



Together we live and learn; we play
and pray.

Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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First Sunday of Advent (Year A)

This week has seen the school make our final preparations for Advent which starts this Sunday. All classes have begun their new RE themes focusing on preparing for the birth of Jesus, whilst Reception and KS1 have been fine tuning their Nativities. Finally our reverse advent calendar will be starting on Monday, if you have any donations to make please drop these off in the large box which can be found in the school office. We hope that each day we will have enough items to donate a parcel to the Peterborough food bank.

Loving God, you sent your Son Jesus into the world to show us how to live. Help us to be ready when he comes. Help us to make all visitors feel welcome and cared for. Amen

Mr Cooper
Headteacher

Weekly Attendance

Congratulations to Year 2 for having 98.33% attendance this week - excellent! Our overall school attendance this week was 96.92%, meaning our attendance for the year is currently 96.93%.

New Catholic School – Hampton Gardens

Following a six-week consultation which showed significant support for a new Catholic primary school, the Diocese has submitted a formal statutory proposal to Peterborough City Council to open a new Catholic school in Hampton East. This proposal can be found at www.rcdea.org.uk/vaschools or by contacting the Diocesan Schools' Office on 01508-495509. Comments about the proposal should be made to Peterborough City Council between now and 19th December 2019 and the Diocese has asked parents to write to the City Council showing their support for the proposal. This can be done by emailing consultations@peterborough.gov.uk or writing to Schools Admissions Team, People & Communities, Peterborough City Council, Sand Martin House, Bittern Way, Fletton Quays, Peterborough PE2 8TY. Correspondence should be marked "Response to Proposed New Catholic Primary School."

Christmas Fayre – 6th December 2019

Our Christmas Fayre will take place on Friday 6th December 2019 and the children will have an opportunity to play a wide variety of games during the afternoon. Each game will cost 20p and we hope that your child will bring enough money to have a few turns and to buy a drink and biscuit. Teaching Staff will organise this part of the Fayre. From 3.15pm until 5.00 pm, FOSH are organising a wide variety of activities in the School Hall and Studio. We hope that Parents and Carers will join us. This will also be a **"Dress Down Day"** where the children can dress as they wish if they bring a donation towards one of the stalls. We also kindly request cakes to sell on the day.

Our suggestions for this are:

- Reception, Years 1 & 2- Sweet Tombola (Haribos, fruit pastilles etc).
- Years 3 & 4 – Chocolate Tombola (packets, bars or boxes).
- Years 5 & 6 – Bottle Tombola (alcoholic or non-alcoholic).

Christmas Productions

Rehearsals are beginning to take place now in school for our Christmas Productions so I am pleased to confirm the times and dates.

- Reception Class – Tuesday 10th December at 2pm
- KS1 – Wednesday 11th December at 9.30am
- KS1 – Thursday 12th December at 2.00pm

Information about booking tickets was sent out this week by SMS. Please only book up to two tickets for each child on PMX. If you have booked more, please advise the office which two you would like kept reserved. Please note we will not be issuing tickets, your PMX order is your reservation and you will receive an SMS reminder the week before.

STEAM Day

Last Friday, the children participated in our very first whole-school STEAM day (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics). They were inspired by the Bloodhound LSR Car, which is currently attempting to break the land speed record, to create their own self-propelled vehicle. The children worked in mixed year groups across the whole school to research, design and create their cars. The hall was set up as a school shop and, along with a loaded credit card, the children had to also decide in their groups what materials and tools they needed to purchase and whether they could afford it! The day was a huge success as we all met in the hall to demonstrate just how well our vehicles moved at the end of the day. A huge congratulations to St Andrew's house who produced the winning car built by Aleksander P (Y6) Ollie (Y1) Liliana (Y2) Maksymilian (Y3) and Benjamin (Y4). We were enormously impressed with how well all of the children worked alongside each other – well done Sacred Heart!

Advent Service – Tuesday 3rd December 2019 from 5.00pm at Sacred Heart

To begin our Advent celebrations and in preparation for Christmas all the school is invited to come together to our Advent Service. It will be a prayerful service and we hope to see many families attend, in order to make this a success but more importantly, to give you the opportunity for your family to come together and pray. I look forward to seeing many Sacred Heart families supporting this event.

The Sun Books for Schools

The Sun newspaper is offering primary schools in England, Wales and Northern Ireland the chance to claim a set of free Collins Big Cat books for schools worth over £600.

Sacred Heart School have registered for this scheme. To claim the free books we must collect 3,500 tokens which are printed in The Sun every day from Saturday, November 23 2019 – Saturday, January 18 2020.

We are asking parents/carers and their extended families to please collect the tokens and also bonus vouchers that will appear in the Sun and bring them in to school so we can reach the 3,500 target.

A collection box will be by the school office. We thank you for helping us in achieving our target

Christmas Lunch

School Christmas lunch is being served on Wednesday 18th December. Meals must be pre-booked on SchoolGrid by 9th December latest to ensure sufficient catering. No orders can be taken after this date.

KS2 Tuck Shop

School Council are running a KS2 Tuck Shop every Tuesday and Thursday during morning break. Children can buy a healthy snack for 15p. All profits are for the purchase and upkeep of a new school pet. EYFS/KS1 children are welcome to buy a snack but they do receive free fruit every morning as part of the government scheme.

St Felix Seniors Group

For your information there is a senior's group that meets Tuesday afternoons 2.00pm-4.30pm in the St Oswald's church hall. All senior citizens are welcome.

Parent and toddler group at St Oswald's

For your information there is a parent and toddler group that meet every Wednesday morning from 10.30am at St Oswald's church hall.

School Notice Boards

Please look out on our school notice boards for the latest FOSH minutes, governor minutes, weekly newsletter and general school updates.

Ofsted Parent View

Parent View gives you the chance to tell us what you think about your child's school. Parent View asks for your opinion on 12 aspects of your child's school, from the quality of teaching to behaviour. A screencast demonstrating how to register and complete a survey on Parent View is available on the website www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk By sharing your views, you'll be helping us to further improve as a school.

Term Dates Autumn 2019

03-12-19	5.00pm Advent Service at Sacred Heart School
05-12-19	9.15am – Year 1/2 Mass Choir – Jack Hunt Christmas Concert 6.30pm (whole choir)
06-12-19	Christmas Fayre
10-12-19	2.00pm Reception Class Nativity Choir – Sainsbury's Carol Singing 1.30pm (whole choir)
11-12-19	9.30am KS1 Nativity

12-12-19	2.00pm KS1 Nativity Choir – Cavell Centre Carol Service 1.30pm (Yrs 4, 5 & 6) Choir – Catholic School's Carol Service (whole choir)
13-12-19	9.30am Whole School Pantomime
16-12-19	KS2 Christmas Party
17-12-19	Christmas Around the World Choir – Cresset Day Centre Carol Singing 1.30pm (Yrs 3 & 6) Reception and KS1 Christmas Party
18-12-19	Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day Last day of Term
Holidays – 19th December 2019 to 6th January 2020	
07-01-20	School Reopens