



Sacred Heart RC Primary School Newsletter

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Thirtieth-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

Together we live and learn, we play
and pray.

Phew! We have been so busy this first week back, with all the children getting involved with new themes or projects. It has been lovely to hear the beautiful singing from KS2 when they have been rehearsing for their Superstan production. In KS1 the children have begun an exciting project of preparing their own working dinosaur museum including a fully stocked coffee shop! Our Reception children have shown an amazing attitude this week and have been really impressive with their writing and reading. A number of shoe boxes have been brought in this week, and I look forward to seeing more come in over the next week or so.

God of heaven and earth, your kingdom has room for us all, may we see each other through your eyes and try to be like Christ in all that we say and do. Amen.

Mr Cooper
Head of School

Weekly Attendance

We have made a great start this year with our attendance. Congratulations to Foundation and Year 4 for achieving an attendance figure of 98.67% this week - excellent! Our overall school attendance this week was 96.44%. Meaning our school attendance so far is – 97.43%.

School Entrance

As you will have noticed, over half term we widened our path around the school library to allow for an easier, safer entrance onto the school playground. Please remember that at all times no bicycles or scooters should be ridden once on the school premises to also ensure the safety of those around.

RE Workshops

Thank you to those families who were able to attend the workshops yesterday. Hopefully you found them very useful. Attached, as promised are the documents which were handed out:

- The new curriculum - C&S - The Come and See programme of study. WTL - The Way, Truth and Life programme of study.
- A map of the schools in our diocese and the expectations for the coming year in the classroom

A lot of ideas and views were discussed at both meetings and so there will be a follow up meeting in the Spring term when we can review the impact of the RE in our school.

Schools Consultation

Recently the government announced that it was looking at new ways to manage new schools. The document attached describes this proposed change in policy, and the one area which is exciting news for Faith schools is the removal of the 50% cap. This means that Catholic schools will be able to make bids to run a new school knowing that they can admit 100% Catholics. At present a new Catholic school has to admit 50% non-Catholic which the Bishops do not agree with. It is therefore very important that as many Catholic people as possible respond to the consultation to show the need in our area. You will not be able to answer all the questions which is okay. So please take time to respond to this consultation and share with others.

Advent Service – St Oswalds 1st December 2016

You will be aware the children are learning all about the mysteries in the Rosary this year. Hopefully the children have been looking after their Rosary beads and ring which were given to them recently. In celebration of the Rosary the school's Advent Service will be about The Joyful Mysteries. This year the service will be at St Oswalds on Thursday 1st December at 7pm. As discussed at the meeting yesterday this is a good opportunity for families to come together and celebrate their faith. It will also be an opportunity for our children to start the season of Advent in a very spiritual way and help prepare them for Christmas. Therefore, we strongly encourage you to come along and begin your preparations with the school. We hope to have some mince pies afterwards.

Foundation Naming Ceremony

This ceremony will take place on Wednesday 9th November 2016 at 5.30pm. It will be a short service lasting no more than 30 minutes. This will be an opportunity for you to meet the buddies and meet each other. Hopefully it will be a memorable occasion and a celebration of being welcomed into the Sacred Heart family. I look forward to seeing everyone on the evening.

Samaritans Christmas Purse

Operation Christmas Child is something the school has supported for some years now that helps to provide Christmas presents for children around the world who are not as fortunate as us during the festive season. Last week we gave out 100 boxes and information leaflets about the project. I know that these gifts make such a difference to the lives of the children who receive them. Boxes are due to be collected on Wednesday 16th November, so please bring them in and leave them in the chapel over the next couple of weeks. For more information please visit...

<https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

Headteacher interviews

These will take place on Friday 11th November 2016, neither Mr Cooper or Mr McCrossan will be available on this day. Please refer to the office with any urgent issues. We ask for your prayers that the governors are able to make an appointment.

Parent and toddler group at St Oswald's

For your information there is a parent and toddler group that meet every Wednesday morning from 10.30am at St Oswald's church hall.

School Notice Boards

Please look out on our school notice boards for the latest FOSH minutes, governor minutes, weekly newsletter and general school updates.

Ofsted Parent View

Parent View gives you the chance to tell us what you think about your child's school. Parent View asks for your opinion on 12 aspects of your child's school, from the quality of teaching to behaviour. A screencast demonstrating how to register and complete a survey on Parent View is available on the website www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk By sharing your views, you'll be helping us to further improve as a school.

Autumn Term Dates - 2016

HALF TERM

9-11-16	Naming Ceremony 5.30pm – Reception and Yr6 families
10-11-16	9.15am – Mass (yr3/4)
16-11-16	9.15am – 11.45am School nurse drop in clinic (appoint required)
17-11-16	9.15am – Mass CANCELLED Fr Tom on Retreat
18-11-16	Children in Need – Pyjama day
22-11-16	KS2 Play – Times to be confirmed
23-11-16	KS2 Play – Times to be confirmed
24-11-16	9.15am – Mass CANCELLED Fr Tom on Retreat
1-12-16	9.15am – Mass (yr3/4)
1-12-16	6.00pm – Advent Service
8-12-16	9.15am – Mass (yr 5/6)
9-12-16	Christmas Fayre
13-12-16	2.00pm – Reception Nativity
14-12-16	2.00pm – KS1 Play
15-12-16	2.00pm KS1 Play
16-12-16	10.00am Pantomime at the Cresset
19-12-16	Christmas Lunch
19-12-16	KS1 Christmas Party
20-12-16	KS2 Christmas Party
21-12-16	Christmas Jumper Day

21-12-16	Last Day
4-1-17 Children return to school	