



Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

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Friday 10th May 2024

Message from Mr Claxton

This weekend, I ask you all to prayer for our Year Six children as they begin their Sats on Monday. I know how hard the children have worked this year and I am certain that they will all achieve. I also want to send my thanks at this time to Mrs Matsutani, Mrs Robertshaw, Mrs Stokes, Mrs Culleton and Miss Houghton for the work that they have done to support Year Six this year, but also to all the staff involved in their education over the last seven years at Sacred Heart. Children, take a good rest this weekend and we'll see you nice and early for breakfast on Monday!

Thank you to the parents and family members who attended Mass on Thursday to celebrate the Ascension of the Lord. One thing that really sticks out for me is how strong the singing is across the school; well done to Mrs Ward and Mrs Mortimer for their hard work on this!

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

UPCOMING DATES

- 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 – see email for details
- 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
- 19th June – Sports Day – see email for details
- 5th July – FOSH Summer fayre – details to be follow
- 17th July - Y6 Leavers Trip – details to follow
- 19th July – Last day of Summer Term

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Reception: 96.1%

Year One: 87.9%

Year Two: 95.4%

Year Three: 98.7%

Year Four: 94.5%

Year Five: 95.4%

Year Six: 98.8%

School: 95.36%

Year to date: 95.8%

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 17:11-19

MASS DATES

- 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

This week Reception have been learning how to subtract. The children have worked practically to take away different amounts of objects and have begun to use the subtraction symbol to record their work. In English the children have been writing instructions for others who may want to make a yummy fruit salad. They used the pictures we took last week to help them think about the sentences to write. On Friday we looked at a map of the school and used it to go on a walk to discover parts beyond the Key Stage 1 corridor!

Year 1

This week, Year One have been busy writing their own fact files on the UK. We have been really impressed with how much they have remembered from our geography topic and they have all produced some fantastic pieces of writing. In maths, the children have been exploring fractions and finding halves of a shape. In computing, the children have continued to build on their skills working with the Beebots.

Year 2

Year two really enjoyed their final lesson on clay this week. They first designed a tile of a house, making sure that they put in all the features you would find on a house. They then used the clay to build it using all of the skills from the unit. Within Science the children learnt about the life cycle of a plant. Aerial photographs were the focus of Theme this week. The children found out what aerial photographs are and then looked at some from Peterborough, they identified which significant landmarks each of the photographs were.

Year 4

This week, we have been practising our skills of rhetorical questions and conjunctions, ready for our final Amazon piece of writing, a persuasive letter to an MP about saving the rainforest. In our Science lesson, we made switches using cardboard, split pins and a paperclip. This is in preparation for our DT lesson next week, where the children will be making torches. In RE, we created posters for the Parish of Sacred Heart and St Oswald to encourage people to volunteer. The children made some lovely, persuasive posters!

Year 5

We are coming to the end of our Antarctica topic which we have thoroughly enjoyed. This week we have been finding out about the wildlife that can survive in the harsh environment of Antarctica and the adaptations that these animals have. We also investigated how human activity is affecting Antarctica. We did this by studying information about the very special Adelie penguin population of the Weddell Sea. In Science we continued to work on friction. We tried to pick up jelly cubes using just chopsticks and tested how reducing the friction (by adding cooking oil) made it even more difficult.

Year 6

We have continued to revise conscientiously for next week's tests. One of our reading texts was entitled 'Unknown Killers in the Victorian Home' – all about how the Victorians were completely oblivious to the fact that some of their daily practices were making them ill; in some cases, killing them! Arsenic was the main problem – it was used in dyes, face powder and even children's sweets. Even though some of the vocabulary was tricky, we became quite engrossed in the facts and learnt a little about historical practises along the way.