

# Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023

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



## Message from Mr Claxton

Wow! What a fantastic term it has been! Thank you all so much for your ongoing support of school and your children's learning. It really does make such a huge difference. Thank you to all of you, too, for working hard on school attendance. This is the highest it has been all year and it really does positively impact all children.

This week has been full of the joy that is primary school Nativities! Well done to EYFS and Key Stage One for such brilliant performances. All of the children did such a brilliant job and I know that all of the adults in school and families were so proud!

We look forward to two exciting days of learning and a trip to the pantomime next week!

*Gracious God, as we light the third Advent candle of joy, may the joy of your salvation fill us with gladness. Help us to share this joy with others, especially those in need. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.*

## UPCOMING DATES

15<sup>th</sup> December – FOSH Christmas Fayre – see email

19<sup>th</sup> December – Whole School Trip to Pantomime – see email

19<sup>th</sup> December – last day of term – 3.15pm finish

## WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Reception: 97.4%

Year One: 94.3%

Year Two: 95.3%

Year Three: 98.7%

Year Four: 96.7%

Year Five: 90%

Year Six: 97.1%

School: 95.6%

Year to date: 96.2%

**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:**

**John 1: 6-8,19-28**

## Reverse Advent Calendar

A reminder that we are still collecting for our reverse Advent calendar throughout December. These donations will support those families who need it this Christmas. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

## MASS DATES

Dates for next term TBC



## **EYFS**

On Wednesday morning the children performed their nativity 'Whoops-a-Daisy Angel' for all their families. The children all did an amazing job with their excellent singing and acting and we are all very proud of them, well done Reception! In our RE work this week we have been looking at how Christmas is celebrated in different countries around the world and the children had a go at making traditional Filipino parol lanterns.

## **Year 1**

This week, the children performed their Nativity. We have been so incredibly proud of how well they all performed, they all sang beautifully!

As well as the Nativity, the children have begun to look at a Victorian classroom and compare it with our own classroom. We were very impressed with their observations and the children really enjoyed seeing how classrooms and schools used to look.

## **Year 2**

We have been busy performing our Nativity this week, the children were amazing and the performance went really well. This week the children have also been learning about Amelia Earhart we learnt who she was and why she was important. Within English work they have been writing instructions, they thought of a significant invention and then wrote instructions for how to use it.

## **Year 3**

In Science the children have been learning the bones in their body. In order to try and help them to remember the tricky names we measured ourselves and made  $\frac{1}{4}$  sized skeletons. In English we have finished off leaflets about Flag Fen. In Maths we have finally finished our learning on addition and subtraction and have begun to focus on multiplication. We have also spent a lot of time practising for next week's carol singing!

## **Year 4**

In English this week, the children completed the plan for their letter home as a Roman soldier. In RE, we looked at the Holy Trinity and designed a poster explaining what the Trinity is. In Science, we went on a plant hunt to identify and record data about different plants in our local environment. Using this data, the children produced a bar graph to answer the question, "Which is the most common plant in the school grounds?" Along with Year 3, we have spent a lot of time practising for next week's carol singing!

## **Year 5**

In PE this week Year Five enjoyed learning some Rock N Roll dance moves! They worked in partners or threes to learn and perform the hand jive which was very energetic and fun! In Art they have looked at the work of Tiers Albers who uses mixed media to show Space themes and images. They have made a collagraph which is a printing plate on cardboard which they used to produce their space backgrounds. We are planning to add a space image on top of this background next week using charcoal pencils and markers.



## **Year 6**

In Science, we learned about the lungs and carried out an experiment to test whether chest size directly correlated to lung capacity. We asked the tallest and shortest pupils in the class to take turns to blow into a tube which was connected to a large bottle. The bottle represented the lungs. It was filled with water and inverted into a deep container. When the children breathed into the tube, some of the water was forced out. We saw that lung capacity can be determined by the amount of water displaced.

We look forward to welcoming you to the FOSH Christmas Fayre today after school. The FOSH team have been working incredibly hard to get everything ready. See you after school!

