



Sacred Heart Newsletter



September 2023

Welcome Back!

We hope you had a lovely summer break. It was lovely to welcome back all the pupils and their families this morning.

Prayer Garden Revamp

Our Prayer garden has had a face lift over the summer with the addition of some yellow roses to represent the yellow roses at the feet of Our Lady of Lourdes when she appeared to St Bernadette.



House Groups

Every child has been placed in one of 7 house groups and our termly meetings will start to take place this week. We are hoping that each house will have special community days throughout the year.

RAAC Concreate

In the news there have been reports of schools that have been deemed unsafe due to the use of RAAC concrete. I am pleased to say that our school has not been affected by this. We will hold in our prayers those school communities that have had an interrupted start to the school year.

New Gym Equipment

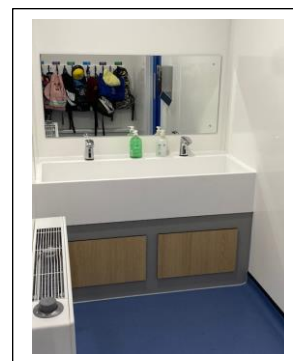
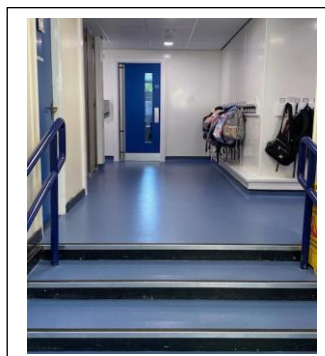
Over the summer, we have had some new gym equipment for the pupils to play on installed over the summer. The pupils were all very excited to play on them today and they have been put to good use!

Due to the size of the equipment we are limiting the use of them to years 3 and above so we can ensure that they are used safely. Please do not let younger children play on these afterschool.



Cloakroom and Toilet Area for Years 5 and 3

We are so pleased with the building work that took place over the summer to provide year 3 and 5 with much improved toilet and cloakroom facilities!



School Uniform

The pupils all look fantastic in their uniforms, we need to ensure that we keep this up all year. As the weather is forecast to be very hot over the next few days we are happy for pupils to wear the summer uniform till half term. Our uniform policy can be found here:

<https://www.sacredheart.notts.sch.uk/parents/school-uniform/>

Please make sure all uniform bags and bottles are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Zig Zag Lines

You will have noticed the new extended Zig Zag lines outside the school which have been added to keep our pupils safer outside the school.

This does reduce parking around the school and will improve the air quality for our pupils. Please do use the parish carpark and walk through the alleyway – especially as the weather is so nice at the moment.



Year 6 Briars

If you would like your child to attend this residential and have not yet paid a deposit, please do so in cash at the office ASAP.

Home School Agreements

Home school agreements and consent forms will be given to every child in school this week. Please ensure these are returned promptly with your child's name and class clearly on the sheet. Please read through the agreement with your child and ask them to sign as well as yourself. Each child will need their own agreement.

We are happy for year 6 pupils to walk home alone if their parents deem them ready to have this responsibility. We do need written consent for this and forms will be sent home with your child today. Without this being returned, your child will not be able to walk home.

Forest School Sessions will take place on a Thursday afternoon.

Pupils are to wear school PE kits – a plain black T shirt can be worn instead of a white T- Shirt.

Thursday 14th September – Year 1

Thursday 21st September Year 1

Thursday 28th September Year 6

Thursday 5th October Year 5

Thursday 12th October Year 6

Thursday 19th October Year 5

Friends of Sacred Heart - Your school needs your help!

Can you spare 1 hour a month to help us raise extra funds for your children?

We are looking to start a Friends of Sacred Heart Group that will consist of staff, parents and governors.

