JULY NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

Welcome to this month’s Newsletter. This has been a very busy and successful year for the school. The staff and children have worked very hard and we were very pleased that our RE report recognised this along with the strengths in the school awarding Sacred Heart Primary outstanding in all areas.

STAFFING - Mrs Mc Parland is leaving at the end of the term after 14 years teaching at Sacred Heart Primary School to take a new teaching position. We wish her every blessing for the future. Thank you Mrs McParland for the contribution you have made to the life of the school during your time at Sacred Heart Primary.

YEAR 6 LEAVERS - Sadly our Year 6 children will soon leave us to move on to High School. We would like to take this opportunity to thank them for all their hard work during the year and wish them every success as they progress into Key Stage 3. Their KS2 SAT results were fantastic and we were all amazed by their enthusiasm and talent showcased during the Year 6 performance of ‘Annie’ on Thursday 13th July. We look forward to seeing their parents at the Year 6 Leavers’ Mass on Monday 17th July at 2pm and we also have the Leavers’ Disco on Tuesday 18th July. Thank you to all the staff for all their hard work with the children during their time at Sacred Heart Primary.

DIANA AWARD - On 1 July 2017: To celebrate Princess Diana’s Birthday this 20th Anniversary year, our Year 5 and Year 6 ABC members were included in The Diana Award Roll of Honour for 2017. The organisers of the Diana award have asked us to share the following press release:

These exceptional young people embody Princess Diana’s qualities of kindness, compassion and service. The Diana Award was set up in memory of Diana, Princess of Wales, and her belief that young people have the power to change the world for the better. It is committed to fostering, inspiring and developing positive change in the lives of young people through practical social action. Today The Diana Award has the support of both her sons The Duke of Cambridge and Prince Harry.

All the award winners – who come from every region in the UK and USA, Canada, UAE, India, Belize, Australia, Greece, Indonesia, Croatia, Liberia, Jersey, New Zealand, Indonesia and Liberia – have had a monumental impact on society and lives of those in their communities. Many of them only know Princess Diana as a historical figure but they carry the honour of the Diana Award with pride and admiration for whose memory it was set up in. Tessy Ojo, Chief Executive, The Diana Award says: “We are delighted to announce our Roll of Honour on Princess Diana’s Birthday as we shine a spotlight on her legacy twenty years on. Today we celebrate young people for their selfless contribution to society, their courage and bravery, sometimes in the face of adversity. During this 20th Anniversary year The Diana Award is actively seeking supporters to help us continue this youth legacy, in memory of Princess Diana, and expand our work that fosters change through positive action with young people.”

The ABC (Anti-Bullying Club) play a vital role in the safety and happiness of the students in our school. The group work tirelessly every day to raise awareness of bullying issues, identify and implement strategies to combat bullying and promote their ethos of respect, acceptance and appreciation that we are all unique. The group identify potential bullying issues in the school and plan actions for individual children, year groups and the school as a whole. The ABC are a creative group who constantly update their activities and bring a level of commitment and passion to their role that has inspired and engaged their entire school community.

SUMMER FETE - Thank you for the items donated for our School Fete on Saturday 8th July and for supporting us by attending the School Fete. The total raised on the day was £6,540 and we have also received £750 match funding giving an overall total of £7,290 a fantastic achievement. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff and parents who worked so hard to organise the Fete and run stalls on the day.

SCHOOL REPORTS - Annual pupil reports were sent home with the children on Thursday 6th July and the children will visit their new classroom and meet their new class teacher on Friday 14th June.

MUSIC CONCERT - Our School Choir and Musicians will be performing a Musical Concert for parents on Tuesday 18 July at 2.15pm in the KS2 hall. Alongside other musicians all of our Year 3 pupils will be performing, showcasing their skills playing the violin.
FOOD BANK - Luton Foodbank is appealing for food donations. Food can be dropped off at Sacred Heart Church or the Co-Op 78-80 Wigmore Lane. Further information can be found at http://lutonfoodbank.org.uk/give-foodmoney/give-food/

UNIFORM EXCHANGE - The Uniform exchange is opening in August 2017, the shop is in Luton Mall upstairs next to the Children’s Centre. Bring school uniform you have finished with and swap it for uniform you need – all for free.

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE - On Tuesday 18th July the librarian from Stopsley Library will lead an assembly on the Summer Reading Challenge 2017. The Summer Reading Challenge this year is ‘Animal Agents’. Luton Libraries offer a fantastic range of activities and events for children of all ages, as well as books of every kind! We hope you will encourage your child to take part in this challenge as reading regularly will help them to improve their performance in all areas of the curriculum. There is a school competition to see which school reads the most books it would be wonderful if we could win this summer. Further information on the events can be found at www.lutonculture.com.

The challenge starts on Saturday 15 July. If your child is not a member of the library they can join for free at their local library. You will need to accompany your child with proof of name and current address. You can also join online and collect the library card from the chosen library using the following link.

https://arena.yourlondonlibrary.net/web/luton/self-registration

EDUCATION CITY - Children will also be able to access Education City, Mathletics and SAM Learning over the summer break. Please encourage them to use these programs so that they can continue to improve their literacy and numeracy skills over the holiday.

PARKING - Please be considerate of each other and ensure your driving/ parking does not pose a danger to others. In the next few days we have a number of events, if you are attending these please ensure you do not block any of the neighbours’ drives or obstruct the flow of traffic. If at all possible please use the Church car park. Thank you in anticipation for your co-operation

DATES
14 July - Foundation Stage Bonanza 9.30am
14 July - Year 2 Orchestra Live Event
17 July - Year 6 Leavers’ Mass 2pm
18 July - Choir and Music Concert 2.15pm
18 July - Year 6 Leavers’ Disco

Please note the children will break up for the summer holidays on Wednesday 19 July and return to school on Tuesday 5 September.

This has been an extremely busy and active year in the life of the school. I have greatly appreciated working with the parish, parents, governors and all the staff in continuing our work in the Sacred Heart community. We continue each year to raise standards of provision and attainment and move children on in their learning.

With the Governors, I am extremely proud of the achievements of the staff and children at Sacred Heart Primary School. Not only of the excellent results achieved by our Year 6 and Year 2 pupils in their SATs and our Year 1 pupils in the Phonic Screening; but equally proud of the way so many of our children have contributed to the wider life of the school through their consistent efforts and very good behaviour. We receive so many favourable comments from visitors to the school about your children as was reflected in our RE Inspection Report.

In the meantime I wish you and your families a happy and restful summer holiday. Hopefully we will be able to enjoy some good weather!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. J.M. Cullen
Headteacher