



# Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School Newsletter: 15/10/2021

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A parent asked this week if I was a proud Headteacher. Every day, I am proud of the achievements, hard work and determination of both children and staff that belong to Sacred Heart and this week was no exception.

We have taken part in sporting events including the Town Final Tag Rugby events at West Hartlepool Rugby Club; both girls and boys teams played very well and were an asset to our school as were those participating in the County Cross Country Finals. Six of our children competed at county level coming in 47<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. This is amazing effort from the children in our school so I have been super proud this week.

You may be aware of the rising cases of COVID in school. I have been working very closely with Public Health and they are satisfied that the measures school has in place are appropriate and we are following our risk assessment process. They have, as a precautionary measure advised that children, in Class 14, take a PCR test over the weekend to ensure that we reduce the risk further of children and adults coming into school without symptoms but possibly being a carrier of COVID. If your child is unwell, not necessarily those associated with COVID but have an upset tummy, headache, sickness or feeling sick, please do not send them into school but book a PCR test to rule out COVID. I appreciate that this may be stressful to some children but we need to ensure that we keep numbers of positive cases to an absolute minimum and booking a PCR test will rule out COVID.

I made the decision today to cancel swimming for the Y5 and Y6 class due to the rising numbers and also tennis on Monday and Wednesday next week. We will continue to monitor the situation and keep you informed if anything else needs to change.

Please do not drop children off on the yellow lines outside of the main playground gate as this is a health and safety issue. Children are entering or exiting school so no one should be parked on the double yellow lines.

If you have found some of your child's reading books at home that they have forgotten to return please ensure they are sent in next week.

## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	PD Day for staff – school closed for children
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> October	Half Term break
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	School re-opens
<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Fire Safety Talk – Key Stage 2 children</b>
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Dental Survey for Reception children</b>
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Year 4 Theatre Trip – more details to follow.
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	School closes for Christmas
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> January	School re-opens

Items in red are new this week.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs A. Howell  
Headteacher