



Information for parents

Term: Autumn 1
2017/18
Year group: 6

*'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 4th 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	<p>Reading and writing will be linked to our History topic 'The Victorians'.</p> <p>Children will be exploring Victorian literature sources (like 'the Jabberwocky'). Exploring various Victorian authors will help the children get to grips with my challenging vocabulary and sentence structures.</p> <p>Spelling, grammar and punctuation will focus particularly on patterns and rules (and application to writing) in readiness for the Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation Sats test later in the academic year.</p> <p>There will also be additional focus on handwriting.</p>	<p>Support your child with their weekly homework</p> <p>find opportunities to take them to the library to borrow information texts on the topic</p> <p>Enrich your child's knowledge of the topic by visiting various museums and sites, e.g The Natural History Museum, The Spike in Guildford and the Victoria and Albert Museum.</p>
Numeracy	<p>Maths lessons this half term will focus on number. Particular emphasis will be placed on mental calculations strategies, fast recall of multiplication and division tables, place value, written calculations for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, problem solving / investigations and mathematical vocabulary.</p>	<p>Keep practising timetables/mental maths and give your child problems to solve mentally on a daily basis. Relate where possible to real life situations. E.g at the shop, in the car, cooking.</p>
RE	<p>Our topics start with 'Family: Loving' where we shall be teaching unconditional love and related stories from the Bible. This shall be followed by 'Vocation and Commitment' as we explore belonging to the church family.</p>	<p>Re-enforce the Christian values that we want the children to live by and discuss the Wednesday Word as a family.</p>

Science	<p>Animals including humans Children will be exploring the human body, looking at blood, our circulatory system, the heart and organs. This will build on work from previous years and will help the children to understand themselves and the 'way we work'.</p>	<p>Explore the world with your child and encourage them to ask questions about the world around them; how does my body work? If you don't know an answer, you can always look it up together and ask other people's opinions. Ask the children about all they have been learning about the body and the heart this year. Eg. What happens on the journey of a blood cell as it travels around the body? What is your pulse rate? Can you make it faster?</p>
Topic	<p>Our topic is 'The Victorians'. Through Literacy and ICT the children will learn about life in Victorian Britain.</p>	<p>Borrow some information books out of the library to learn more about the life of a Victorian.</p>
Computing	<p>Children will be given opportunities to develop and apply their ICT skills through different areas of the curriculum. E.g. researching topics safely on-line; creating multimedia presentations on 'The Victorians' (using PowerPoint); learning how to create hyperlinks, slide transitions and inputting sound. N.B - Please be aware of the time your child spends online and try to limit game console usage during the week (as overuse can affect their concentration and performance at school)</p>	<p>Encourage your child to use Mathletics at home to enhance their learning. Supervise your child's online activity and reinforce Internet safety rules, e.g. keeping passwords safe and private; behaving appropriately online and on social media. Encourage your child to join ICT club.</p>
PE	<p>The sports this term are netball and tag rugby with children developing the key skills needed to play in each of these sports; passing and receiving the ball, good balance and footwork, attacking and defending skills.</p>	<p>To help your children at home, you can continue to practice the skills needed for netball and tag rugby, such as; throwing and catching using a variety of passes, chest, shoulder, bounce for netball and a two handed backwards pass for rugby. To further develop these skills we have after-school clubs on offer in both sports. If you would</p>

		like to book a place please log in to the Parent Mail system.
Music	This term we will be learning how to read, write and compose multi-layered rhythmic and harmonic patterns using graphic musical notation. In the second half term we will learn how to set words to music and compose songs with contrasting sections.	

-All teachers at Sacred Heart School follow the homework policy.
In year 6 we will follow this homework timetable:

Subject	Handed out	Due in on
Spelling	Monday	Monday
Reading Comprehension	Tuesday	Tuesday
Maths arithmetic or reasoning	Wednesday	Wednesday
Grammar	Thursday	Thursday
Mathletics	Friday	Friday
Please note that owing to English and Maths sets in Year 6, the quantity of homework may vary from time to time, according to the set teacher and the needs of the pupils.		

-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.

Assembly date for class 6C is Wednesday 18th Oct 2017

Assembly date for class 6H is Wednesday 15th Nov 2017

-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 6 are Friday.

Please remember to remove your child's earrings on a Friday.

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,

Class teachers: Mr Hassan & Miss Clarke

Intervention teachers: Mrs Nakonechna and Mrs Rowlandson

Support staff: Miss Keisha

The before and after school clubs this term are:

CLUBS TIMETABLE AUTUMN 2017

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

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

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Details of all clubs can also be found in the newsletters, on our website or by asking the school office.