



## Information for parents

Term: Autumn 1  
2017/18  
Year group: 2

*‘Lord, you have placed us together, this year, at this school,  
adults among a rising generation, and you have entrusted to us a  
part in their mysterious growth to maturity’*

*(taken from a Prayer of Dedication of the School Year, Federation Mass,  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017)*

Dear Parents and carers,

Welcome back to the new academic year at Sacred Heart School, Battersea. We hope that you all had a lovely, relaxing summer! Along with the children, our staff are fully refreshed and eager to embark on another exciting and successful year.

To support the school in its journey, our first assembly of the year focused on key learning behaviours and our attitudes towards change and new beginnings. It explored the need to have belief in ourselves, to be able to work together as a team and to consider the challenges that may lay ahead and how to tackle them.

A key message focused on the learning behaviours *'resilience'* and *'perseverance'* and the idea that when things get difficult, whether that be in regards to learning or with relationships with others, that we should not give up. The children were played the song from the popular film 'Trolls' entitled **"Get back up again!"** -which hopefully will act as constant and positive reminder for them throughout the year.

Please support your child in their attitude to learning and emotional growth by developing a 'Growth Mindset'. The 8 learning behaviours we focus on at school are:

- Not giving up (resilience)
- Co-operating (working as a team)
- Having a go (perseverance)
- Being curious (curiosity)
- Enjoying learning
- Improving
- Using your imagination (creativity)
- Concentrating

Also, please ensure that your child comes to school well rested and ready for learning by checking that they have the necessary equipment they need on a daily basis (e.g reading book and diary, homework resources, water bottle, PE kit etc).

We very much look forward to an enjoyable and rewarding year ahead, working together as a school community and parish.

Here is a brief outline of what your child will be learning about this half term:

Subject	Coverage	Suggestions as to how you can support learning at home
Literacy	Fire of London Texts Letter writing Diary writing Report writing to compare fire-fighting now and then	Read every evening at home with your child. Visit the library, find books about The Fire of London. We will be visiting the Museum of London and the Fire Station to support our literacy and history.
Numeracy	Place value, addition, subtraction, shape.	Information about how to help your child is included in the homework pack which your child has already brought home.
RE	Our topic is new beginnings including the Story of Creation.	Talk about the Story of Creation and read it in your bible with your child. Practice making the Sign of the Cross and ensure your child knows the Our Father prayer.
Science	Materials and their properties	Talk about objects at home, what they are made of and why. Visit the Science Museum (it's free!)
Topic	The Fire of London	Perhaps visit The Monument and Seething Lane (where Samuel Pepys lived).
Computing	Sphero	Children will be learning Sphero on iPads with expertise from the Wandsworth Computer Learning Centre
PE	Touch rugby and netball	Practice throwing and catching a ball with your child.
Music	Recorders and Singing	In the first half term we will develop rhythm, introduce simple harmony, and learn to read simple graphic music notation. In the second half term we will begin learning to play the recorder (a very fine and greatly underrated instrument).

Where possible we like to take the children out of school, or invite visitors in to speak to the children to enrich their learning. This half term we are visiting **The Monument** and having a **Great Fire of London** workshop.

All teachers at Sacred Heart School follow the homework policy.  
In year 2 we will follow this homework timetable:

Subject	Handed out	Due in on	How you can help
Spellings	Friday	Thursday	Practise each spelling every evening and ask them to use it in a sentence orally.
Maths	Friday	Thursday	Go over the questions given - these will form the basis of the mental maths test each Thursday
This will vary between topic, literacy and science.	Friday	Thursday	This is intended to be a shared activity which may include speaking, acting, writing, finding out or learning by heart (poetry).
Reading	Your child will need to have their reading book and reading record book in school <b>every day</b> . Please check your child's reading record book for changing day.		

Each class will perform one class assembly this year along with two open class sessions (as a year group), where your child will have an opportunity to share their learning with you.

Trip to the Monument: Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

Great Fire of London Workshop: Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Assembly date for class 2C: Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Assembly date for class 2H: Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018

PE is an essential part of the curriculum. We are lucky enough to have specialist teachers and coaches. Please send your child in with his or her PE kit on Monday, and leave it at school until Friday. Any absences from PE need to be explained in a letter.

PE days for Year 2 are Thursday and Friday.

Please remember to remove your child's earrings on these days.

Children will come home in PE kit on Thursday and will need to come to school dressed in PE kit on Friday morning with their school uniform including shoes in their PE kit bag.

<b>CLUBS TIMETABLE AUTUMN 2017</b>					
	<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>
<b>MORNING SESSION</b>	<b>BREAKFAST CLUB</b>	<b>BREAKFAST CLUB</b>	<b>BREAKFAST CLUB</b>	<b>BREAKFAST CLUB</b>	<b>BREAKFAST CLUB</b>
	<b>FOOTBALL CLUB</b> (8.00-8.50AM) (Y4/5/6)	<b>CHOIR</b> (8:15-8:50am)			<b>FOOTBALL CLUB</b> (8.00-8.50AM) (Y1/2/3)
<b>AFTER-SCHOOL</b>	<b>ORCHESTRA (RK)</b> (Selected pupils)	<b>SCIENCE CLUB*</b> (3.30-4.30PM-Mrs Sedda)	<b>CRAFT CLUB*</b> (D.M-Hall)	<b>SCIENCE CLUB*</b> (3.30-4.30PM-Mrs Sedda)	<b>ATHLETICS CLUB Y5/6</b> (3.30-4.30PM)
	<b>CROSS COUNTRY TRIALS</b> (3.30-4.30PM) (3 WEEKS ONLY)	<b>Italian* (AB)</b> (3.30-4.30pm)	<b>NETBALL LEAGUE</b> (3.30-5.30PM)	<b>TAG RUGBY CLUB KS2</b> (3.30-4.30PM)	<b>GIRLS FOOTBALL Y4/5/6</b> (3.30-4.30PM)
	<b>COMPUTING*</b> (ES- Old ICT Suite- 3.30-4.25pm)	<b>NETBALL CLUB KS2</b> (3.30-4.30PM)	<b>BASKETBALL CLUB KS1</b> (3.30-4.30PM)	<b>CHOIR (JC-3.30-4.30pm)</b>	<b>HOMEWORK CLUB**</b> (JB-3:30-4:40PM)
		<b>GYMNASTICS***</b> (3.30-4.30pm)		<b>COMPUTING*</b> (ES- Old ICT Suite- 3.30-4.25pm)	
				<b>SQUASH CLUB**</b> (To be confirmed)	
				<b>GYMNASTICS***</b> (3.30-4.30pm)	

**All school clubs are £20 (apart from those marked with an asterisk). Please make payments in advance at the school office (NB Breakfast Club is an exception. Please contact Ms Drinan via the school)**

\* Those marked with an asterisk are run by outside providers and their charges may vary.

Speak to either the coaches directly or to a member of the PE department or school office for more details.

\*\* Those marked with a double asterisk are free. There is no charge.

\*\*\*Gymnastics is a private club but sessions are offered to SH pupils on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3.30-4.30pm subject to availability. Please contact Michelle Nicholls directly at Precision School [www.precisionschoolofballet.com](http://www.precisionschoolofballet.com)

Please feel free to make an appointment with your child's class teacher at any time should you wish to discuss progress, attainment or welfare.

Kind regards,

Miss Henderson and Mrs Christie  
Class Teachers