

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 – 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 between 28th October and 31st 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.

ENRICHMENT AFTERNOONS - The first enrichment afternoon of this academic year is on 18th November and the theme this term is Recycling. In preparation for this session it would be wonderful if the children could produce some work such as a poster or art work on recycling 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 19th November at 10am for parents who have children starting school in September 2020.

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 8th**.

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 29th October 4.00 to 6.00pm and Thursday 31st 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.

66 BOOK CLUB - This is a monthly book club offering 70% off the cover price of books- great for children's books and books for all the family. It is open one weekend a month and there is a £2 annual membership fee. The next open weekend is 12th and 13th October at 66 Book Club, Unit 2 Eastman Way, Hemel Hempstead HP2 7DU tel: 01442 239402

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 £392 was raised for Macmillan Cancer Support, a wonderful achievement.

WEAR YELLOW DAY – Thank you for supporting our Wear yellow Day on 10th October World Mental Health day we raised a total of £375 for YoungMinds.

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.

SAM LEARNING - The school has recently renewed its subscription to SAM Learning. One of the key features of this service is that it can be accessed from virtually any computer with Internet access. If you have a computer with Internet access at home, I hope you and your child will enjoy using this service. Of course, it is also possible that learners may use SAM Learning from computers in other places such as libraries and community centres; in Year 6 and Year 2 they will also have the opportunity to use SAM Learning in school. I realise you may have concerns about youngsters using the Internet, and may wish to establish your own family rules about where and when this is to be done. To access the service at www.samlearning.com, learners need three details:

Centre ID:	LU2SH2
User ID:	Date of birth followed by two initials; first name then last name. Example: 010896DJ is the User ID for David Jones born 1 st Aug 1996.
Password:	same as User ID

TERM DATES - The dates for September 2019 to July 2020 and September 2020 to July 2021 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 21st October the children will return to school on Monday 28th October.

SCHOOL DATES

- 11th October - 2KF Class Assembly @ 9.10am parents invited
- 11th October- School Mass in Dunstable- selected pupils
- 12th October - Family Man 10am please book with Family Workers
- 14th October - Masterclass and Creativity Theme Week
- 14th October - Year 6 Evacuation Day
- 17th October - Rugby Tournament -selected Year 3 and 4 pupils
- 28th October - First Communion Meeting for parents 7.30pm in Sacred Heart Church
- 29th October - Parent Consultations 4 -6pm
- 29th October - Year 2 Marvellous Mini Sing for selected pupils
- 29th October - 5LK Discover Arts Award Day
- 30th October - Foundation Stage Librarian Visit
- 30th October - Indoor Athletics for selected pupils
- 31st October - Parent Consultations 6- 8pm
- 1st November - All Saints Day Mass -Year 4 and Year 1 reading
- 5th November- 5MT Discover Arts Award Day
- 6th November - 5LK Guided Meditation- parents invited 9am
- 8th November - 6TA Class Assembly @ 9.10am parents invited
- 8th November - Cake sale to raise money for Waste Aid run by Year 6 pupils
- 11th November- Anti Bullying Conference – selected pupils
- 12th November - Brave the Rage Anti Bullying Workshops for pupils
- 12th November - Brave the Rage Anti Bullying Parents Session 6pm to 7pm
- 12th November- Odd Socks Day
- 12th November- Performance of Macbeth at the Grove Theatre by our Shakespeare Drama Group
- 13th November - Dodgeball Tournament –selected Year 5 and 6 pupils
- 14th and 15th November - CHILL Project for Years 4 and 5
- 15th November- 2DS Class Assembly @ 9.10am parents invited
- 18th November - Enrichment Afternoon- Recycling
- 19th November - Foundation Stage Open Morning for parents/carers of children due to start in September 2020
- 20th November - 4AG Guided Meditation - parents invited - 9am
- 20th November - Year 2 trip to Cineworld Bedford
- 21st November - Football Tournament selected Year 5 and 6
- 27th November - Flu Vaccinations Foundation Stage to Year 6
- 27th November – 6TA Guided Meditation - parents invited - 9am

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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Headteacher

