



Jesus at the Heart
of all that we do

Sacred Heart Primary School

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FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers ,

I hope you are all keeping safe. Well done to all parents and children who are working remotely from home. Teachers complete an engagement register every week and I am amazed at how hard you are all working. It takes a lot of self discipline and commitment to keep up with your school work when you are unable to come into school and you should all be very proud of your efforts

ASH WEDNESDAY- As we begin our Lenten journey we are given the opportunity to think about how we can improve both as individuals and in our relationship with God. A Virtual Prayer Bag for Ash Wednesday and Lent is available on our school website <http://sacredheartluton.org.uk/Curriculum/Assemblies> . We hope that you will find time to enjoy reflect on this resource as a family during Lent. The resource is split into two parts simply due to the fact it was too large to upload as a complete document.

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, as a Catholic School we have to pay 10% of these costs. If you do not already contribute please consider doing so, further information is attached. Please return completed forms to the school.

CRITICAL WORKER PLACES - The demand for critical worker places is increasing every week and we are unfortunately unable to offer places in some year groups. Please do not request a key worker place for your child unless it is really necessary. As the government guidance states - children with at least one parent or carer who is a critical worker can go to school or college if required, but **parents and carers should keep their children at home if they can**. Please be aware that we may have to decrease the days we offer to children who have previously attended Monday to Friday. This will enable us to fairly offer places to all parents who meet the criteria for critical workers.

PARENT CONSULTATION MEETING - This term we plan to host the Parents' Consultation Meetings via Microsoft Teams on Tuesday 2nd March (1pm to 4pm) and Thursday 4th March (5pm - 7pm). These meetings give you the opportunity to discuss your child's progress with their Class Teacher. Parents and Carers will be able to book an appointment via pmxparentmail from Wednesday 17 February. The appointments are ten minutes apart but your appointment will be for seven minutes this will enable teachers to navigate from one meeting to the next.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - Please find attached the newsletter for Sacred Heart Parish with details on how to register for the parish First Holy Communion Programme **please note the closing date for registration is 22nd February**.

FREE INTERNET We were successful in our application for 60 free BT wifi vouchers (**you do not need to have BT at home for these to work**). These would enable pupils to access the internet free at home until July 2021 - there is no catch! If you are interested in one of these vouchers, please could you email admin@sacredheart.primaryluton.co.uk by Monday 22nd February.

MOBILE DATA - Dependent on your mobile provider, we are also to request free mobile data increases for children and young people who:

- do not have access to a [fixed broadband connection](#) (the request may be unsuccessful if the account holder also has broadband)
- cannot afford the additional data needed to access educational resources
- have access to a mobile device that uses a participating network
- are facing disruption to their face-to-face education

To request extra mobile data, we will need to collect the following information:

- the account holder's name
- their mobile number (a number beginning with '07')
- their mobile network
- whether they pay monthly or pay as they go

We will also need to [explain the privacy policy](#) to the account holder. If you do not have internet access at home and are unable to increase your mobile data we may be able to apply on your behalf for a 4G wireless router. If you would like to request extra mobile data or a 4G wireless router please email the school via admin@sacredheart.primaryluton.co.uk with the required information and reasons for your application.

REMOTE LEARNING - Below are some websites that you can use alongside the remote lessons and activities set by your teacher.

ACCELERATED READER - Please find time to read at home and if you are in Year 2 to Year 6 remember to complete the Accelerated Reader quizzes. The link is <https://ukhosted47.renlearn.co.uk/2232137> hopefully all pupils know their log in details.

TIMESTABLES - We have subscribed to an online programme to help children from Year 2 to Year 6 improve their multiplication skills. This programme not only provides teachers with information regarding your child's times table knowledge but also records how many seconds taken to answer each calculation. Thereby helping to improve accuracy and speed. The website address is <https://www.10ticks.com> your child should have their log in details.

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, learners need three details:

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

ONLINE SAFETY - Tuesday 9th February was Internet Safety Day with our increased use of the internet it is vital that parents and children are able to use the internet safely. There are a variety of activities on internet safety. Information for parents/ carers on helping to keep your child safe online is available at <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/>
<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/?page=2&order=title>

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 following websites:

<http://www.thefa.com/football-rules-governance/safeguarding/pants---the-nspcc-underwear-rule>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/underwear-rule>

https://beinternetlegends.withgoogle.com/en_uk/parents

https://beinternetawesome.withgoogle.com/en_us/interland

BOOK DAY - This year Book Day is on Thursday 4th March ,due to the current lockdown we will not have a Book Character Dress Up Day but lots of activities have been planned for the children during Book Week and further details will be shared with you nearer the date.

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

Yours sincerely,
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