Sacred Heart Primary School



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APRIL NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

Welcome to this month's Newsletter. I trust you and your family are looking forward to the long Easter break and that the children will return to school with renewed energy for the weeks ahead during the summer term.

STAFFING - After twenty five years at Sacred Heart Primary, Mrs Horsted is resigning from Sacred Heart. On behalf of the school I would like to thank Mrs Horsted for all the support that she has given to the staff and pupils of our school. The children will have the opportunity to say thank you directly to Mrs Horsted in our morning assembly on April 17th. The present arrangements for 1BH will continue after Easter with Mrs Fox and Mrs Monastero teaching the class

SEASON OF LENT - During Lent the children have been learning that just as new life emerges in spring after the deadness of winter, so too the Resurrection of Jesus could only happen after he had given his life on the cross. The children have been considering how Lent is an important time to think about the changes we need to make in our lives in order to make a new beginning at Easter. During Lent, through our assemblies and collective worship, the children were encouraged to listen more closely to God and invited to show kindness and love towards others. As we now near the end of Lent and prepare to celebrate Easter, let us remember that the Cross is a sign of God's unending love for us and with our families try to participate in the Easter services at Church.

YEAR 2 AND YEAR 6 SATS - The children and staff in Year 2 and Year 6 have been working very hard preparing for the SATs. These are the end of Key Stage tests and we thank all the staff who have helped to prepare the children since their entry to the school. The KS2 written tests are due to begin on Monday 14th May to Thursday 17th May in Year 6. The next few weeks are extremely important so please continue all your good work at home and encourage your children with all the homework and revision activities they are set. We wish all our children well and will keep them in our thoughts and prayers at this important time.

EASTER PRODUCTION - Thank you to all the pupils and staff who worked so hard preparing our Easter Play, which was performed for Year 5 parents on Wednesday 28th March. Their performance helped us all to reflect on the Easter Story preparing us for Holy Week and Easter Sunday. I am sure that everyone who attended would agree that it was a very moving performance and the singing was amazing, well done to all our performers. A recording of the performance is available on DVD from the KS2 office. The price is £3 per DVD.

EASTER EGG RAFFLE - Thank you to staff members who have contributed Easter Eggs for our Easter Raffle at present we have a total of 108 Easter Prizes! The raffle was drawn on the morning of Thursday 29 March. We raised a total of £394 and the proceeds from the raffle will be donated to CAFOD

DIOCESAN SCHOOL BUILDING FUND - Thank you to all those families who continue to contribute to this voluntary scheme. These funds go towards maintenance costs and building projects. With all buildings projects we have to fund 10% of the costs. The guidelines set by the Diocese suggest a payment of £30.00 per child or a maximum of £45.00 per family is paid to the school each year. This can be in cash form, cheque or you can set up a standing order for £2.50 per month (£30 annually) or £3.75 per month (£45 annually). Thank you for your co-operation and continued generosity.

SCHOOL DINNERS - From April 1st 2018 the price of school meals in KS2 will rise to £2.05 a day.

RSE - We are also reviewing our Relationship and Sex Education and will be hosting an information session on April 25^{th} at 6pm to provide further information for parents.

INTERNET SAFETY - At Sacred Heart Primary we are keen to work with parents do all we can to support children to use they use the internet safely and responsibly. We encourage parents to look at the excellent resources on https://parentzone.org.uk/advice/parent-guides

PGL PAYMENT FOR YEAR 6 - The school will shortly have to pay the final instalment for the Year 6 residential trip to PGL as we are now going on 4^{th} June . Please send any outstanding payments as soon as possible the final date for payments is Monday 23^{rd} May 2018.

PLAYTARIUM - Our Afterschool and Breakfast Club are advertising for bank staff. They offer flexible work and the option to work at their holiday club based at Hillborough Junior School. For further information contact admin@playtarium.com or 07508846582. Please see the attached documents for further information.

SCHOOL NURSE- The School Nurse will be continuing her Drop In Sessions next term. If you would like to speak to the School Nurse please see the Family Work for a referral form. These sessions and request forms are confidential.

HOLIDAY DATES - The forthcoming Easter Holiday starts on **Friday 30th** March and the children return to school on **Tuesday 17th April**. School will also be closed on **Monday 7th May** for the May Day Bank Holiday. All other holiday dates are available from both school offices on request and are also on our school website www.sacredheartluton.org.uk.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 17th April - Children return to school

Wednesday 18th April - FS Cooking with Amanda from Asda

Thursday 19th and Friday 20th April - 4HS trip to Dell Farm

Monday 23rd April - Book Character Dressing Up day

Wednesday 25th April - Relationship and Sex Education Information Session for Parents 6pm

Friday 27th April - Non Uniform Day for NICU at Luton and Dunstable Hospital

Friday 27th April - Year 2, 3 and 4 trip to see The Owl and the Pussycat

Monday 30th April - Maths Problem Solving Day for KS1 and KS2

Wednesday 2nd May - Smile Day/ ABC Photo Booth Day

Friday 4th May - Class Photos

Friday 4th May - 5LK Class Assembly - parents invited

Monday 7th May - May Day Bank Holiday - school closed

Thursday 10th May - Ascension - School Mass 9.15am at Sacred Heart Church Year 4 and Year 2 reading.

Monday 14 th May - KS2 SATS start

Friday 18th May – 5AG Class Assembly - parents invited

Saturday 19th May - Goblin Kit Car Race for selected pupils

Monday 21st May - Manga Artist working with Year 6

Thank you once again for your continued support and encouragement during this very busy term. The staff of Sacred Heart wish you a happy and holy Easter break

Yours sincerely,

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