, and there are still several areas that the school team are keen to develop. In the Parent Questionnaire completed in November, several parents requested more opportunities for the children to participate in clubs after school. Unfortunately, we have not been able to achieve this in the current academic year. However, I mentioned in an earlier newsletter that we are keen to reclaim the great sporting tradition of Sacred Heart and I can now announce that we have appointed, for September, a very experienced PE teacher (Mrs Lal). Mrs Lal will provide regular activity clubs for children at lunchtime and after school on four evenings each week. Mrs Price, our PE coordinator, will oversee the work of Mrs Lal, and has organised a further programme of after-school clubs which will be run by our staff. There will be no charge for these opportunities which will be in addition to the daily Toast and After School Club.

Building Work

I am pleased to announce that thanks to the support of the Governors and the Diocese, the front entrance to the school and the junior school hall will be undergoing re-modelling and refurbishment over the summer holiday. The works are to ensure that the children have a secure environment in which to work, and that the school community has a beautifully refurbished hall in which to meet together.

A programme to replace the original single glazed windows with more environmentally friendly double-glazed windows will take place over the summer too.

The development of a new outdoor learning area for Early Years (Nursery and Reception) is planned to take place before the end of 2017.

I am delighted with all that we have achieved together as a school community this year and I look forward to the next two weeks of celebrations with the children, and to the coming year. Thank you for all your support for your children and for the school.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs M Jackson
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