

Sacred Heart Catholic Voluntary Academy Newsletter



10th October 2018

What a great start to the 2018-19 year. All of the children are very settled and enjoying their new classes and new teachers. Each class has written and agreed its 'Class Code of Conduct', and the 'Home /School Agreement' will be sent out this week.

The class presentations were very well attended, providing you all with a much greater understanding of the year group expectations in Reading, Writing and Mathematics as well as information about Religious Education, Science and class topics. The presentations are available on the website for you to refer to at any time. Our staff team felt this provided all parents with far greater information than the previous five minute meeting we have had in the past in the autumn term. Please remember, if you have any queries you can ring Ms Timewell and organise a meeting with the class teacher, Mrs Taylor or Mrs Burton (SENCo), at any time. It is far better to ask any questions or talk to us about any issues as soon as possible; our door is always open.

We have also enjoyed two residential trips; one to Hathersage with Year 5 where everyone enjoyed the scenery and challenge of walking in the Peak District and enjoyed swimming in the lido. The Year 6 children thoroughly enjoyed working with the Briars youth team on team building, fun and thought-provoking prayer times and, again, walking in the Derbyshire Dales. Both trips enjoyed fantastic sunshine for the start of autumn, which also added to our enjoyment. The Year 5 & Year 6 children were very well behaved and thoroughly enjoyed their trips. Our thanks go to the staff members who give up their evenings with their families, to make these residential trips possible.

The staff and children are all getting to grips with the new interactive boards in all classrooms, which enable teachers to use the wealth of resources available to them, to promote engagement and interest in the topics being taught. As one of the children said to me, "It's like a giant iPad, Mrs Taylor!"

Please check the 'Dates for the Diary' on the back page which confirms key dates coming up this term, including a variety of Christmas events (sorry to mention the 'C' word so early!).

This week the children will be finding out about our Harvest Assembly, which will take place on Friday 19th October, led by Year 4. The chaplains will send a letter to all families this week to let you know what we are collecting for the different local charities, along with a donation to CAFOD for wearing your own bright clothes- 'Brighten up the Harvest'. Thank you in anticipation of your usual generosity.



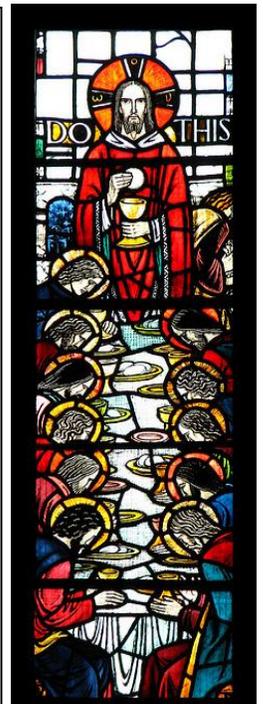
PTFA news

It is exciting times! The library is beginning to take shape. During the summer holiday Jan, our caretaker, built the walls at the back of the dining room to create the space needed. We now have book shelves, book cases and units, beanbags and cushions. A family has put us in contact with a librarian who is supporting our English coordinators in purchasing many books, thanks to your generosity in supporting our PTFA events. The Year 6 class of 2017-18 also purchased a number of sets of the Harry Potter series. The librarian is helping us to set up a system for logging books in and out, to enhance the experience of using the library for all of the children. A parent has also offered to paint some book characters on the walls. With a wide variety of books, in an engaging space, we hope to further promote a love for reading in all of our children. We are hoping to open the library officially after half term.



Sacred Heart Mass & Liturgy: Friday assemblies @ 2.45pm

Fri 12.10.18 Yr6 assembly
Tues 16.10.18 the chaplains & Yr6 attend a celebratory Mass with Our Lady of Lourdes CMAT @ Newark showground all day.
Fri 19.10.18 Yr4 assembly
Fri 9.11.18 Remembrance Service Yr2
Fri 16.11.18 Yr3 Assembly
Fri 23.11.18 Yr4 Assembly
Sat 6.30pm & Sun 10.30 am
24/25.11.18 Feast of Christ the King Mass in church supported by Yr6.
Fri 30.11.18 Readers Award
Wed 5.12.18 Advent Mass
9.15am in church
Fri 7.12.18 Writers Award
Fri 14.12.18 Mathematician Award
Fri 21.12.18 Christingle Service in church 2pm



Attendance

Start of year to 5.10.18 96.11% whole school attendance

: F2 = 90.2% Yr1 = 96.19% Yr2 = 97.5% Yr3 = 96.4% Yr4 = 98.13% Yr5 = 96.39% Yr6 = 95.61%



GOLD AWARD 2017-18 2nd Year! Well done Sacred Heart. This is awarded for all your participation in different sports in school, and in competitions and events.

