

Sacred Heart Primary School



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Jesus at the Heart of all that we do

APRIL NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

Welcome to this month's Newsletter. I trust you and your family are looking forward to the May Bank Holiday weekend, hopefully we will have sunshine!

EASTER TO PENTECOST- In the first half of this term the children are learning about the journey from Easter to Pentecost. The focus of our term's work in RE is the role the Holy Spirit plays in our lives, exploring Pentecost, Reconciliation and the Universal Church. The children will also spend a week learning about Islam. Please see the attached Parents' Letter for further information. During the month of May we shall be thinking about Mary our Mother and welcome any contributions of flowers to place around the statues of Our Lady in the school halls.

RE DAY - The children all enjoyed an RE day just before the Easter Holidays the theme was Scripture Through Art. You can view examples of the amazing work they completed on our school website.

<http://sacredheartluton.org.uk/news-and-events/gallery>

EASTER RAFFLE –As stated in last month's newsletter we raised a total of £616, an amazing achievement. The proceeds from the raffle divided equally and donated to CAFOD and Mission Together. I have attached copies of the letters we have received from Mission Together and 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.

CLASS PHOTOS - The school photographer will be in school on Friday 14 May. This is to take individual portraits of Year 6 and class photographs for all year groups. Unfortunately, we are unable to do family photos due to COVID restrictions, hopefully we will be able to do these in the autumn term.

COVID TESTING - The Local Authority have asked us to pass on the following information. Testing continues to play a crucial role, in and out of classrooms, in our fight against coronavirus. Staff should continue to test themselves and report results whilst encouraging secondary school and college students to do likewise. Reporting test results can be done simply and quickly, from mobiles, online or by phone, and should be completed straightaway. Reporting not only supports contact tracing in the event of a positive case, but assists our understanding of community rates of infection. To help in communicating the importance of testing and reporting, the DfE have produced a blog on [why reporting your test result is as important as taking a test](#), featuring further guidance and common questions. This also includes details on financial support available to parents whose children are asked to self-isolate after contact with a positive case.

POSITIVE COVID TESTS - If you or your child have a positive Lateral Flow Test, you and all in your household must self-isolate immediately. You could be fined if you do not do this. You may be entitled to a one-off payment of £500 through the [NHS Test and Trace Support Payment scheme](#) if you are required to self-isolate.

A follow-up PCR test should be booked as soon as possible [<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>]. If you fail to take one within the next 2 days, you and your contacts may need to isolate for the full 10 days whatever the follow-up result. Whilst waiting for your follow-up PCR test result you and your household members should follow this guidance. If you take the PCR test within 2 days of the LFD and receive a negative result, you and your household can stop self-isolating. However, you and your household must continue to self-isolate if:

- this PCR test result is positive
- you choose not to take a follow-up PCR test
- you receive a negative PCR test result but the test was taken more than 2 days after the LFD.

It is important to book your follow-up PCR test **as soon as you can** following your positive LFD result.

Please inform the school via admin@sacredheart.primaryluton.co.uk as soon as possible if you or your child have a positive COVID test result. Please include the date of the result and also when symptoms first started as we need this information when we contact the DFE COVID helpline to discuss the need for other children and staff to self isolate.

PUPIL ACCESS TO OFFICE 365- All pupils now have access to Office 365 and parents/carers should have recently received their child's user name and password via ClassDojo. If you have not received this information please message your class teacher through ClassDojo. On logging in your child will be asked to change their password, please keep a note of this password in case they forget it. This platform provides access to Microsoft Word and Powerpoint, any work the children do through Microsoft 365 is saved on their OneDrive. Any future TEAMS lessons or Parent Consultations will be via your child's Office 365 so it is important that you keep a record of their user name and new passwords.

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>

SCHOOL DINNERS - The price of school meals in KS2 is now £2.40 a day. The children seem to be enjoying the wider choice of meals since the service was taken over by Leicestershire County Council School Meal Service. I have been asked for feedback from the new providers and I would be grateful if you could email any comments you and your children have, both positive and areas for improvement to admin@sacredheart.primaryluton.co.uk by Friday 7th May so that I can pass them onto Leicestershire County Council School Meal Service

PGL PAYMENT FOR YEAR 6 – We are very pleased that the Year 6 PGL Residential is going ahead. We have carefully checked all of the PGL risk assessments and are very happy with all of their procedures. I am sure the children will have a fantastic time. The school will shortly have to pay the final instalment for the Year 6 residential trip to PGL. Please send any outstanding payments as soon as possible the final date for payments is Friday 21st May 2021. We will send further information nearer to the date.

HOLIDAY DATES - The. School will also be closed on **Monday 3rd May** for the May Day Bank Holiday and the May half term break is Monday 31 May to Friday 4th June. 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

- Wednesday 5th May- Kindness Day
- Thursday 6th and Fri 7th May - CHILL STUDY for participating pupils in Year 5 and Year 6
- Monday 10th and Tues 11th May - Eye Tests for Foundation Stage
- Wednesday 12 May - Hearing Tests for Foundation Stage
- Friday 14 May - Class Photos for all classes and Year 6 individual photos
- Monday 17 May- Enrichment Afternoon in classes
- Wednesday 19 May - National Maths Day
- Monday 24 May - Geography Week

Thank you once again for your continued support and encouragement during these difficult times.
Yours sincerely,

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