



# Sacred Heart RC Primary School Newsletter

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Second Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A)

Together we live and learn, we play  
and pray.

We have been extremely busy this week getting settled into our new themes. Year 5 and 6 had a fantastic evacuation day involving a range of 1940s school activities, an air raid and culminating in the children being evacuated at the end of the day. Our reception children had a fantastic visit to Jack Hunt to take part in a multi-skills event. The children were extremely well behaved and really enjoyed their time there. Please go on to the school website to see the full range of photos from the Year 5 and 6 theme day and the reception multi-skills event.

**God of life, may we be inspired by the miracles that your Son Jesus performed, to do our best to make a real difference to others around the world.**

Mr Cooper  
Head of School

## **Weekly Attendance**

Congratulations to Year 3 for having 98.62% attendance this week – A great start to the Spring Term! Our overall school attendance this week was 96.43%; meaning our school attendance so far is – 96.89%.

## **Reception Class – Multi-skills**

On Thursday Reception went on our first trip on a coach to Jack Hunt for a multi-skills tournament. The children had lots of fun playing different games including bouncing balls into buckets, throwing beanbags into hoops and balancing on benches whilst blindfolded! They all earned lots of stickers for their hard work, good listening and team work skills. They were an absolute credit to the school and their behaviour and how smart they looked were commented on by Jack Hunt staff.



## **Year 5 and 6 – Evacuation Day**

On Tuesday, year 5 and 6 were transported back in time to 'wartime Sacred Heart'. Throughout the day, the children - or evacuees - had a chance to adopt a new identity, create some artwork based on the Blitz, bake and taste a pudding assembled with rationed ingredients and experience life in a 1940's classroom (including some rather strict teachers!).

The day culminated an emotive air-raid simulation in which, gathered in an Anderson shelter, the children boosted their morale by singing war-time songs. The day was thoroughly enjoyed by all involved and staff would like to thank parents for their fantastic efforts with costumes.

## **Home School Agreement**

Please find attached a copy of the new Home School Agreement (HSA) which has been reviewed by the School Council and representation from FOSH. The bullet points in red are the changes made.

This agreement is for you and your child to refer to when "the time is needed" as we want to encourage our school community to further develop the very positive and supportive ethos. Please take time to read this with your child(ren). On Monday the children will bring home a hard copy for you to sign and return to school. In doing so your child will be entered into a class raffle for a big packet of sweets. The HSA will be returned to your child as soon as it is shown to the School Council member and a raffle ticket is issued.

### **Possible New Catholic Schools in East Anglia**

The Diocese of East Anglia is intending to submit bids for up to eight new Catholic schools across the region. These bids will be submitted in March and if successful, schools could open as early as 2019. Primary schools are being proposed in Cambridgeshire, Peterborough, Thetford and Norwich. A Catholic high school is being proposed in West Cambourne, Cambridgeshire and possibly a sixth form in Norwich. More information about these proposals can be found on the Diocese's website <http://rcdea.org.uk/freeschools/> There is also the opportunity to register your interest in these new schools, which will also allow the Diocese to keep you updated on the proposals. It is important that as many people as possible register their interest on the website as this will provide strong evidence to the government of the need for Catholic schools in East Anglia, making the bids more likely to succeed.

### **School Uniform Update – School Trends**

As you will be aware, in recent weeks we have changed our uniform provider to School Trends. Over the Christmas holidays they have been working hard and I am pleased to say that the Sacred Heart Uniform Store will go live next week. Further information on prices, how to place an order and delivery will be with you very soon.

### **Farmhouse Breakfast – 25th January 2017**

As part of Farmhouse Breakfast Week 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27th January 2017 we are once again holding our Breakfast on Wednesday 25th January 2017 at 8am. The cost of the breakfast will be £2.50 for children and £3.00 for adults. If you would like to join us please complete the reply slip on the letter you will have received last week and return to the school office as soon as possible before we sell out (max 160 tickets).

### **On behalf of Dolce – our Catering company**

Dolce currently have a vacancy for a Lunchtime Server/General Assistant. Full training and uniform supplied and a DBS check will be undertaken by Dolce. Hours are 11.30am – 1.00pm but may be increased. If you are interested in joining the team please call Jane on 07393 014875.

### **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.

### **Spring Term Dates - 2017**

|         |                                     |
|---------|-------------------------------------|
| 19-1-17 | 9.15 Mass (1/2)                     |
| 24-1-17 | Yr 3&4 visit to Flag Fen            |
| 25-1-17 | Farmhouse Breakfast – 8.00am        |
| 26-1-17 | 9.15 Mass (3/4)                     |
| 30-1-17 | Reception visit to Moor Farm        |
| 30-1-17 | MOCK SATs Week – <b>YEAR 6 ONLY</b> |
| 8-2-17  | National Take Over Day Challenge    |
| 9-2-17  | 9.15 Mass (5/6)                     |
| 16-2-17 | 9.15 Mass (1/2)                     |

**20<sup>th</sup> February – 26<sup>th</sup> February – HALF TERM**

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| 27-2-17 | Parents Meetings – To take place this week                     |
| 1-3-17  | Ash Wednesday  |
| 9-3-17  | 9.15 Mass (3/4)  |
| 16-3-17 | 9.15 Mass (5/6)  |
| 23-3-17 | Computing Workshops 2-3pm and 6-7pm                            |
| 23-3-17 | 9.15 Mass (1/2)  |
| 24-3-17 | FOSH Event – Catwalk for Kids                                  |
| 30-3-17 | 9.15 Mass (Whole School)                                       |
| 7-4-17  | Stations of the Cross Service at St Oswalds – Provisional Date |
| 7-4-17  | Last day of term   |