

Together we live and learn, we play and pray.

# Sacred Heart RC Primary School Newsletter

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On Thursday, we had a large number of adults visiting the school to sample our school meals. They came from a wide range of schools from across the city and the feedback they gave on the children during lunchtime was lovely to hear. They commented on how sensible, well mannered and friendly the children were. Also this week we have begun our daily reflections and activities in preparation for Easter. I have been very impressed with the prayerful atmosphere shown by all classes this week and their sharing attitude in class discussions. Please look out for the Lenten activities in the coming weeks and show your support for the CAFOD Appeal.

God of love, you ask us to listen to your Son, Jesus. Open our ears to hear your word and fill our hearts with your love so that we may change our lives and so change the lives of others. Amen.

Mr Cooper Head of School

#### **Weekly Attendance**

Congratulations to Yr5 for having 99.33% attendance this week. Our overall school attendance this week 96.01%; meaning our school attendance so far is – 96.75%.

# **BIG Pedal**

Big Pedal starts on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March for 2 weeks. Scoot or bike to school every day for the chance to win some amazing prizes. There will be 4 pink tickets attached to bikes/scooters every day. If your child is lucky enough to find a pink ticket they should take this to the Bike It Crew in Year 6 who will give them a prize.

'Bling It' day is on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March, children are invited to 'Bling' their bikes, with prizes for the best decorated. Please support us and encourage your child to scoot or bike every day during these 2 weeks.

Mrs Flatt

# **Archery**

On Tuesday Year 3, 4 and 5 took part in an indoor archery session. The children learnt the shooting technique and they soon became archery experts. The adult leading the session commented on how well behaved all of the children were and he was very impressed with how quickly their archery skills progressed. All the children had great fun learning a new skill and hopefully it has inspired future archers.



# Lent 2017

#### **CAFOD**

Thank you to everyone who helped with the CAFOD collection on the playground today, it was amazing to see the fish grow with your generosity.

# Confession

As part of their preparation for Easter the children in Years 4, 5 and 6 who have received the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession) will be invited to attend confession from next Thursday. Father Tom will be doing a class at a time in the next few weeks.

#### **Lenten activities**

The School Council has organised events to raise money for their chosen charities (CAFOD and UNICEF). From week beginning the 20th March and 27th March each class will have the opportunity to organise and participate in events. We would like each year group, on their relevant day, to bring in cakes to sell, and for the other classes to bring in money to buy. The children will also be able to participate in some fun events such as obstacle races and beat the goalie. Please see below your child's class dates.

March 20th/27th Year 5 and Year 6 March 21st/28th Year 4 and Year 3 March 22nd/29th Year 2 and Year 1 March 23th/30th Year Reception

Thank you – Mr McCrossan

# RE Workshops - 3rd May at 2pm and at 7pm

Following on from the successful workshops with parents last term we would like to invite parents to another workshop to get your views on being a Catholic family in a Catholic school.

The topics to discuss are:

- 1. Catholic expectations of the school, church and home for a Sacred Heart child.
- 2. Visiting other places of worship and welcoming other faiths into the school.
- 3. Reasons for choosing your Secondary school. Is having a Catholic education a priority?

# Stations of the Cross - St Oswald's

As part of our preparation for Easter, the children will be leading a short 'Stations of the Cross' service with Fr. Tom at St. Oswald's church on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017. This prayer service traditionally takes place during Lent with the readings and prayers following Jesus' journey to the cross. Children will be involved in reading reflections and prayers and we are hopeful that it will be both a thoughtful and reflective experience for families. More information on this will be given closer to the service.

# 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 <a href="www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk">www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk</a> By sharing your views, you'll be helping us to further improve as a school.

Spring Term Dates - 2017	
16-3-17	9.15 Mass (5/6)
20-3-17	Big Pedal – Bike or scoot to school
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)
30-3-17	2.30pm Reception Meeting
3-4-17	Whole Class Photographs (am)
4-4-17	5.30pm Meeting for Yr 6 parent - SATs
6-4-17	6.00pm Stations of the Cross Service at St Oswalds
7-4-17	Last day of term