

Sacred Heart Primary School



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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 are very pleased with our test results. As highlighted in the June newsletter the last few weeks have been extremely busy in school with end of year productions, school trips and of course sports days!

STAFFING - Miss Amos and Mr O'Halloran are leaving at the end of the term to take a new teaching positions. We wish them both every blessing for the future and thank them for the contribution they have made to the life of the school during their 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. We look forward to seeing their parents at the Year 6 Leavers' Mass on Monday 16th July at 2pm and the Year 6 performance of 'The Lion King' on Tuesday 17th July, we also have the Leavers' Disco on Wednesday 18th July. Thank you to all the staff for all their hard work with the children during their time at Sacred Heart Primary.

SUMMER FETE - Thank you for the items donated for our School Fete, please send any further donations to the school office. The fete is on Saturday 14th July 2pm to 5pm, we are showing the World Cup Football match in the KS2 hall so you will be able to support the school and also enjoy the match. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff and parents who are working so hard to organise the Fete and also those who have volunteered to run stalls on the day. We look forward to seeing you on Saturday 14 July.

FRIENDS OF SACRED HEART - Since September the Friends of Sacred Heart have donated £2700 to the school. This money has been used towards the cost of a storage shed and markings on the school playground. They also contributed towards the blinds in the KS1 hall. These blinds were created by our Year 1 pupils who worked with a local artist Mrs Jennifer Millard. We are very grateful for the support we receive from the Friends, please see attached further information on their fundraising activities and details of how you can support the Friends in their fundraising activities.

SCHOOL REPORTS - Annual pupil reports were sent home with the children on Tuesday 10th July, if you wish to discuss the reports please contact the school office to arrange an appointment with their class teacher. Many of our children are enthusiastic readers and the impact of this is evident in their progress across the curriculum. Other children are more reluctant readers and whilst reading the children's reports I noted that teachers have commented that children need to become more secure in their phonics a video to help you support your child with their sounds is available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EYx1CyDMZSc>.

For our older children I have attached copies of our Year Group Reading Lists. Our school is also signed up for the Library Summer Reading Challenge please encourage your child to read during the summer holiday.

Many of the reports also ask the children to learn their tables. To help you with these I have attached a Times Tables coloured coded sheet that highlights the times tables the children should know in each year group. They need a very secure knowledge of the relevant tables and should be able to instantly recall the multiplication and division facts.

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE - On Monday 25th June the Children's Library Service led an assembly on the Summer Reading Challenge 2018. The Summer Reading Challenge this year is 'Mischievous Makers'. 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 <https://www.lutonculture.com/luton-libraries/whats-on/summer-reading-challenge-2018/>.

The challenge starts on Saturday 14 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/>

EDUCATION CITY - Children will also be able to access Education City 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.

TRANSITION DAYS - Due to staffing issues transition meetings will be split over two days. The present Foundation Stage, Year 2 and Year 3 will visit their new classroom and meet their new class teacher on Friday 13th July. The rest of the year groups will visit their new classroom and meet their new class teacher on Monday 16th July.

This year we are reorganising the class groupings in Foundation Stage, Year 1 and Year 2. The classes in these year groups will not move up in their present class group - the two classes in each of the year groups will be mixed. We are also swapping round some of the classrooms, from September 2018 Year 3 classes will be upstairs in the KS2 building and Year 4 will be downstairs.

TEDDY BEARS PICNIC- Asda are hosting a Teddy Bears' Picnic for FS and KS1 on our school field on Friday 13 July, Asda are providing the food for the picnic and helping to organise the picnic. The event is to raise money for Children in Need and we are asking for £1 donation from each child in FS and KS1. We are aware that we are already asking for a bottle donation on that day but hope you will also support this fund raiser for Children in Need. Further information will be sent via pmxparentmail

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

11 July - Red, White and Blue Day

13 July - Bring a Bottle to School Day

13 July - Teddy Bears' Picnic for FS and KS1

16 July - Year 6 Leavers' Mass 2pm

17 July- Foundation Stage Sports Morning

17 July - Year 6 Production for Parents

18 July -Year 6 Leavers' Disco

Please note the children will break up for the summer holidays on Thursday 19 July and return to school on Tuesday 4 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.

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

Yours sincerely,

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