

Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School



Friday 20th October 2023

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

Message from Mr Claxton

I can't quite believe that I am writing the final newsletter of the half term! What an incredibly busy, but productive, half term it has been. We welcomed Kim Payne and Roger Higgins from St John the Baptist CMAT this week for one of their regular visits to all schools in the Trust. This was the first time that Mr Higgins (Deputy CEO) has really seen our school and his lasting impression was how much love, care and attention we give all pupils at Sacred Heart. This truly sets up your children to fantastic learning.

Thank you to all who have donated for our harvest collection. This will truly support those most in need in our parish. Many thanks to all of you who attended the harvest celebrations. Having looked at all of the class donations, well done to Reception for collecting the most!

I wish all of the children a restful half term. Well done on all that you have achieved since September, children. You make us proud every day!

Lord, we thank you all of creation, for food and vegetables, for trees and flowers, for fish and animals. Above all we thank you for the gift of people. May we always remember that what we have, comes from you. May we have generous hearts that share and respectful hearts that care for all you have entrusted to us. Amen

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Reception: 92.2%

Year One: 96.7%

Year Two: 98%

Year Three: 96.9%

Year Four: 91.4%

Year Five: 96%

Year Six: 95.4%

School: 95.2%

Year to date: 95.7%

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 22: 15-21

Good luck

Good luck to Mrs Rayment who leaves us today to go on maternity leave. We wish you luck and can't wait to meet Baby Rayment!

UPCOMING DATES

23rd-27th Oct – HALF TERM

- 31st Oct – FOSH Clothing collection – see email
- 1st-3rd Nov – Y6 PGL Caythorpe residential trip
- 2nd-3rd Nov – Y4 Grafham Water residential trip
- 6th Nov – EYFS Vision Screening – see email
- 8th Nov – Individual School Photos – see email
- 9th Nov – FOSH Disco – see email
- 14th Nov – Flu Vaccinations – see email for e-consent link
- 14th Nov – Parents Evening – details to follow
- 16th Nov – Parents Evening – details to follow
- 16th Nov – Year 5 Trip to Peterborough Cathedral
- 20th Nov – Y3 Trip to Flag Fen
- 15th Dec – FOSH Christmas Fayre

MASS DATES

- 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

After a very busy half term settling into school life, the children are looking forward to their well-deserved break. This week we have been practising for our Harvest festival and the children have perfected their version of the song 'Busy for the Harvest'. In phonics, they have been learning the sounds 'm' and 'd' and are excited to be taking home their first reading books today.

Year 1

In Year 1, we have been practising our songs ready for the Harvest festival. We have also been busy writing instructions for Beegu on how to be a good friend.

In maths, we have started to write number sentences using our number bonds to 10.

Year 2

Year 2 loved making and testing their egg 'helmets' this week. They followed their plans and created a 'helmet' that would protect the egg when it was dropped from a height. After testing them, the children evaluated the effectiveness of their protector and explained why it may not have been successful. Within Art the children have been developing observational drawing skills and with Theme they have been finding out about King Charles III.

Year 3

Year 3 had more fun trying to paint with their homemade paints made from flour, water and spices. They found it tricky but loved it. In science we have learnt about fossils and how they are made. The children were very excited to hear that fossils can still be found. They are looking forward to the Harvest festival where they are all going to sing a new hymn which has just been composed. We really hope you enjoy it!

Year 4

Year 4 have been very busy this week! We have been practicing our lines for our Harvest festival celebration. In English, we have been researching information on Ancient Egyptian pharaohs for our non-chronological report. The children completed their experiment in science. We investigated how the loudness of a sound changes with the distance it is away from you. We used a variety of instruments in our experiment. In our theme lesson, we looked at how Egyptians prepared themselves for the afterlife and we looked at the different stages of mummification. It has been a very busy, but rewarding half term, I hope the children enjoy their well-earned break!

Year 5

Year Five enjoyed their Art lessons this week. Their artwork will be linked to their Science topic, Space. They started by exploring the purpose and impact of images from the 'Space race' era of the 1950s and 60s. They then used their sketchbooks to explore drawing through line, tone, shape and textures and experimented with materials and tools to replicate part of a space image that they had chosen. Year Five also used their computing lesson to investigate search engines but also to help them carry out vital research for their Anglo-Saxon life fact-file. We also finished off the half-term with a fun basketball tournament.

Year 6

We had a fun time on Wednesday when some of the Year Six parents joined us in the hall for our reading lesson. It was great seeing the text on the big screen! We enjoyed showing the adults how we practice and develop our reading skills – they were surprised at how active the lesson was and we even had time for a word game at the end. Thank you to those parents who came. Please don't worry if you couldn't make it – there will be another one next term.

Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body.