

# Newsletter



Sacred Heart RC Primary School

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Dear Parents

We have been going through a tough time at school lately. As teachers we know well that the joys of the job are tempered by having to fit your life round holiday periods. We plan our dentist, hospital appointments etc round the holidays. However real life doesn't also follow the same regimental pattern. Mrs Byrne is returning following her bereavement absence. Mrs Walsh has been at her mother's bedside while she has been in a critical condition, and then sadly Miss Wells' mother died suddenly last weekend. Miss Wells is back at school but faces difficult days ahead. Please keep her in your prayers

In the midst of this sadness, we also celebrate new life. The site manager Roger is 'enjoying' his paternity leave following the birth of new son- Levi.

Through this all, the class teachers have worked hard to make sure that your child doesn't notice anything different and they still strive to make sure you child achieves their very best whilst enjoying all that Sacred Heart has to offer. Talking of the wonderful teachers at Sacred Heart, The PTA have set up a table for families to write something nice about their child's teacher. I have obviously seen lots all about myself, but please do take the time to have a look.

Mr Sudds

This week we say goodbye to one of the schools most important people-Mr Edward Sudds!

Mr Sudds is responsible for all things IT and keeps that side of the school going. He has been a wonderful servant to the school and we wish him the very best as he and his family start a new life in Hampshire. He is also responsible for the Newsletter so this could be the last ever school newsletter (unless I get my act together!!).

Statutory tests and Ofsted

The children in Year 6 have now completed their National SATs tests and the children in Yr 2 are currently doing their tests, which though not sent off to be marked, are nonetheless as important for them and their teachers. We wish them the very best

These tests and the national data produced form the basis of Ofsted inspections. The report following the recent Ofsted inspection of Sacred Heart has just been released and is on the school website to be viewed in its entirety. However here is digest of its main points (\* *Continued on the next page...*

*This school continues to be good*

*The leadership team has maintained the good quality of education in the school since the last inspection.*

*You have established a team of senior and middle leaders who know the school's strengths and areas of development well. Your effective governing body work with you to help identify priorities and evaluate progress. They know the impact of improvement work because they visit the school regularly and talk to all members of staff and the local community. They ask challenging questions of you and other leaders, and value your 'open and transparent' leadership style.*

*Pupils told me how much they enjoy coming to school. They are polite, friendly and well mannered. Pupils, including those who attend the specialist provision for autism spectrum disorders, contribute to the smooth running of the school. Parents and carers also report their children are happy, safe and are well looked after. Parents appreciate the inclusive atmosphere you have created, with one parent describing Sacred Heart as 'a home away from home'.*

*Pupils know how to keep themselves safe online and in the local community. They report that bullying is not an issue in school but know what to do if they, or one of their friends, are being bullied. They feel*

*listened to by the adults around them and are confident they could share worries or concerns with staff and things would be dealt with effectively.*

*Music is a particular strength within the school and pupils have opportunities to learn a range of instruments. In addition, the singing heard in assembly was exceptional. The quality of artwork around the school is of a good standard and the sports curriculum provides opportunities to learn a variety of competitive and recreational sports. Pupils are very positive about the topics they study and enjoy the trips they undertake.*

**If you would like to discuss this report or comment on it, please do stop me in the playground. Alternatively, you can email the school on the admin email address.**

### ***Homework Club***

*Now that Year 6 have finished their SATs, there are some spaces in Fridays Homework Club.*

*However, some of the older children have stayed on to support the younger children.*

*It's a delight to see! If your child is getting into trouble for not reading or for not doing their homework, please do send them along. Also, I am always available at the end of the session to discuss anything that is on your mind*

### ***PTA Meeting 6.30pm Sacred Heart Church***

*Another way that you can talk to me about issues concerning the school is by turning up at the open PTA meeting tonight.*

*There is a meeting in the church at 7pm but I'll be there from 6.30 to answer any questions parents have. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible getting involved in supporting the school.*

Sacred Heart is very excited to be holding its annual **Multicultural Evening on Friday 22nd June at 5pm**. This year is going to be bigger and better than ever before! To make the event possible we will be holding a multicultural dress day to raise some much needed funds. Wear traditional clothes or colours from your country's flag and donate £1. Don't forget to put the dates in your diary *multicultural dress day Friday June 8th and multicultural evening Friday June 22nd.* Parents there will be a meeting on **Monday 4th June at 3:40 pm** to discuss details. Also, we are now taking donations of bottles for the popular tombola stall

## Save the date...



### MULTICULTURAL EVENING FRIDAY 22ND JUNE 2018



**Adventure  
awaits**  
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## MULTICULTURAL DRESS DAY




### Friday 8th June




*Wear traditional clothes or wear the colours from your country's flag to help raise funds for our popular multicultural evening.*

\* Please donate bottles for our bottle tombola

Parents meeting  
Monday 4th June

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June	Dates
Hillary House Open Day	Tuesday 2nd
Inset Day - school closed	Monday 11th
Y1 phonic check	WC 11th June
Multicultural Evening	Friday 22nd
Feast of Peter and Paul Mass: prepared by Y5	Friday 29th 10.00am

Can parents please be mindful of the busy roads around the school when picking up and dropping off children. Thank you.

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