

Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

Friday 9th February 2024

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



Message from Mr Claxton

Thank you to all of you who have provided feedback on our potential new school logo. Please remember that you can give feedback on this following this link:
<https://forms.office.com/e/VwjDTWwOZR>



Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.. Amen.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Reception: 99.0%

Year One: 96.0%

Year Two: 98.3%

Year Three: 94.1%

Year Four: 99.3%

Year Five: 97.6%

Year Six: 94.8%

School: 97.0%

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:

Mark 1:40-45

Please remember, all parents and carers are invited to celebrate mass with us on Wednesday for Ash Wednesday.



UPCOMING DATES

19th – 23rd February – HALF TERM

26th February – Caythorpe info evening 3.30pm (current Y5)

27th February – Circus Skills – all classes

27th February – Grafham Water info evening 3.30pm (current Y3)

28th February – FOSH Clothing collection 8.30am – see email

5th March – Visit from Wood Green Animal community team – all classes

5th March – Parents Evening – booking email sent on 5th Feb

7th March – Parents Evening – booking email sent on 5th Feb

12th March – Year 1 class trip – see email

21st March – Year 2 class trip see email

28th March – Last Day of Term

MASS DATES

14th February – Ash Wednesday- Whole School

29th February - Years Three & Six

7th March - Years Two & Four

14th March - Years Three & Six

21st March - Years One & Five

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

EYFS

This week we have been learning about Chinese New Year, which is also called Lunar New Year and is on Saturday 10th February. We looked at how it is celebrated and the story of why each year is named after a different animal. The children had a go at making red lanterns, drawing dragons using an online tutorial and completing fine motor activities in the tuff tray.



Year 1

In Year One, we have started our new English book 'The bear and the piano'. The children have explored the text in preparation to re-tell the story in their own words. Whilst looking through the book, we have focused on the suffix -ed and how we can use this in our own writing. In maths, the children have been adding and subtracting within 20. They have used numbers lines to help them with their calculations. In PE, the children have been enjoying their gymnastics unit and creating different shapes and balances with their bodies.

Year 2

Year two had an amazing time investigating squashing in Science this week. They were testing how the size of the bottle affects how far a piece of paper will travel. In English the children wrote a biography of Rosa Parks, they started by researching her life and then wrote about it in chronological order. The theme work this week was a timeline of all the women the children looked at over the topic. They put them in order on a timeline and summarised their lives.

Year 3



Year 3 have continued to build their castles. They have taken lots of care and have really considered their design and how they would like it to look. Hopefully they will be completed this week!



Year 4

Year 4 have been finishing up their playscripts this week and writing them neatly in their published writing books. The children have taken great care and pride in their work. In the next unit of English, Year 4 will be writing their own mystery narratives, taking inspiration from other mystery stories, especially our class novel, *The Thieves of Ostia*. In Maths, we have just finished our unit on multiplication and division. They have made excellent progress and are able to multiply and divide 3-digit numbers by 1-digit numbers.

Year 5

Year Five have been so busy! This week we have completed our persuasive letters written to a newspaper warning readers of the dangers of Madame Pinchbeck from our class novel, *The Vanishing Trick*. We have been filtering, sieving and evaporating in Science to separate materials. In History we evaluated sources of evidence whilst learning about the fascinating 'Climbing Boys' who were young boys, mainly aged ten just like us, who had the extremely dangerous job of sweeping chimneys in Victorian Britain. We have also completed more work on our Bridges topic in Design and technology. We are aiming to make strong, reinforced spaghetti truss bridges that will hold lots of weight which we can test next week.

Year 6

In our art lessons, we have been learning about a range of artists including David Hockney, Paula Rego and John Singer Sargent. This last artist produced an oil-on-canvas piece entitled 'Gassed' which depicts soldiers affected during World War 1. By recreating the painting, we tried to empathise with the soldiers and understand their experience.



Other News

On Tuesday two CAFOD volunteers visited school. They delivered a whole school assembly about CAFOD's Lenten fundraising project "The Big Walk". They also delivered Catholic Social teaching in some of the classes which the children very much enjoyed.

