



Sacred Heart Newsletter



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Welcome back to our new school year and a special welcome to any new families that have joined us this academic year.

I hope you have all had a wonderful summer break and hopefully you have managed to visit family and friends you haven't seen during the last few months.

It was wonderful to see all the pupils return looking smart and ready for learning on Thursday. School uniform is an important to school life; it shows that we all are proud to belong to the Sacred Heart community and helps us to live out one of our HEART values of 'Togetherness'.

Girls

White blouse or polo shirt, grey skirt or trousers, black/white/grey socks or tights, blue jumper, sensible black shoes and hair accessories should be in school colours – black, white or blue.

Boys

White shirt or polo shirt, grey trousers/knee length shorts, blue jumper and black school shoes.

We ask that pupils come to school in their PE kits which should be a plain white T-Shirt, plain black or blue jogging bottoms/shorts/leggings and a black or blue jumper. These items should be plain and not have any logos or stripes upon them.

If you require any items of uniform our suppliers are Just School Wear in Arnold <https://just-schoolwear.co.uk/>.



Collective Worship

For the first few weeks of term we will be holding Collective Worship in school in Key Stages rather than whole school. Every member of our school has participated and placed a pebble in our community bowl on the first day back showing that they are committed to being a fabulous member of our community.



| Date | Events | More information |
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| Tuesday 7 th September | School Photographs | Please ensure your child looks smart, tidy and is wearing the correct uniform. |
| Thursday 9 th September | Year 6 start their DARE Education Year 3 Start Swimming Lessons | Further information will be provided by Miss Armstrong. Mr Cordes will provide further information. |
| Friday 10 th September | Roald Dahl Day | All pupils will be taking part in activities about the fantastic characters Roald Dahl created. |
| Monday 13 th September | Mass in school | Unfortunately, due to our COVID Risk Assessment, parents cannot join us for this celebration. |
| Wednesday 15 th September | Year 5 leave to go to Hathersage for three days | Miss Owens will communicate with year 5 parents regarding this. |
| Friday 24 th September | Opening of the new Parish Centre | Bishop Patrick will be celebrating Mass at 9am and opening our new Parish Centre next to Sacred Heart Church. Please pop along, have a cup of tea and maybe a biscuit or two! |
| Wednesday 29 th September | Year 6 leave for their Briars residential | Miss Armstrong will communicate the final details with year 6 parents. |

Keeping our school community safe through the pandemic – what are we doing in school?

At Sacred Heart we are committed to keeping everyone in our community as safe as we possibly can. We are continuing to ensure that all classrooms and communal areas are well ventilated and completing extra cleaning of common touch points throughout the school day. We are going to have Collective Worships, singing and assemblies in key stages for the first few weeks and evaluate this as the term moves on.

We ask that our families do their bit to. Please do not send your child in if they are symptomatic of COVID 19 and if they are a close contact of a person who has tested positive we strongly advise that a PCR (a test that is sent to a laboratory) test is completed. Your child will not have to self-isolate if they are in contact with a positive case and are welcome into school.

The pupils will not be in bubbles anymore in school unless we have an outbreak and Public Health England ask us to use our Outbreak Management Plan.



Classes have started the year off as they mean to go on. Each class have a Recognition Board in their classrooms to positively recognise when members of the class are truly living out our school values.

Adults in the classroom can use positive reinforcement of these values to praise and celebrate your child's behaviour for learning.

House points will also be awarded through Class Dojo to recognise that special effort or when a pupil goes above and beyond demonstrating the values of *Hardworking*, *Enthusiasm*, *Aspirational*, *Respect* and *Togetherness*.

After School Clubs

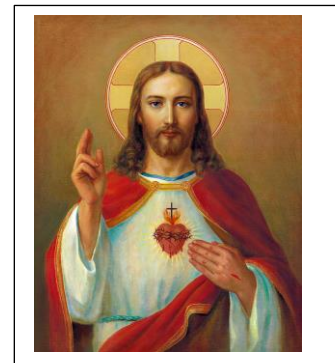
After school clubs are just being finalised and can now be booked through MyEd. A timetable of activities will be sent out later this week.

Drop off and collection arrangements

We are aware that the roads around school are getting busy and are looking to change the current arrangements by next week.

In the meantime, could we politely request that you are mindful about your driving and parking on the roads around school. It would greatly help the process if messages are sent via Class Dojo rather than passing messages to class teachers on the gate. We are sure that if we continue to work together, we can create a plan that is safe for all.

Thank you for your patience.



A note from Miss Hornsby

I have been so warmly welcomed by the staff, pupils and parents or Sacred Heart in my first week in my role as Headteacher. It has been a pleasure to get to know the Sacred Heart Community a little bit better and see the HEART values in action. The pupils have been fabulous, they are all settled and have shown a great attitude to learning.

Some parents have asked about after school clubs

If you have any concerns, worries or simply want to introduce yourself, please feel free to do so at the school gate or contact me on head@sacredheart.notts.sch.uk or through Class Dojo.

I shall look forward to meeting more families over the coming weeks.

Miss C Hornsby