



Jesus at the Heart  
of all that we do

# Sacred Heart Primary School

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## FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

The New Year is well under way now; it is hard to believe it is already February. Here is an update on recent news and also some forthcoming dates for your diaries.

**DIOCESAN SCHOOL BUILDING FUND** - Thank you to all those families who continue to contribute to this voluntary scheme. These funds go towards building maintenance costs and building projects.

**PARENT CONSULTATION MEETING** - Thank you to those who attended the Parent's Consultation Meeting on Tuesday 6th February and we look forward to seeing more of you on Thursday 8th February (6.00 - 8.00 p.m). These meetings give you the opportunity to discuss your child's progress with their Class Teacher. During these consultations we ask you to complete our annual parental questionnaire, please take the time to complete the survey as it helps us identify areas for development. We look forward to seeing you. The Church car park and gates are open during the Parent Consultation Meeting.

**FAMILY LEARNING** - We would like to thank all those parents who attended the Impact in Learning Sessions for Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6. These sessions are held so that parents can find out exactly how their child is learning in class and how they can support their child's learning.

**SAM LEARNING** - This is an online programme to support children's learning particularly in Year 6 and Year 2. To access the service at [www.samlearning.com](http://www.samlearning.com), learners need three details:

<b>Centre ID:</b>	LU2SH2
<b>User ID:</b>	Date of birth followed by two initials; first name then last name. Example: 010896DJ is the User ID for David Jones born 1 <sup>st</sup> Aug 1996.
<b>Password:</b>	same as User ID

**ONLINE SAFETY** - Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February was Internet Safety Day and the children will be participating in a number of activities on internet safety across the school week. Information for parents/ carers on helping to keep your child safe online is available at <https://www.luton.gov.uk/news/Pages/help-your-children-to-stay-safe-fromsexual-exploitation-online.aspx>

**THE UNDERWEAR RULE** - This is a NSPCC Campaign to encourage parents and carers of 5-11 year olds to talk to their children about keeping safe from sexual abuse. "The Underwear Rule" puts across the message that the areas covered by your underwear are yours and private to you. If anyone touches those areas you should tell a parent or someone you trust. Materials and booklets for parents and children can be viewed on the NSPCC website: [www.nspcc.org.uk/preventingabuse/keepingchildrensafe/underwear-rule](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventingabuse/keepingchildrensafe/underwear-rule). If you want a paper copy of the booklet please contact the school office.

**BOOK CHARACTER DRESSING UP DAY** - Children can dress up as their favourite book character on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March. Lots of activities have been planned for the children during Book Week.

**P.E AND SWIMMING** - Please ensure your children remember their kit on PE days; Physical Education is an important part of the curriculum, government guidelines stipulate that every child should receive two hours PE a week. During PE children have to remove earrings, due to health and safety regulations, they are not permitted to cover earrings with a plaster.

**WINTER WEATHER** - At this time of year we are all conscious of the changing weather and drop in temperature. Please encourage your children to bring a hat, scarf and gloves to wear on the playground. Please remember to name all items of clothing.

**OUTDOOR SHOES** - As I am sure you are all aware the school grounds get very muddy at this time of year particularly in KS2. If your child is in KS2 you can, if you want to, send in shoes for your child to wear outside and also a pair of indoor shoes. You must also provide your child with a plastic carrier back to put their muddy shoes in.

**SCHOOL UNIFORM** - Please ensure your child wears sensible black shoes to school in line with the school uniform policy. Trainers and other coloured shoes are not permitted. May I also take this opportunity to remind parents that uniform does extend to sensible headwear and hair styles.

**CONTACT DETAILS** - We use pmxparentmail to pass on information to parents regarding school events including school trips and school closures. You can also pay for school trips online. Parents and carers need to update pmxparentmail if there are any changes in mobile phone numbers or email addresses. Please ensure your contact details are up to date and that you check your email messages so that you receive this information. We may also need to contact you if your child is feeling unwell or in an emergency, please ensure that you inform the school of any changes to your contact details such as contact telephone numbers and email addresses.

