

# Newsletter



**Sacred Heart RC Primary School**

**17/10/16**

Dear Parents

There's an old saying....

'you don't know what you have got till it's gone'.

This is increasingly the case in education. The Local Authority have informed us that their role will be much diminished in the future as funding from central government faces yet more cuts.

Schools have faced stagnant budgets yet with ever spiralling cost particularly in terms of staff costs like pension and national insurance contributions.

Parents will start to see this austerity in action as we begin to cut the extras' we can offer.

For instance, for the last couple of years we have a large number of after school clubs.

One of these was an extra swimming club outside of PE swimming for a small number of children. Harris Academy charged a substantial amount for the hire of the pool but because we previously had a swimming coach on the staff we were able to maintain that club albeit running at a loss. Adding a swimming coach, the cost now rises to about £10 a week for each child.

We have looked at it and feel that with the Latchmere and numerous swimming clubs around parents have other options and we can allocate our staff and resources elsewhere.

We can no longer subsidise some clubs from the resources meant for the whole school and increasingly parents are going to pay more for clubs that are run by outside agencies like Precision Ballet and the Spanish school. My own squash club can only operate because the funds are provided by a charity. If that charity runs out of cash the club finishes.

There are difficult times ahead for school leaders but at least I am not as bad as some of my colleagues in one school in Putney, they have had to lose the School Site manager and the Head does it all herself!

However, at least one thing is still free- homework Club for KS2 See you Friday after school kids!!!

I have had a number of parents complaining about children being scared about clowns! As usual; this craze has spread through the internet and originated in America. This is an international problem that involves police forces around the world. Please talk to your child and put their minds at rest. Perhaps look at their phones for Whatsapp messages?

It is sad that people are dressing up. Perhaps they didn't have a role play area in their classrooms growing up?

We will continue to keep your children safe despite the media working against us.

Dearest friend,

Today has been the most exhausting day of my melancholic life. Many things happened today and it all began when I woke up...

I awoke at eight o'clock sharp, and ran down the spiral stairs. Lehzen and I walked into the dining room and ate our breakfast- poached eggs, toast and marmalade and Earl Grey Tea - which tasted divine. Once we had finished, I started my piano lesson which lasted eight long tiring hours. Lehzen taught me about cursive handwriting and grammar (one of my favourite subjects). Then, all was calm and all was quiet, until the insufferable Sir John Conroy came in and ruined everything. I then, stormed out and Lehzen said I had a 'troublesome temper' but I don't think so. I asked mama if I could go out but she said no. Annoyed, I marched out into the grounds anyway!

Lehzen came out and told me to come back in. Composed, I walked back into the dining room. There he was, and his jet black, calculating eyes gave a powerful stare. I knew something was wrong but I didn't say anything. He informed me about his plan-the Kensington system- and said that if I do this, someday when I'm queen I'll be extremely popular. Mama came downstairs, and that mean, old, manipulative man whispered into her ear. She looked at me. I looked at her. What were they saying? What was she thinking? Lehzen informed me to get ready for our trip to Birmingham. I pranced upstairs into my room, and changed into my best outfit. We all strolled downstairs and approached the horse ridden carriage.

By Nubiana 6H - Queen Victoria diary entry.

1. **School uniform:** please ensure as part of the school uniform and for health and safety reasons that only one pair of stud ear rings are worn. No hooped, dangly, creole or drop ear rings are to be worn.

There are 3 photos examples below, - the first one is acceptable, the second two are unacceptable



2. **Another request about site safety:** Could we politely remind all parents to close the front gate when entering and exiting the school site, for the safety of all pupils. We appreciate that at times parents leave the gate open for each other so they can collect children from clubs etc. However, this is compromising the safety of the site, please close the gate behind you!

3. **Volunteers:** We are looking for parents who can make a regular weekly commitment to volunteer to listen to children read. If you are interested, or would like more information please see Miss Clarke (6C).

School Rabbit is available for weekend and school holidays. Please see Mrs Bolton for information.

## School Dates

### October

18th 6H Class Assembly

**Half term Holiday Monday**

**24th - Friday 28th**

### November

8th 6C Class Assembly

15th Parent's Evening