



Sacred Heart RC Primary School Newsletter

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First Sunday of Lent (Year A)

Together we live and learn, we play
and pray.

Well, what a busy first week back we have all had! Yesterday, we had a fantastic World Book day with children enjoying a wide range of book related activities to coincide with the official opening of The Arthur Gantert Library (see below for more). I was delighted to see so many of you this week at parents evenings, I trust you found the meetings as useful as the staff did and that the markbooks you were given about your child's attainment and progress you found informative. Finally, thank you to all those parents who completed the school questionnaire this week, this gave me some very valuable feedback on the school, for the full set of results of this please see:-

<http://www.sacredheartprimary.org.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=1093&type=pdf>

Christ Jesus, help us to follow your example, to try to do what we know is right and to do all that we can so that all people can live their lives to the full. Amen.

Mr Cooper
Head of School

Weekly Attendance

Congratulations to Yr 5 for having 99.67% attendance this week. Our overall school attendance this week 97.97%; meaning our school attendance so far is – 96.77%.

Library Opening

On Thursday to coincide with World Book Day, we officially opened The Arthur Gantert Library. Our day began with children and adults coming dressed as their favourite book characters and listening to some of the teacher's favourite stories being read to them. Over break time, guests and competition winners joined staff to officially open our new school library. After this Benji Davies, children's author and illustrator, gave a workshop to the whole school on being a children's illustrator and even performed some live drawing for us. The day concluded with each class performing a poem as part of a poetry recital. The whole day was a huge success and I know it will have inspired children to go home, and pick up a book to read or a pencil to illustrate and that The Arthur Gantert Library will provide a space for children for years to come, in which to be creative and enjoy. Finally, I would like to say a huge thank you to all the staff for their efforts in preparing for the day, Mrs Stokes and Mrs Kilgallen for their hard work in setting up the library and Mrs Duff for baking a cake for all the children to enjoy. Please see the school website for a full gallery of photographs from the day.



Lent

CAFOD Fast Day 10th March

Next Friday Cafod is asking everyone to think about making "Little fish Big fish" the theme of the Lenten project. Therefore, on Friday the school council will be creating a big sparkly fish with silver and gold coins given by parents as contributions in the morning and the afternoon. To know more about this project and other areas of Cafod please follow this link. www.cafod.org.uk/Education/Primary-schools/Lent

Lenten activities

For a two week period in Lent each class will be organising Lenten activities, starting on Monday 20th March. This will include cake stalls, beat the teacher, obstacle races and much more.

The dates for these are:-

Monday 20th and 27th March – Year 5 and 6

Tuesday 21st and 28th March – Years 3 and 4

Wednesday 22nd and 29th March – Years 1 and 2

Thursday 23rd and 30th March – Reception class

Mr McCrossan

Pancake

On Monday, Reception went to Sainsbury's to buy ingredients for making pancakes. We took some money, a bag and, most importantly, a shopping list which the children helped to read. We looked around the shop for the items and some children even used the signs above each aisle to match to the words on the list. They enjoyed scanning the barcodes at the till and collecting the change. All the children were fantastically behaved, as usual, and we had some lovely comments from members of the public. Back at school they had lots of fun making and eating their tasty pancakes.



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.

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.

We would love your old toys!

As a school striving to achieve the Rights Respecting School Award, our steering group had the idea that with Christmas bringing new toys, you may now have old toys to clear out. We would appreciate donations of old unwanted toys that are still in good form and complete with all parts, which we will sell as part of our Lenten Fundraising activities, supporting CAFOD and UNICEF. **Please bring these toys to the school office as soon as you can.** We are unable to accept toys that are electrical or soft toys without a CE label. We will send further details of the sale nearer to Lent.

RRSA Steering Group

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 By sharing your views, you'll be helping us to further improve as a school.

Spring Term Dates - 2017

9-3-17	9.15 Mass (3/4)
16-3-17	9.15 Mass (5/6)
21-3-17	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