

Sacred Heart Primary School



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OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

Welcome to this month's newsletter. It is hard to believe that we are already in October!

HARVEST FESTIVAL - We celebrated our annual Harvest Mass on Friday 5th October - this year we are supporting the Luton Food Bank Harvest Food Drive. Please see the attached information sheets on the types of food they wish us to donate. Please bring your food donations into school by 19th October.

THE ROSARY - October is the month of the Rosary and in school during assemblies and class collective worships we will be exploring and praying parts of the Rosary with the children. Each Monday a prayer group meets in the Learning Lodge to say the Rosary at lunchtime all pupils are invited. Perhaps at home you could make some time to pray the Rosary or a Hail Mary as a family, the Hail Mary is one of the prayers we ask the children to know in school.

CLASS GUIDED MEDITATIONS - This academic year each KS2 class will invite parents to join them for a ten minute guided meditation prayer session. The dates will be shared through the monthly newsletters and we hope you will be able to join your child's class for the prayer session.

WORLD SCOUTING JAMBOREE - One of our previous pupils, Lucy O'Hare, who is now in Year 9, has been selected to represent Bedfordshire at the World Scout Jamboree in West Virginia, USA in the summer of 2019. This is a meeting of 40,000 Scouts representing their country, from nations all over the World. She will be coming back to Sacred Heart on the **29th and 30th October** to give an assembly to each Key Stage about Scouting/Guiding and the World Scout Jamboree. She is also hoping to raise some money for Beds WSJ by holding a **bear raffle 20p a ticket and selling Bedfordshire WSJ badges £2.00**. We are all looking forward to Lucy telling us all about Scouting/Guiding and hope this will encourage more of our pupils to join these groups, if your children wish to buy raffle tickets or a badge please send in the money in a named envelope. Thank you

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.

WALK TO SCHOOL MONTH - A generation ago 70% of children walked to school now it is less than 50%. Walk to School Month is an awareness event held every year in October where schools across the world join forces to promote walking to school. During the month of October the children will be thinking about road safety and the benefits of walking, cycling or scooting to school. Hopefully you will be able to take this opportunity to walk all or part of the way to school during this month.

BIKES AND SCOOTERS - It is wonderful to see the number of children cycling and scooting to school. However, to ensure the safety of all within our school community, it is important that children and adults do not ride their bikes or scooters within the school ground. **Children and adults must dismount their bikes or scooters and walk with them before entering the school gates.** There have been a number of complaints from parents regarding near accidents because of children and adults on their bikes or scooters.

PARKING - If you use Langford Drive please park with consideration, ensuring the road and residents' drives are not blocked. Understandably residents get upset if they cannot access their own driveways or get blocked in. Parking is available in the Church car park and we encourage you to park there. I thank you in anticipation for your help with this matter.

HIGH SCHOOL TRANSFERS - Thank you to those parents who attended our information evening for Year 6 during which the application process for high school was explained. Parents are encouraged to apply on line for high schools. Supplementary forms for Cardinal Newman and original Baptism Certificates should be handed into the KS2 office before 31st October.

FOUNDATION STAGE OPEN MORNING - We are holding a Foundation Stage Open Morning on Tuesday 6th November at 10am for parents who have children starting school in September 2019.

PARENT CONTACT DETAILS - It is very important that the school has up to date contact numbers, in case of an emergency we must be able to contact you during the school day. If you change your phone number please inform the school immediately.

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.

SHOE BOX APPEAL - As it was so successful last year the school is again taking part in 'Operation Christmas', more commonly known as the Shoe Box Appeal. Information leaflets are attached. Children can bring in items for the Shoe Box or you can pack a box as a family and send it into school. If you are packing your own box we would be grateful if you could also enclose the £5 donation. Boxes should be returned to school by **November 9th**.

EASYFUND RAISING - Sacred Heart is registered with www.easyfundraising.org.uk. If online purchases are made through this website the school receives a percentage at no extra cost to you. A number of retailers are registered with this site including Asda, Tesco, Amazon, Boots, Bodyshop and many more.

PARENT EVENING - This year the consultation meetings are on **Tuesday 16th October 4.00 to 6.00pm and Thursday 18th October 6.00 to 8.00pm**. Thank you to all parents who have booked their appointments via pmxparentmail if you have not booked your appointment please book as soon as possible if you need assistance please contact Mrs T Kelly in the KS2 office.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER - The school photographer will be in school this term on Tuesday 9th October to take individual and sibling portraits of the children.

WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING - Thank you to everyone who supported the coffee morning on 28th September, either by attending or donating cakes. A total of £466 was raised for Macmillan Cancer Support, a wonderful achievement.

EDUCATION CITY - Children are able to access Education City and SAM Learning from home. Please encourage them to use these programs so that they can continue to improve their literacy and numeracy skills. If they do not know their log in details please ask for these during the parent consultations.

TERM DATES - The dates for September 2018 to July 2019 and September 2019 to July 2020 are displayed on the school website: www.sacredheartluton.org.uk Copies of the dates are available on request from the KS2 office.

Half term commences Monday 22nd October the children will return to school on Monday 29th October.

SCHOOL DATES

9th October - Individual School Photographs

12th October - 2DS Class Assembly @ 9.10am parents invited

12th October- School Mass in Dunstable- selected pupils

15th October – Masterclass and Science Theme Week

16th October - Rugby Tournament -selected Year 5 and 6 pupils

16th October - ABC Training at St Joseph's Primary for selected pupils

16th October - Parent Consultations 4 -6pm

17th October - Dodgeball Tournament –selected Year 5 and 6 pupils

17th October - 4AG Guided Meditation - parents invited - 9am

18th October - Rugby Tournament -selected Year 3 and 4 pupils

18th October - Parent Consultations 6- 8pm

19th October - Year 6 Evacuation Day

30th October - Flu Vaccinations Foundation Stage to Year 5

31st October - Dodgeball Tournament -selected Year 5 and 6 pupils

1st November - All Saints Day Mass -Year 4 and Year 2 reading

6th November - Foundation Stage Open Morning for parents/carers of children due to start in September 2019

7th November - 5LK Guided Meditation- parents invited 9am

8th November - Eastern Area Partnership School Project – World War 1 – selected pupils

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

12th November- Odd Socks Day

12th November- Anti Bullying Conference – selected pupils

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

13th November - Brave the Rage Anti Bullying Parents Session 6pm to 7pm

19th November - Enrichment Afternoon – First World War

20th November - Shakespeare Performance at The Grove Theatre

28th November - Foundation Stage Cooking with Amanda from Asda

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

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

Thank you once again for your continued support and encouragement as we look forward to the challenge and achievements of the school year.

Yours sincerely,

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