

Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School



*Together we live and learn; we
play and pray.*

Friday 22nd September 2023

Message from Mr Claxton

Our EYFS children have been in school full-time this week and they have been so settled and engaged with their learning. Well done to all of the staff and children for making such a fantastic start to our children's school career.

This week, I was lucky enough to visit lots of maths lessons. I was proud to see how fluent the children are becoming in their understanding and manipulation of number. This will really stand them in good stead as they move onto more challenging mathematical concepts later in the year.

As a polite reminder, please ensure that you are driving and parking safely in our car park. Please remember to look around you when pulling off as there have been several very close misses. Also, please remember that the disabled parking should be for those with disabilities only (and remember that not all disabilities are visible).

God of forgiveness, come to us today and renew our hearts so that we may see everyone we meet with your eyes, and welcome them with open hands. Amen

UPCOMING DATES

25th-28th Sept – Yr 5/6 Bikeability
4th Oct – Welcome Ceremony for EYFS with Year 6
5th Oct – School Census day lunch menu
11th Oct – EYFS Tapestry Parent Workshop - 2.50pm
20th Oct – Harvest Festival – see email

23rd-27th Oct – HALF TERM

31st Oct – FOSH Clothing collection – details to follow
1st-3rd Nov – Y6 PGL Caythorpe residential trip
2nd-3rd Nov – Y4 Grafham Water residential trip
8th Nov – Individual School Photos – details to follow
14th Nov – Flu Vaccinations – details to follow
20th Nov – Y3 Trip to Flag Fen
15th Dec – FOSH Christmas Fayre

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Reception: 98.5%

Year One: 94.7%

Year Two: 96.7%

Year Three: 98.7%

Year Four: 98.3%

Year Five: 95.7%

Year Six: 98.4%

School: 97.3%

Year to date: 96.8%

Our school attendance target is 96%. We want every child to reach their full potential at school and maintaining good levels of attendance is vital in this. Thank you for your continued support with this!

A reminder that our attendance policy is available on our school website and can be found here:

<https://www.sacredheartprimary.org.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=2659&type=pdf>

Next week's gospel:
Matthew 20: 1-35

Parent survey

This week we sent out a parent survey via email. We would appreciate it if as many parents/carers could respond as possible. Many thanks!

MASS DATES

5th Oct – Years Three & Six
9th Oct - Whole School Mass – Bishop Peter visiting
19th Oct - Years One & Five
1st Nov – All Saints Whole School Mass
9th Nov - Years Two & Four
16th Nov - Years Three & Six
23rd Nov - Years One & Five
30th Nov – Years Two & Four
7th Dec - Years Three & Six
14th Dec - Years One & Five



EYFS

The children have adapted well to coming in for full days. This week we have been learning about God's creation and drew some wonderful self-portraits. We are getting to know our new friends and are practising working together as a team.

Year 1

In Year 1, we have had a visit from 'Beegu'. The children have been exploring the story and learning about adjectives in preparation to write a character description. In maths, the children have continued with their work on place value and have been counting backwards from 10 and finding one more and one less.



Year 2

Year 2 have enjoyed learning about Katharine of Aragon and found it fascinating that she is buried in Peterborough cathedral. In their Science lesson, they were testing different exercises and deciding which was the best for their body. Within their computing work, the children were inventing machines and explaining what the input and output of them was.

Year 3

Year 3 had a great Science lesson last week. They were learning the vocabulary of rocks so we could describe them correctly but instead of using rocks they used SWEETS! it was good fun and they even got a little treat and were allowed to eat a few afterwards.



Year 4

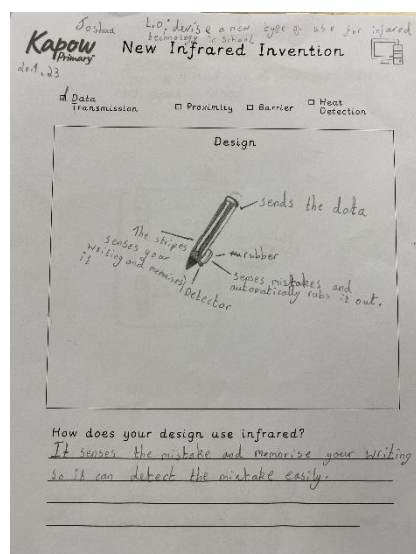
This week, Year 4 have enjoyed preparing for their retelling of The Egyptian Cinderella! They recapped their knowledge of speech and wrote the middle of their story with a great use of expanded noun phrases and speech. In Science, they have learnt all about the different parts of the ear and how vibrations from sounds travel through the ear to our brain. Year 4 have also continued their exploration into the era of Ancient Egypt, learning all about the hierarchy of Egyptian life, from the Pharaohs to the farmers! They studied a piece of Egyptian art and saw if they could work out each person's job from the picture using their knowledge of the hierarchy.



Year 5

Year Five enjoyed learning about the planets and our solar system in Science this week. They worked in pairs to research their chosen planet and then worked as a whole class to show how the planets line up and their distances from the sun. Year Five have also learnt about the kingdoms of Anglo-Saxon Britain. They then chose which tribe they would have liked to have been part of (Angles, Saxons or Jutes) and used this to see which part of England they would have settled in and designed their own shield using the original Anglo-Saxon kingdom flag's colours and design.

Year 6



In ICT this week, Year Six started their new topic: Big Data. We looked at how large amounts of information can be sent using bar codes and QR codes and learnt that the idea for bar codes was based on Morse code that was extended to thin and thick bars. We found out that infrared waves can be used in different ways and the children were challenged with devising a new type of use for infrared technology in school. This example uses infrared to detect mistakes when writing and automatically rub them out!