

# Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School



Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024

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

## Message from Mr Claxton

This week all of our children have been focused on quickly getting back into the routine of school and have worked hard to do so. During our visits to classrooms all of the children have been engaged in their learning and making progress.

I want to say a huge 'thank you' to you all for such a wonderful effort for attendance this week. I know that I keep saying it, but good school attendance is the number one thing you as parents can do to support your child's education.

We enjoyed celebrating Mass as a whole school on Thursday and Father Seelan welcomed us all back to school. Mrs Ward has been working hard in singing assembly to teach all of the children different Mass settings for the Gloria. Father Seelan praised the children's singing; well done all!

*Dear Father in heaven, you let us see and feel your great goodness toward us. Grant us the inner help to be victorious in the Savior, rejoicing to be by his side with faith and loyalty, and with the strength of soul that frees us from all burdens by laying them in your hands. Amen*

## WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Reception: 99%

Year One: 97.1%

Year Two: 99.3%

Year Three: 98.4%

Year Four: 97.3%

Year Five: 99.3%

Year Six: 98.1%

School: 98.4%

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: 35-42**

## FOSH update

Thank you for all of your support at the Christmas Fayre; you helped raised a huge £1400 for school!

## UPCOMING DATES

18<sup>th</sup> January – CAFOD Cake Sale – see email

26<sup>th</sup> January – EYFS & Y1 selected children Dental Survey (see email if selected)

2<sup>nd</sup> February – FOSH AGM – 3.30pm

19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> February – HALF TERM

27<sup>th</sup> February – Circus Skills – all classes

28<sup>th</sup> February – Visit from Wood Green Animal community team – all classes

28<sup>th</sup> March – Last Day of Term

## MASS DATES

11<sup>th</sup> January – Whole School

18<sup>th</sup> January - Years Three & Six

25<sup>th</sup> January - Years Two & Four

8<sup>th</sup> February - Years One & Five

14<sup>th</sup> February – Ash Wednesday- Whole School

29<sup>th</sup> February - Years Three & Six

7<sup>th</sup> March - Years Two & Four

14<sup>th</sup> March - Years Three & Six

21<sup>st</sup> March - Years One & Five

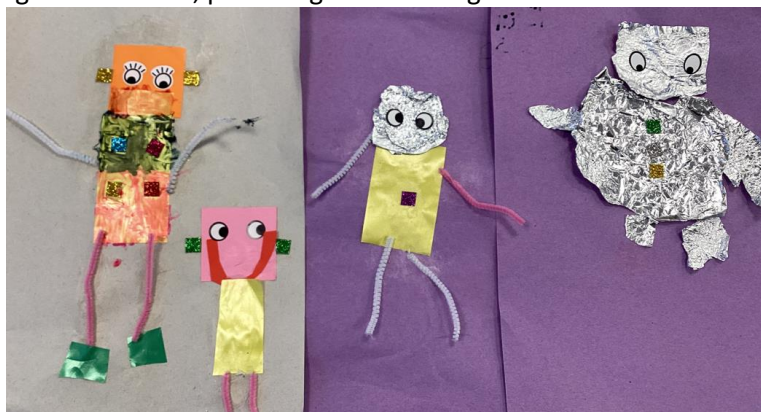
27<sup>th</sup> March – Station of The Cross Service at St Oswald's – 5.30pm

## **EYFS**

This week we have started reading a new book: Harry and the Robots. We used different materials to create our own robots.

We have been retelling the story of Epiphany and have been doing lots of star-related activities, such as sorting stars and counting stars.

In Phonics we have learnt the /v/, /w/ and /x/ sounds and have focussed on letter formation and reading words using these sounds, practising our blending skills.



## **Year 1**

This week in Year One, the children have enjoyed learning about Victorian clothes and comparing them to our own clothes. In English, the children have been creating their own excuses based on the story 'On the way home' by Jill Murphy. In DT, the children have been designing their own windmill.

## **Year 2**

This week year two have continued to learn about Amelia Earhart, we enjoyed looking at the journey that she took around the world, we used a map of the world to locate each of the countries she visited. Year 2 loved computing this week, we started to look at how to code and wrote a simple code to move a rabbit around a maze. Within Maths the children started the unit on money, they looked at each coin and worked out the value so they could calculate different amounts of money.

## **Year 3**

In English the children watched a short film about a boy who goes on an adventure by using his imagination. They have then practised using the past tense to retell the story and have learn to use inverted commas when writing speech.

In Theme the children have started to learn about Europe. They worked hard to identify the 44 countries of Europe and find them on map.

## **Year 4**

In Year 4 this week, we completed our letter home from the perspective of a Roman soldier. The children used all the skills and knowledge they've learnt to create interesting and descriptive pieces. In Maths, we played a game of "How close to 100?" where the children used their times table knowledge to work out the factors of numbers. In Science, we started our states of matter topic and in Art, we looked at paintings from different artists and used paint to discover how to create tints and shades.

## **Year 5**

Year Five have finished their unit of Dance lessons in PE this week. For the past three lessons we have been working on choreographing our own rock-n-roll dances with hand jives, side steps and spins. The children had lots of fun and were surprised at how energetic the dancing was and how much stamina they needed! In Science they planned and carried out an investigation into thermal insulation and tested which materials were the best materials for keeping drinks warm on a cold day. They have also edited and started to publish their reports about crime and punishment in Britain since Roman times.

## **Year 6**

This week in Science we learnt about digestion. We learnt about how digestion starts in the mouth and how food changes in colour and texture as it travels through the body. We simulated this process using everyday objects. This practical activity helped us to 'see' the process of digestion and understand what happens to the food that we eat.



## **Other news/photographs**

