



Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

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Friday 19th April 2024

Message from Mr Claxton

Welcome back to the summer term; I hope that you all had a restful break! Thank you to you all for your kind words and messages regarding my baptism. It was a very special day.

We have had a busy start to the term and the children have been excited about their learning. They have all settled back into school well. Our Year Six children are working hard in preparation for their Sats in May; well done, children. Keep it up!

May I take this opportunity to remind everyone about the importance of attendance. We have just slipped below our target of 96%. If we all make a concerted effort to be in school, on time, every day I know that this will increase quickly.

Lord, you call us by our names. Help us to be confident in our own unique identity. To find opportunities to develop our specific gifts and our passions. Enable us to hear and recognise the call of Jesus in our lives, and those of others. Amen.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Reception: 96.3%

Year One: 92.9%

Year Two: 95.1%

Year Three: 95.2%

Year Four: 98.6%

Year Five: 96.5%

Year Six: 94.1%

School: 95.5%

Year to date: 95.9%

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>

Please respond to the consultation about our new SEND Hub (details sent before Easter) by Thursday 25th April, should you wish.

Next week's gospel:

John 10:11-18

UPCOMING DATES

22nd April – Britten Sinfonia performances in school
13th -16th May – Year 6 Sats
16th May – School census day theme menu
21st May – Rec & Year 6 Weights & Measures checks
23rd May – FOSH Disco – details to follow
27th-31st May – HALF TERM
3rd June – Teacher Training Day (school closed)
12th June – Class Group Photos – details to follow
13th June – FOSH Summer movie night – details to follow
5th July – FOSH Summer fayre – details to be follow
19th July – Last day of Summer Term

MASS DATES

25th April - Years Two & Four
2nd May - Years One & Five
9th May – Whole school mass - Ascension Day
16th May – NO MASS
23rd May – Years Three & Six
HALF TERM
7th June – Whole school mass – Feast of The Sacred Heart
13th June - Years Two & Four
20th June - Years One & Five
27th June - Years Three & Six
4th July - Years Two & Four
11th July - Years One & Five
19th July – Y6 Leavers' mass



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EYFS

In Reception this week we have been focusing our work around Spring. We went on a walk to look for signs of Spring and the children wrote captions for pictures of Spring things. We also talked about the changes that we have noticed as the seasons have changed. The children completed some lovely observational drawings of daffodils.

Year 1

In Year One, the children have enjoyed exploring the text 'Bee and me'. As the book has no words, the children have been creating their own sentences to match each picture. In maths, the children have begun to count in 2's and 10's. This has been quite tricky but they have persevered. A highlight of the week has been exploring the Beebots in our computing lesson. The children were fascinated with how they could make them move in different directions.

Year 2

This week in year two, the children were really excited to explore clay. They learnt different techniques to manipulate the clay and then create an animal out of it. Within Theme the children found out about weather patterns, they looked at the weather patterns of the United Kingdom both throughout a day and over through the seasons. They also enjoyed Science week. The children went on a plant hunt around the field, identifying which plants we have within school. The children also learnt about equal and unequal parts within their Maths to support them in their new fractions unit.

Year 3

In Maths Year 3 are continuing to learn about Fractions. They can now order fractions on a number line and are beginning to spot equivalent fractions. In English they have begun to look at newspaper reports. Our Greek topic continues for a few more weeks. This week they learnt about the story of Troy and the wooden horse.

Year 4

Welcome to the Summer Term! In English, the children have started to plan for their new piece of writing: a dialogue narrative. In Maths, we have started on our new topic of decimals, looking at converting tenths from fractions to decimals. In our theme lesson, we explored the topic of deforestation and looked at the issues that are caused by deforestation. In Science, we've started our new topic of electricity.

Year 5

Year Five are writing diary entries from members of Ernest Shackleton's *Endurance* 1914 expedition to the South Pole. They have thoroughly enjoyed researching this treacherous and ill-fated expedition during their reading lessons. The children have chosen one of Shackleton's 27 crew members to represent and are trying to include details of their role and personality in their entries. In Maths, the children have impressed us all by how quickly they have taken to multiplying fractions. Thank you again for all your support with helping the children to revise their times tables at home with Times Table Rock Stars – it is really showing in these lessons!



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Year 6

We have been busy recapping our knowledge ahead of our upcoming SATs tests. In English, we read a poem called 'Going Down Hill on a Bicycle'. This poem uses some archaic language which we found difficult to understand, but after reading it aloud and paying attention to the punctuation, we could grasp what image the poet was trying to create. In Maths, we have focused on 'angles' and have tackled some challenging word problems.