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Sacred Heart Primary School

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NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

Welcome to this month's newsletter. I trust you and your children enjoyed a relaxing break over the half-term week. November is the month of remembering our dead and praying that their souls may have eternal rest. In the week prior to November 11 we will particularly remember those soldiers who fought and died in the World Wars and all those who continue to die in the conflicts around the World.

PARENTS EVENING - Thank you to everyone who attended our parents' evenings before half term. Once again this year, the response and comments received from over the two evenings was very positive and I hope we can continue to work together to enable our children to achieve their targets and potential during the year.

SHOE BOX APPEAL - The Shoe Box Appeal boxes will be collected on 12th November so all boxes need to be in school for that date. If you are unable to fill a complete box, children can bring in items which we will put together to make up boxes in school.

EASYFUND RAISING - Do you shop online? If so every time you buy something you could be raising money for Sacred Heart Primary School. Over 2,700 well known retailers, including Amazon, John Lewis, eBay and Tesco will donate a small percentage of what you spend to Sacred Heart Primary School to say thank you for shopping with them. It's a really simple process, all you have to do is:

- Register at www.easyfundraising.org.uk
- When you're asked to choose your cause, select Friends of Sacred Heart Primary School - Luton.

P.E. LESSONS - As part of the National Curriculum some P.E lessons have to take place outside on the school playing fields, even during the winter months as long as it is not raining. Please make sure your child has warm old clothing and a carrier bag as kits may get dirty. This can consist of trainers and either a track suit or jogging bottoms/sweat shirt. They still need their shorts, t-shirts and plimsolls in school in case the lesson takes place in side.

YEAR 4 SWIMMING LESSONS - Please ensure your children wear suitable coats, gloves and hats to school on Thursdays to keep them warm on their walk to and from the swimming pool.

TIMES TABLES - If children have good knowledge of the times tables and can recall them speedily this helps them perform well in many aspects of the maths curriculum. Attached is a poster that highlights the tables the children need to learn in each year group. By the end of Year 2 children should have instant recall of the 2, 5 and 10 multiplication tables. By the end of Year 3 children should also have instant recall of the 3,4 and 8 multiplication tables. By the end of Year 4 children should have instant recall of all multiplication tables up to 12x 12. In Years 5 and 6 children need continue to practise the multiplication tables. We would be grateful if you could support your child in learning the multiplication tables. SAM Learning and Education City have activities to support this as do many other websites. You may also want to purchase a CD of multiplication tables to music to listen to in the car or you can watch musical multiplication on You Tube.

TEDDY BEAR RAFFLE - One of our previous pupils, Lucy O'Hare is raising money for Beds World Scout Jamboree by holding a **bear raffle 20p a ticket**. This money will help fund children from poorer countries so that they can attend the World Scout Jamboree. Lucy has brought in five bears to raffle in school. If your children wish to buy raffle tickets or a badge please send in the money in a named envelope. Thank you.

PARKING - If you use Langford Drive **please park with consideration** and do not use the school entrance or residents drive ways to turn your car as this puts our children's safety in danger. Please be considerate of each other and ensure your driving/ parking does not pose a danger to others.

In the next few months we have a number of Christmas performances and events, if you are attending these or collecting your child from the Christmas disco/entertainment 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.

LEARNING IN DEPTH/ENRICHMENT AFTERNOONS - This year we are replacing the Learning in Depth Sessions with Enrichment Afternoons, families will continue to be in the same group. Rather than the children working on their previous Learning in Depth Topic each group will have an Enrichment Afternoon based on a whole school theme. **The first Enrichment Afternoon is on 19th November** and the theme this term is the Centenary of the end of the First World War. If any of your children have completed work on their previous topic please send it in on 19th November, the teachers who lead the groups will be delighted to see their work. Alternatively they could do something on the First World War to share at the session.

CHRISTMAS DINNERS - The Children's Annual Christmas Lunch has been arranged for Thursday 20th December. All children and staff are encouraged to have a school meal on that day. If your child does not normally have school dinners and you would like them to have the Christmas School Dinner please inform either the KS1 or KS2 Office before 1st December. Payment for this meal for KS2 pupils must be through ScoPay £2.05 (KS2). If you are unable to register you can pay £2.05 in cash. Please hand money into the KS2 School Office in an envelope marked Christmas Dinner with your child's name and class.

PANTOMIME - On Friday 14th December Foundation Stage and Year 1 will go to see Jack and the Beanstalk at Luton Library Theatre. Year 2 and Year 3 will go on Wednesday 19th December, the cost of this trip is £12 a child. The school is subsidising the cost of the coach.

DADS CLUB - Our next Dads' Club/Family Man is on Saturday 8th December. This group is for children accompanied by a male adult relative or family friend over the age of 18. Please contact our Family Workers for further information.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES - These will be held on **Tuesday 18th December**. The **FS and KS1 Christmas Disco** is from **3.30 - 5.00 pm**, tickets cost £5 and are available from the KS2 office. The children will receive a snack and gift. Please enter the school site from the church car park and collect the children from KS1.

The KS2 Christmas Disco is also on Tuesday 18th December 6 pm. - 8.00 pm - tickets cost £3 and are available from the KS2 office. KS2 children will need to bring a small amount of money to buy drinks, sweets and raffle tickets.

EVENTS AND CHRISTMAS PRODUCTONS

9th November – 2OM Class Assembly - parents invited 9.15 am

12th November- Odd Socks Day

13th November - Brave the Rage Anti Bullying Workshops for pupils

13th November - Brave the Rage Anti Bullying and Internet Safety Information Session for Parents 6pm to 7pm

19th November - Enrichment Afternoon

20th November - Shakespeare Performance of The Tempest at The Grove Theatre

27th November - Foundation Stage Cooking with Amanda from Asda

28th November - 6TA Guided Meditation- parents invited 9am

30th November - School Nurse in school see Family Workers if you would like to meet with the School Nurse

5th December - Class Guided Meditation 3HC – 9am parents invited

7th December - First Friday Mass -Year 3 and Year 1 reading

8th December - Dads' Club

11th December- School Choir singing at Luton Airport selected pupils

12th December - Foundation Stage Cooking with Amanda from Asda

14th December - Foundation Stage and Year 1 Pantomime Trip

17th December - Carol Concert in Sacred Heart Church for Year 2 to Year 6 - 2pm - Parents invited

18th December - 3.30 p.m - 5 p.m. Foundation Stage and KS1 Christmas Party

18th December - 6 - 8pm - KS2 Christmas Disco

18th December - 9.30am - Christmas Concert for Year 1 parents

19th December - 9.30am - Christmas Concert for Foundation Stage parents

19th December - Year 2 and Year 3 Pantomime Trip

20th December - School Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day- KS2 parents please register children with ScoPay and pay online.

Yours sincerely,



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