For this year, we have invested in a programme called OPAL schools. This is an outside playtime initiative that incorporate all 17 aspects of play to help the pupils learn how to play, cooperate, problem solve, risk take, use their imaginations and be engaged throughout lunchtimes. We sent two members of staff, Miss Armstrong and Miss Murray to a local OPAL flagship school and they came back so enthusiastic and excited that we plan to implement this at Sacred Heart that they volunteered to lead on the project. School have paid for staff to have training and for the outside areas to be improved, including much needed shade on the yard. However, due to the current funding levels of schools, we will need to raise funds to buy equipment and importantly storage of the equipment in order to implement this successfully.

We are hoping to hold a Christmas Fayre, a disco, cake sales, Easter raffles, sponsored events and a summer Fayre so our own children can not only experience these events and make memories but so we can implement our OPAL project successfully.

As a school community we are very excited about this project but do need your help. An hour a month support from the Friends of Sacred Heart would mean that events can be bigger and better than before.

Please consider joining our Friends of Sacred Heart group, come along to our first meeting in September for a brew and biscuit and find out more about our plans on September 13th at 2:30pm in school.

In the meantime, if you come across any large cable drums or tyres, please let me know as these will come in very useful indeed!



Below are our provisional dates of important events for this academic year. Sometimes, for unforeseen circumstances and situations beyond our control **these dates may change**. We will try not to change if we can at all help it and we will let you know of any changes via the half termly newsletter. Keep an eye on the newsletter as other events maybe added- these will be in red.

September		
Date	Event	More information
Tuesday 12 th September	School Photographs	Individual school photos.
Wednesday 13 th September	Parent and Friends meeting	Come along and have a cuppa and see how we can raise funds for our school!
Friday 15 th September	Welcome Mass	9:30 in school – all are welcome.
Friday 15 th September	Year 3 Bikability – Level 1	Information was sent before the holidays to parents.

Week beginning Monday 18 th September	Medical reviews	Parents will receive a phone call this week to arrange a convenient time
Monday 18 th September	Year 3 visit to the National Gaming Arcade	Information given before the holidays – speak to Miss Murray
20 th – 22 nd September	Year 6 residential to the Briars	20 th – 22 nd September
Tuesday 20 th September	CTK open evening 5:30 – 7:30	Tuesday 20 th September
Tuesday 26 th September	CTK open morning for year 6	Tuesday 26 th September
October		
Friday 6 th October	Harvest Celebrations	Further information will follow 2:30pm in school
Tuesday 10 th October	Mental Health Day – Non uniform	Tuesday 10 th October
Monday 16 th and Tuesday 17 th October	Parents' Evening 16:00 – 18:00	Further information to follow
Half Term	23 rd October – 4 th November	Return to school Monday 6 th November
November		
Friday 10 th November	Remembrance Day Activities	
Sunday 26 th November	Christ the King Feast Day	School will be attending the 10:15 mass at Sacred Heart
December		
Thursday 7 th December	Christmas Fair	
Friday 8 th December	Confessions in school	
Monday 11 th December	EYFS performance	2pm Further information to follow
Tuesday 12 th December	KS1 Performance	2pm Further information to follow
Wednesday 13 th	Years 3 and 4 Music concert	Further information to follow
Thursday 14 th December	KS1 Performance	4 pm Further information to follow
Friday 22 nd December	KS2 Carols by Candlelight	1:30 – further information to follow
Christmas Holidays	23 rd December – 7 th January	Return to School 8 th January
January		
Friday 12 th January	Mass	9:30 in church
February		

Friday February 9 th	Inset Day	
Half Term	12 th February – 18 th February	Return to school Monday 19 th February
Friday 23 rd February	Mass in school	9:30am
March		
Friday 8 th March	Confessions in school	
Easter Holiday	Break up Thursday 28 th March	Return Monday 15 th April
April		
Monday 22 nd April	MHST year 6 talk	
	KS1 and KS2 Resilience workshop	
Friday 26 th April	Mass in church	9:30 am
May		
Monday May 6 th	School Closed for May Day	Return to school
Week beginning 13 th May	Year 6 SATS week	
May Half term	Break up Friday 24 th May	Pupils return Tuesday 4 th June
June		
Monday 3 rd June	INSET	
July		
Friday 27 th July	Break up for Summer Leavers' Mass 9:30	In school