



# Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School Newsletter: 5/11/2021

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Welcome back, I hope you have had a lovely break with your child and enjoyed the cold but sunny weather we had last week.

It has been especially nice to welcome back our Year 6 children, who, due to the number of positive cases in their year group had to move to remote learning for the last 4 days of the half term.

We had a lovely visit from the Fire Brigade yesterday. Our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children were shown the workings of a Fire Engine and our Year 3 – Year 6 children had a fire safety talk as part of the PSHE curriculum.

Over the summer and October half term holidays we have had a number of building projects happening around the school. This has included the redecoration of 11 classrooms, the replacement of flooring in both Key Stage 2 corridors and on the staircases, 5 new double glazed PE hall windows and a bike store! Due to your generosity we had the money to redecorate not the 2 classrooms I had originally planned for but 11. This has a positive impact on the children and staff as well. Many of these classrooms haven't been painted for at least 15 years! So thank you.



One thing that we would love to have in school is a book vending machine. In Sacred Heart we all love to read and I think we could enhance this by purchasing a book vending machine and use it to give book prizes to children. I will be meeting with the Student Council to discuss ways in which we could raise the £1,500 it would cost, but if you have any ideas then I would love it to be a whole school community fundraising. Please email any ideas to the admin address above or discuss it with your child over the weekend and I will meet with the Student Council on Tuesday.

## **CHRISTMAS**

We are hoping to resume our Advent Services and Nativities this year, but we will continue to assess the situation on a weekly basis.

## **CHILDREN IN NEED DAY**

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November is Children in Need Day. It will be a non-uniform day that day for a donation (cash), two thirds of which will be given to Children in Need and the other third to the Diocesan Youth Mission Team.

## **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

Congratulations to all of the children who made their First Holy Communion over the past 6 weeks. All the masses have taken place and now Fr Michael and the catechists are busy organising the next group of children to begin their sacramental journey. If you wish to know what is going on in the parish please follow this link: <https://sacred-heart-rc-primary-school.secure-primariesite.net/holy-family-parish-bulletin/>

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## **ECO FRIENDLY**

With COP 26 this week it has made me think about how eco-friendly our school is. We recycle our paper and have a clothing bank for any unwanted items of clothing but I have been thinking about our school uniform. Many parents dispose of their child's old uniform in the bin and they end up in landfill. Many of these uniforms are still of a good quality so I would like to set up a Pop-Up Swap Shop. This will be an opportunity for you to bring an unwanted or outgrown piece of your child's uniform and swap it for one that will fit them. If you don't have anything to swap you are still very welcome to come and choose a piece of uniform. However, if you would just like to donate, a metal crate will be placed in the entrance to the office next week, for you to drop off any unwanted uniform. The first pop-up swap shop date will be confirmed next week.

## **CLOTHING BANK**

We have a used clothing bank on the rear playground. If you are having a clear out of your summer clothes, please bag them up and deposit them in there. School will use any funds raised from this to benefit the children.

## **PARENT CONSULTATIONS**

Parent consultations will go ahead this half term but will not be face-to-face. Parents will be able to have a telephone consultation or meet via Teams.

Your child's teacher will contact you with a link to Microsoft Forms and you will be able to select your preference, including the time/date of your telephone call/Teams meeting. Ten minutes will be allocated for each meeting, as would a normal face-to-face consultation.

### **BREAKFAST CLUB/MUNCHKINS**

If at all possible can I please ask you to book places for the following week by Friday lunchtime. I understand some arrangements change but if you do know your requirements it would be appreciated if you could meet this deadline. Registers are generated on a Friday afternoon for the following week.

### **ACCESS TO THE REAR SCHOOL YARD**

Can I please remind parents that the rear yard gates open at 8.40am and 2.45pm each day. Please do not arrive too early as this will only cause congestion on the pavement. If there are a few people waiting to enter, please can you line up to allow other pedestrians to pass, without them having to step onto the already busy road. Your co-operation would be much appreciated to prevent any accidents.

### **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need Day – non-uniform for a donation
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	Dental Survey for Reception children
W/b 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent Consultation meetings
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Year 4 Theatre Trip – The Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Wear a Christmas item day - more details to follow.
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 to attend Peter Pan at Hartlepool Sixth Form College - 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