After School Clubs:

Autumn Term – Please re-register with the office for any of the after school clubs

	Breakfast club 7.45-8.55am	After school clubs run by school 3.30-4.30	External providers – please register via the company website
Cost	£3.50	£3.50 per session	Cost per session varies
Monday	✓	KS1 Dance KS2 Tag Rugby	
Tuesday	✓	Arts & crafts club KS2 Fitness	Irish Dancing
Wednesday	✓	Lego club KS1 Gymnastics inc FSU Mrs Dames Netball upper KS2	French Club
Thursday	✓	KS1 Yoga inc FSU KS2 Chaplaincy KS2 Team Sports	
Friday	✓	Y1-Y6 Multisports	

All clubs start from Monday 10th September 2018. Please pay on Squid (Magical Maths and Clay Creators will both be returning in the new year as an after school club)

Pupil Premium funding can also be used towards the cost of these clubs.

(Any family in receipt of Government funding may be entitled to claim Pupil Premium funding which can be used towards breakfast club, after school clubs, uniform, school meals in KS2, school trips and additional support in class. Please seek confidential advice from Ms Timewell, Mrs Burton or Mrs Taylor.)

PGFA -

Family Disney Quiz Night

Thursday 25th October 5-7pm. Please book tickets with the office. Please come and join us for a family quiz night £5 per family. Refreshments will be available, including a bar and food, along with a fun evening for all the family. Lots of great prizes to be won.

Party invitations- Please give invitations to the class teacher/TA to put in book bags to avoid any upset or disappointment for those not invited. We all know that parties are very expensive and children have to choose who to invite, but if we put the invites in book bags it avoids other children being upset. Thank you for your cooperation.

First Communion & Holy Communion preparation:

Any children wanting to join Fr. Joe and the Sacred Heart Catechists' for the First Communion programme need to collect a registration form from the back of the school bag. Details are detailed in the parish newsletter this week. Forms must be returned to Fr Joe by 4 Nov, before the first meeting for parents on 22 November. Any children in Year 4 and above who would like to become altar servers please approach Chris Gately at the 10.30am Mass for further details.



Dates for the diary:

Family Quiz night Thursday 25th October 5-7pm.

Harvest lunch Friday 19.10.18
Harvest Collection & assembly Fri 19.10.18

Inset day Friday 26 October

Half Term:
Monday 29 October – Friday 2 November
TB Activities will be holding a holiday club this week in school!

Remembrance 'Poetry & Poppies' drama workshop for KS1 & KS2 children

Bonfire lunch Mon 5.11.18

Remembrance Lunch Fri 9.11.18
Remembrance Service in school Friday 9 Nov 2.50pm

Recycling Assembly Fri 23.11.18 @ 2.50pm

Special feast day Mass celebration in church for the Feast of Christ the King – Saturday 6.30pm & Sunday 10.30am 24/25 Nov with Yr6 leading.

Advent Mass in church- blessing of class wreaths – Wednesday 5 Dec 9.15am all welcome

.Foundation Nativity in school- Thurs 6 Dec 10am and Fri 7 Dec 10am

Parish Quiz Night Friday 7 Dec in school hall

Flu spray – FSU- Yr5 Mon 10 Dec

Sacred Heart Carol Service @ church Wed 12 Dec 7pm

KS1 Nativity Mon 17 Dec 2pm
And Tues 18 Dec 6pm

Christmas Special lunch week 17-21 Dec
Christmas lunch Wed 19 Dec 12 noon-1pm

Christingle Service Friday 21 Dec 2pm in church.

Christmas holiday:
Monday 24 December – Friday 4 January 2019.

Return to school on Monday 7th January 2019



Keeping your children safe online

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

We hope to share with you at lots of the forthcoming events.
Very best wishes and God's blessings, Mrs Taylor and the Sacred Heart team.

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