



# Sacred Heart RC Primary School Newsletter

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First Sunday of Advent (Year A)

Together we live and learn, we play  
and pray.

Wow, what a week we have had in school! For everyone who attended the KS2 Production, I think you would agree that it was a superb performance and one that will live long in the memory. Our Reception and KS1 children have begun their preparations for the forthcoming Nativities and I have been really impressed with how quickly the children have learnt their lines and the words to their songs. Finally, I look forward to seeing you all next week at St Oswalds for our Advent service on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2016 at 7pm.

**Loving God, you sent your Son Jesus into the world to show us how to live. Help us to be ready when he comes. Help us to make all visitors feel welcome and cared for. Amen**

Mr Cooper  
Head of School

## Weekly Attendance

We have made a great start this year with our attendance. Congratulations to Year 3 for achieving an attendance figure of 99.29% this week - excellent! Our overall school attendance this week was 96.41%. Meaning our school attendance so far is – 97.32%.

## Advent Service Thursday 1 December at St Oswald's at 7.00pm

To begin our Advent celebrations and in preparation for Christmas all the school is invited to come together to our Advent Service. This term the children have been learning about the Rosary, and the Advent Service is dedicated to the Joyful Mysteries. It will be a prayerful service and we hope to see many families attend. In order to make this a success but more importantly give you the opportunity for your family to come together and pray, we need to know who is attending. Please let the school know if are/are not able to attend. I look forward to seeing many Sacred Heart families supporting this significant event in our calendar. Please be seated by 6.50pm.

Today the children are bringing home their Advent Calendar to help them prepare for the birth of Jesus. Please put this somewhere prominent in the house so you and your son/daughter can refer to the tasks/prayers easily.

Kind regards

Mr McCrossan

## Vacancy 1:1 Teaching Assistant

We are currently advertising for a 1:1 Teaching Assistant; please see our school website for full details. <http://www.sacredheart.peterborough.sch.uk/page/Default.asp?title=Vacancies&pid=13> Closing date is 7<sup>th</sup> December 2016.

## Christmas Lunch – Advance booking required

Please note the school Christmas Lunch will be on Monday 19th December, **advance booking on Live Kitchen is required for every child, they will not be able to choose this option on the day.** Bookings must be completed by Friday 9th December. This is a strict deadline and you will not be able to select the Christmas lunch after this date as I am sure you will appreciate orders have to be placed and we are expecting a large take up.

## Music

Congratulations to Janelle for obtaining a distinction in Grade One piano.

### **KS2 Production**

Everyone was given a real treat this week with three 'outstanding' performances of 'SUPERSTAN' by KS2. The children made many, many adults feel very proud with their achievements and level of commitment to this. I will reiterate my thanks to all adults in school who put in a huge amount of time and effort into the performance, to the parents and carers who I am sure spent hours rehearsing lines and preparing costumes and finally to all the children for being, in a word, AMAZING!!! Please see the school website for a full range of pictures.



### **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.

### **St Felix Seniors Group**

For your information there is a seniors group that meets Tuesday afternoons 2.00pm-4.30pm in the hall. All senior citizens are welcome.

### **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](http://www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk) By sharing your views, you'll be helping us to further improve as a school.

### **Autumn Term Dates - 2016**

1-12-16	9.15am – Mass (yr3/4)
1-12-16	7.00pm – Advent Service
2-12-16	6.00pm FOSH Family night - <b>CANCELLED</b>
8-12-16	9.15am – Mass (yr 5/6)
9-12-16	Christmas Fayre 1.00pm – 5.00pm
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
<b>4-1-17 Children return to school</b>	