



Sacred Heart Primary School

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JANUARY NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2020. May I take this opportunity to wish you a happy and prosperous New Year. On behalf of all the staff I would like to thank you for all your kind Christmas greetings, cards and gifts. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas.

CHRISTMAS PRODUCTIONS - Thank you to all the pupils and staff who worked so hard preparing our Christmas concerts. They helped us all to remember the true meaning of Christmas and it was wonderful to watch the children performing so confidently.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - During this term we will be making preparations in the season of Lent for the celebration of Easter, the highlight of the Church Year. Further information on the topics we will be covering may be found in the attached Parents' letter.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY - Thank you for supporting our Christmas Jumper Day it was lovely to see the children in their Christmas outfits. We raised a total of £125.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE - Thank you for supporting our Christmas Hamper helping the Friends to raise £526. The raffles were drawn in each class at the end of the Christmas term and we hope the winners enjoyed their hampers. A special thank you to all the Friends of Sacred Heart who organised the raffles.

RECYCLE WITH MICHAEL - Thank you for sending in your used clothing for Recycle with Michael the school received £74.74.

WEAR GREEN DAY NSPCC ASSEMBLY AND WORKSHOPS - The NSPCC are leading assemblies for the children on Monday 20th January when we will also have a Wear Green Day as a fundraiser for NSPCC. On 20th January the children are invited to wear something green to school and donate £1 or more for the NSPCC. This can be a subtle splash of colour or dress in green from head to toe. The NSPCC will also lead workshops for Years 5 and 6 on Tuesday 28th January.

AMAZON WISHLIST - We have recently set up a school wish list on Amazon and will be adding further titles as children suggest books they would like to read. We would be very grateful for any donations, if you would like to purchase a book for our school library you can do so via the following link.

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3DE56H6FVOQ5K?ref_=wl_share

AMERICAN DAY LUNCH - We are holding an 'American Day Lunch' on Thursday 16th January the menu will be hot dogs/ burgers, skinny fries and muffins. If your child normally has packed lunch further information will be sent out via pmxparentmail.

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. As with all buildings projects we have to fund 10% of the costs. Thank you for your co-operation and continued generosity.

BOOK CHARACTER DRESSING UP DAY - Children can dress up as their favourite book character on **Friday 6th March**.

ENRICHMENT AFTERNOON - The theme for this term's Enrichment Afternoon on Monday 2nd March is Animals. Prior to the session the children could prepare some work at home on their favourite animal, the animal they find most interesting, fictional animals or animals that are extinct or danger of extinction. This can be presented in a variety of ways such as a written piece of work, poster, drawing, model or powerpoint. The children should bring this work into school on 2nd March to share with their enrichment group.

PARENT CONSULTATIONS - This term Parent Consultations will be on **Tuesday 11th February 4-6pm** and **Thursday 13th February 6-8pm**. You will be able to book appointments through Parentmail from Tuesday 28th January.

FAMILY LEARNING - This half term we have Impact in Learning Sessions for Year 1, Year 2, Year 6 and Year 4. Information regarding these opportunities for parents to find out exactly how their child is learning in class and how they can support their child's learning have been sent out via pmxparentmail. The children really enjoy attending these sessions with their parents so please try to attend.

PLAY AND STAY - Parents and carers are invited to our Play and Stay every Wednesday morning in the Family Room 8.45am to 10am, term time only. Preschool children, from 0 to 4 years old, and their parents/carers have the opportunity to enjoy arts, crafts, music, singing and play. We also provide a healthy snack. We look forward to seeing you. We are planning to start an afternoon Play and Stay session in the next few weeks please look out for further information.

WALKING GROUP - All are welcome to join our walking group for a one hour walk around the Stopsley area to improve your fitness, chat and socialise with others. We meet at Sacred Heart Primary School, Langford Drive entrance, on Tuesdays at 9am (term-time only).

SCHOOL CLOSURE - For information about school closure the best website to check first is our school website - www.sacredheartluton.org.uk Any school closures will also be on the Luton Council website and you should also receive a text message via Parentmail. During closures children can use the Internet and the various websites we subscribe to such as SAM Learning and Education City, details are on our school website.

CONTACT DETAILS - Please ensure that you inform the school of any changes to your contact details such as contact telephone numbers and email addresses. It is important that we have current telephone numbers so that we are able to contact you if your child is feeling unwell or in an emergency you will also need to log into your pmxparentmail account to change email and mobile phone details.

SCHOOL TERM DATES

LENT TERM 2020	PENTECOST TERM 2020
Monday 6 Jan – Fri 3 April	Tuesday 21 April - Thursday 16 July KS2 SATs for Year 6 are 11 to 14 May
HALF TERM HOLIDAY	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Monday 17 - 21 Feb	May Day – Friday 8 May Monday 25 May - 29 May
Teacher Training Day	Teacher Training Days
3 January	Monday 20 April Friday 17 July

Below are the term dates for September 2020 - July 2021 These dates are also available from the main school office.

Advent Term 2020	Lent Term 2021	Pentecost Term 2021
2 Sept- 18 December	5 Jan - 26 March	13 April - 16 July
Half- term holiday	Half- term holiday	Half- term holiday
Monday 26 - 30 Oct	Monday 15 - 19 Feb	May Day - 3 May Monday 31 May – 4 June
Teacher Training Day	Teacher Training Day	Teacher Training Days
Tuesday 1 September	Monday 4 Jan	Monday 12 April Monday 19 July Tuesday 20 July

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 13 January - Year 1 Impact in Learning Workshop for parents/carers and pupils- 2.30pm and 6pm

Tuesday 14 January - Safety Squad Workshops for Year 5 and Year 6

Wednesday 15 January - 5MT Guided Meditation –parents/carers invited- 9am

Wednesday 15 January - Friendship Workshops for Year 1 led by the ABC

Wednesday 15 January - Year 3/4 Dodgeball Tournament for selected pupils

Monday 20 January - Wear Green Day for NSPCC

Monday 20 January - Year 2 SATs Workshop for parents/carers and pupils- 2.30pm and 6pm

Tuesday 21 January - Year 6 SATs Workshop for parents and pupils- 2.30pm and 6pm

Wednesday 22 January - Young Voices Year 5 Concert at the O2

Friday 24 January - 6HS Class Assembly

Tuesday 28 January - NSPCC Workshops for Year 5 and Year 6

Wednesday 29 January - 3MS Guided Meditation – parents/carers invited-9am

Friday 31 January - 4AG Class Assembly

Monday 3 February - Year 4 Impact in Writing Workshop for parents/carers and pupils- 2.30pm and 6pm

Tuesday 4 February -Year 3/4 Gymnastics Competition for selected pupils

Friday 7 February - First Friday Mass @ 9.30am Year 3 and Year 2 reading

Friday 7 February - Drama Workshops for Year 6 led by Cardinal Newman pupils

Monday 10 February - Music Theme Week and Master Classes

Tuesday 11 February - Parent Consultations 4 -6 pm

Thursday 13 February - Parent Consultations 6 -8 pm

Wednesday 26 February - Ash Wednesday Mass @ 9.30 – Year 6 and Year 2 reading

Monday 2 March - Enrichment Afternoon - The theme is Animals

Friday 6 March - Book Character Dressing Up Day

Friday 6 March - 4NH Class Assembly

Thank you for your continued support with your child's learning and development.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs. J.M.Cullen
Headteacher

