



Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

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Friday 13th December 2024

Message from Mr Claxton

Just a brief message to say thank you all so much for your support of our Christmas Fayre; we raised over £1400 which all goes back into school. Thank you so much!

A super well done to our EYFS and Key Stage One children for their beautiful Nativity productions. The children worked so hard on these and seeing their confidence whilst performing on stage was wonderful.

Attendance has been a real challenge for everyone over the last few weeks and I know that most households have been hit by the sickness bug doing the rounds. We have organised additional cleaning to support this and I hope that we'll all have a healthy last week of term!

Lord God, may we, your people, who look forward to the birthday of Christ experience the joy of salvation and celebrate that feast with love and thanksgiving. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

UPCOMING DATES

19th December – Whole school pantomime trip – see email for details

20th December – Last day of Autumn Term

6th January – Training day – school closed to children

7th January – First day of spring term

MASS DATES

20th December – Y4/Y2

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Reception: 96.3%

Year One: 92.5%

Year Two: 97.6%

Year Three: 98.0%

Year Four: 93.5%

Year Five: 95.0%

Year Six: 94.6%

Holy family: 93.3%

School: 94.7%

Year to date: 95.1%

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:

Luke 3:10-18

Advent focus:

Joy



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The Friday Messenger

Our current unit: Prophecy and Promise	
EYFS	
In RE we have continued to learn about the first Christmas, which has tied in nicely with our Nativity rehearsals. The children have enjoyed doing our daily advent reflections.	
Year One	
In RE, the children have been learning about the scripture when the angels visited the shepherds. As a class, we then explored the words of The Gloria and sang it together.	
Year Two	
Our focus in RE this week has been how we prepare for Jesus' coming. We started off with thinking about how we prepare for Jesus' coming and then looked at other cultures. We focussed on Las Posadas and how it is celebrated in Mexico.	
Year Three	
RE this week focussed on the annunciation of Joseph. We thought about how he would feel hearing about Mary's pregnancy and then how God ensured he was happy with the plan. We also linked it to the scripture reading from Isaiah which foretold the lineage of the Messiah.	
Year Four	
In RE, we have focused on the Jesse tree and how it links to Jesus' ancestry. The children created their own Jesse tree symbols about a person from the Bible. In the second lesson, they created a letter to their person they chose, expressing what they admire about that person's faith and asking for advice on how they can live as part of God's family today.	
Year Five	
This week we have continued to reflect upon the life of Christ through the Rosary. The children chose the Joyful Mystery which resonated the most with them and produced a piece of artwork which reflects the essence of the Mystery. We discussed how meditating on the Joyful Mysteries during Advent can help us grow closer to Jesus.	
Year Six	
Our RE focus this week was linking Mary's 'Yes' to God with women responding to God's call today. We listened to a message from the Pope about the importance of the role of women in the church today and the need for them to be involved in important faith decisions. In groups, we then chose a specific Catholic women's religious order to research further to understand women's response to God's call today. Children will then use this research to create a presentation for their peers about their understanding of the religious order.	
Our Advent value this week is:	Action!
Joy	Engage in an act of spreading joy with a member of our community!



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EYFS

We hope you enjoyed watching the children in the Nativity performance. We are very proud of everyone!

The children did some fantastic Christmas writing this week. They used the tricky words, and sounds that they have been learning in Phonics. In Maths, we have started learning about 4 sided shapes and sorting squares and rectangles.

Please could everyone have a look at home for any Big Cat Collins reading books. We have a number which are missing and so have been unable to use them in our reading groups.

Year 1

Year One have had a busy week performing their Nativity. We are extremely proud of them all, they did a fantastic job! In maths, we finished our shape topic, and the children have impressed us with all the knowledge they have learnt. In our history lesson this week, the children explored old photos of the school and compared them to what the school looks like today.

Year 2

This week year 2 performed their nativity three times, once to school and twice to parents, they were amazing every time. They have also been busy writing instructions this week, they were writing instructions for how to get to Izzy Gizmo's workshop. Within Maths, the children have been focussing on 3D shapes, counting the faces, edges and vertices of a variety of 3D shapes.

Year 3

In English the children have finished writing their adventure stories and are now working to present it neatly. Our Maths lessons have all been using the times tables to multiply and divide. In Science we have learnt about how our joints work. We have also been practising hard to get our carol singing ready for Monday's visit to the hospital.

Year 4

This week, Year Four got to watch a film and eat marshmallows for their marble treat! In English, the children finished writing their letters home from the perspective of a Roman soldier. They have included lots of brilliant detail and worked hard to include information they have learnt about the Romans. In Science, Year Four sorted out leaves from the trees around the field into a classification key.



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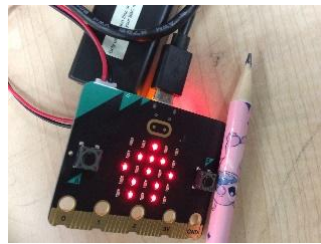
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Year 5

In Science this week we have been investigated magnetic materials and magnetism. We enjoyed our coding lesson where we programmed BBC Micro: bits to work as a polling programme, recording people's feelings on topics. Questions and statements, we polled were: 'How do you feel about Liverpool being top of league?', 'Is Maths the best lesson?' and 'Pepperoni pizza is the best'.



Year 6

Year 6 have continued to show a great interest in their theme topic of World War II. After looking at the causes of WWII and justifying what they believed was the most important cause, we then time lined some of the main events during the war which we will then refer to throughout the unit. As we learn about each event, we will then add details to our timeline to create a completed document of our learning.

Holy Family

This week we have been following instructions to make Christmas decorations! We learnt about imperative verbs and time connectives. We have also been working on our addition and subtraction skills.

In RE we have started to learn about the Bible as a special book and how it is divided into the New and Old Testaments.

We have also enjoyed flour as a sensory activity – a bit messy but great fun!