

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 interesting year for the school. The staff and children have worked very hard and we are very pleased with their progress despite the lockdowns and self isolations. As you are aware this year we had to organise our sports days in a different way but I am pleased to say that the children all participated well and seemed to have a good time. We were also delighted that we were able to run our Year 6 Residential to PGL on the Isle of Wight.

STAFFING - Mrs Hill, Mrs Diggin, Miss Blackburn, Miss Gow and Mr Whadcoat are leaving at the end of the term. We wish them 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. I would like to especially thank Mrs Hill and Mrs Diggin who have a long connection to the school. Originally as parents and then as staff members. They have both worked at the school for over twenty years and have supported our pupils and staff with dedication and enthusiasm, we will miss them both.

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. It has been an especially sad end to the year for 6HS and all the staff who work with them as they have had to self isolate. Well done to 6HS for engaging with remote learning right to the end of term, Thank you to all the staff for all their hard work with the children during their time at Sacred Heart Primary.

FRIENDS OF SACRED HEART - Thank you to all of the parents who have donated to the funding page the money raised is being used towards the installation of two touch screen interactive boards We are very grateful for the support we receive from the Friends further information can be found on <https://en-gb.facebook.com/FriendsofSacredHeart1/>

SCHOOL REPORTS - Annual pupil reports were sent home with the children on Tuesday 6th July. 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=TkXcabDUg7Q&t=11s> .

Year Group Reading Lists are available on the school website please encourage your child to read during the summer holiday. The children should be able to complete the reading quizzes on Accelerated Reader over the summer break, we will then be able to see how many books they have read.

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. The pupils in the current Year 2 to Year 6 also have access to <https://www.10ticks.com/> , an online programme to help them develop their instant recall of multiplication facts. The children should know their own log in details for this website .

SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES- Please see attached posters on park projects that are running throughout the summer holidays. They are organised by community organisations in each locality. Pupils who are registered for free school meals or are SEN can apply for a free place at HAF Energise Luton Clubs <https://activeluton.co.uk/holiday-camp-locations> if you have not received the code for this and would like to apply for a free place on HAF Energise Luton please email admin before Tuesday 20th July and we will send you the school code.

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE The Summer Reading Challenge this year is 'Wild World Heroes'. <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/about-the-challenge>. This website provides information on books to read and how you can access your local library. Wild World Heroes will inspire children to explore ways of helping to save the planet, with a focus on taking action for nature and tackling real-world environmental issues, from plastic pollution and deforestation to wildlife decline and nature loss. Through taking part in the Challenge, children will be able to join the Wild World Heroes to help solve some of these threats, learning about the importance of the environment while helping to restore nature levels in the neighbourhood of 'Wilderville'. 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.

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.

PLAYTARIUM BREAKFAST AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS - Playtarium have informed us that they are reopening their Wrap Around Care Clubs in September, hopefully they have sent booking information to parents that used their provision. I would like to say thank you to Think Sport who provided excellent wrap around provision during the closure of Playtarium, I am sure the children and parents are also grateful for Think Sports efforts and support to provide working parents with child care provision during the last difficult seven months.

RETURN TO SCHOOL - Please note the children will break up for the summer holidays on Friday 16 July and return to school on Thursday 2 September. Whilst I am aware of the current DFE plans that schools will return to normal in September we will continue with the staggered starts and end of school day until Monday 13th September. We will review this decision in September and hope to return to normal start and finish times on Monday 13th September depending on the local and national COVID situation. Please refer to the attached document 'September 2021 Bubble Plan' for information on your child's times and gate of entry.

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 and 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. The children and staff have all shown fantastic resilience during lockdown - well done to staff for providing excellent teaching both in school and remotely and also to the children for their excellent effort this year.

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

Yours sincerely,

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