**HOLIDAY DATES** - The forthcoming **half-term** dates are **Monday 12 February - Friday 16 February**.

<b>LENT TERM 2018</b>	<b>PENTECOST TERM 2018</b>
Thursday 4 Jan –Thurs 29 March 2018	Tuesday 17 April - Thursday 19 July 2018 KS2 SATs for Year 6 are 14 to 17 May
<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY</b>	<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY</b>
Monday 12 - 16 Feb	<b>May Day</b> - 7 May Monday 28 May - 1 June
<b>Teacher Training Day</b>	<b>Teacher Training Days</b>
3 January	Monday 16 April Friday 20 July

Below are the term dates for **September 2018 - July 2019** These dates are on our school website and are also available from the main school office.

<b>Advent Term 2018</b>	<b>Lent Term 2019</b>	<b>Pentecost Term 2019</b>
4 Sept- 21 December	8 Jan- 5 April	24 April - 19 July
<b>Half- term holiday</b>	<b>Half- term holiday</b>	<b>Half- term holiday</b>
Monday 22 -26 Oct	Monday 18 - 22 Feb	May Day - 6 May Monday 27 May - 31 May
<b>Teacher Training Day</b>	<b>Teacher Training Day</b>	<b>Teacher Training Days</b>
Monday 3 September	Monday 7 Jan	Tuesday 23 April Monday 22 July Tuesday 23 July

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

- Monday 5 February - Health Theme and Master Class Week
- Tuesday 6 February - ABC Training for Year 4 and Year 5 Ambassadors
- Tuesday 6 February - Year 5 cooking with Amanda from Asda
- Tuesday 6 February - Parent Consultations 4-6pm
- Wednesday 7 February - Gymnastic Competition for selected pupils
- Thursday 8 February - Parent Consultations 6-8pm
- Friday 9 February - Internet Safety Sessions for KS1 and KS2
- Thursday 22 February- Year 5 Boys Football Tournament (selected children)
- Friday 23 February - Coffee Morning in Family Room 9am – Children’s Centre attending
- Friday 23 February - CAFOD Assemblies for all school followed by workshops for Year 5
- Sunday 25February - First Holy Communion children leading the Stations of the Cross at Sacred Heart Church 3.50pm
- Monday 26 February - 4TA residential Dell Farm
- Wednesday 28 February - 4HS residential Dell Farm
- Wednesday 28 February - 6SA Guided Meditation 9am parents invited
- Saturday 3 March - DADs Club- 10am - contact Family Workers for details
- Tuesday 6 March - Year 3 & 4 Boys’ Football Tournament (selected children)
- Wednesday 7 March - Year 2 visit from Fire Station- class to be confirmed
- Thursday 8 March - Year 2 visit from Fire Station- class to be confirmed
- Friday 9 March - 4HS Assembly parents invited
- Friday 9 March - Book Character Dressing Up Day
- Friday 9 March - Coffee Morning in Family Room 9am –School Nursing Service attending
- Saturday 10 March - First Confession 3CF
- Monday 12 March - Living Eggs arrive
- Monday 12 March - Learning in Depth Afternoon
- Friday 16 March - Foundation Stage Assembly parents invited
- Friday 16 March - Vans R Us workshops for Year 6
- Saturday 17 March - First Confession 3HC
- Monday 19 March - Author Workshops for year 1 to Year 6 led by Steve Skidmore
- Friday 23 March - Year 6 trip to Harry Potter Studios
- Friday 23 March - Faith Ambassadors Lenten Prayer reflection for parents 9am
- Monday 26 March - Science Masterclass at Ashcroft High School for selected Year 5 pupils
- Wednesday 28 March - Year 5 Easter Performance for parents pm

Thank you for your continued support with your child’s learning and development, I hope you all enjoy the half term holiday.

Yours sincerely,  
Mrs. J.M. Cullen  
Headteacher