



Together we live and learn; we play
and pray.

Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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Second Sunday of Advent (Year A)

As we move into the second week of advent our children have begun to reflect on the Advent Wreath. I have been delighted with how spiritual the children have been during their reflections and how much effort the children have put into writing their own Advent Prayer to be hung on our Christmas Tree. I would also like to say thank you to all the children and families for their participation in our Advent service on Tuesday night, I thought it was a very reflective service and fitting of our first week's advent work. Finally, I look forward to seeing many families over the next couple of weeks at the school Christmas performances and at the choir performances around the city.

God of life, we give thanks for all those people who are kind to us. Help us to be the best people that we can be in preparation for the coming of your Son Jesus. Amen.

Mr Cooper
Headteacher

Weekly Attendance

Congratulations to Year 3 for having 98.3% attendance this week - excellent! Our overall school attendance this week was 95.19%, meaning our attendance for the year is currently 96.9%.

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."

Choir performance at Jack Hunt School

Thursday evening saw 57 members of our school choir singing at the Jack Hunt Christmas concert. The children were treated to festive songs played by the many Jack Hunt music groups and school choirs. Our school was well represented and sang with great enthusiasm our two songs "Love Shone Down" and "Peace on Earth". Well done to Kaira, AJ, Philippa, Taisiya and Benet for their confident solos. An amazing performance and well deserving praise to all choir members who work so hard to represent our school.



Reverse Advent Calendar

We have made a fantastic start with our reverse advent calendar this week. We have had so many donations that we have ended up filling more than one box each day! This week's donations were taken to the Foodbank warehouse today and they were very, very grateful for them. Thank you very much for your efforts this week and let's try and keep this going next week.



Advent Service

Thank you to everyone who attended our Advent Service on Thursday evening. It was a great pleasure to see so many Staff, children and families from all the Key Stages present. It was a very spiritual evening and all the parents should be very proud of their children as they all read so beautifully with such meaning. We had some lovely comments from families who attended; I trust the service prepared you all for the Advent season.

Christmas Productions

Just a quick reminder about next week's Christmas Productions. The dates and times are as shown below.

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

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.

The Snowman

On Wednesday afternoon 48 members of our school choir visited the New Theatre here in Peterborough to see a production of the Snowman. This was a live orchestral music event organised by the Peterborough Music Hub. The children were treated to a variety of orchestral interpretations of Christmas carols and songs. They were then able to watch a screening of the Snowman with the orchestra and narrator providing the soundtrack. Musicians were all local from the Peterborough Youth Orchestra. The children enjoyed the fabulous sound made by a live orchestra and the chance to see the variety of exciting instruments on offer. Well done Imogen for playing the sleigh bells in front of more than a thousand children! A special treat was in store for year six children who were able to meet and chat to Howard Blake OBE, composer of the Snowman, who was especially charming and had come to visit Peterborough for the occasion

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	
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 – 19 th December 2019 to 6 th January 2020	
07-01-20	School Reopens