



Term: Summer 1
2018
Year group: 6

Information for parents

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back! We trust you had an enjoyable and restful Easter break with your family and loved ones.

Please use the start of the new term to remind your child of their targets and areas to improve with their learning (as shared in parent/teacher consultations on Thursday 19th April 2018).

As we approach the final term of this academic year, we continue to reflect on what we can all do to support the children to achieve their goals and their full potential, particularly as we begin to assess what they have learnt over the whole year.

At Sacred Heart we continue to embrace our approach to **Growth Mindset** by focusing on our school's 8 learning behaviours:

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

A key aspect of developing learning behaviours is recognising and rewarding **'effort'** and not simply their achievements. Please bear this in mind when supporting your child and developing the above attitudes to learning at home as well as school.

Please also encourage your child to:

- discuss and share their set homework with you
- organise what they need to complete their homework
- find a quiet area in which to study
- complete homework tasks set to a good standard of presentation and to the best of their ability
- speak to their class or set teacher before the due date if they need assistance or clarification
- hand homework in by the due date.

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
English	<p>Reading, writing (including punctuation and grammar) and speaking and listening will be based on SATs revision for our tests in May. We will cover a variety of genres ensuring children are using the exciting sentences to enhance their writing. Spelling will focus on revising word patterns and rules in readiness for the SATS in May.</p>	<p>Support your child with their weekly homework; find opportunities to take them to the library to borrow a variety of reading genres.</p>
Maths	<p>Maths lessons will focus on a range of topics for revision in preparation for the SATs tests in May. Particular emphasis will be placed on mental calculations strategies, quick recall of multiplication and division tables, place value, written calculations for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division in preparation for the arithmetic paper. We will also cover problem solving/investigations and relevant mathematical vocabulary in preparation for the reasoning paper.</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. Please continue to support your child with their maths homework and ensure it is fully completed and handed in on time.</p>
RE	<p>Topics this term are Pentecost (Serving: Witnesses), Reconciliation (Inter-relating: Healing), Universal Church (World: Common Good)</p>	<p>Re-enforce the Christian values that we want the children to live by and discuss the Wednesday Word as a family. Take your child to mass and help them to gain a deeper understanding of God.</p>
Science	<p>Our topic this half term is Evolution and Inheritance</p>	<p>Talk about what features or attributes your child might have inherited from immediate family members and explore your own family tree</p>

PE	This term we will be covering Cricket, Tennis and Athletics in P. (Years 4&6 will also be swimming).	You can assist your child's learning by taking opportunities when and where possible to practise skills with them, signing them up to local clubs (see PE Notice Board for options), watching the different sports together with them (ideally live if possible!).
Music	This half term we will be looking at and listening to music from around the world, particularly various African countries, Eastern Europe, And South America. We will learn about layered rhythms, different types of scales and particularly the "notes between the notes" that are essential to so much world music. We will focus specifically on countries that the children have personal connections with.	

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
Spellings	Monday	Monday
Reading comprehension	Tuesday	Tuesday
Grammar and Punctuation sets	Wednesday	Wednesday
Grammar and Punctuation class groups	Thursday	Thursday
Mathletics	Friday	Friday
Maths arithmetic and/or reasoning	Wednesday	Wednesday

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.

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. Please remember that the school rule is that if your child is unable to participate in PE owing to sickness, then they are not well enough to come to school.

PE days for Year 6 are Friday

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The before and after school clubs this term are:

CLUBS TIMETABLE-SUMMER 1					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Morning Session	BREAKFAST CLUB FOOTBALL CLUB Y4/5/6 8.00-8.50AM (£25)	BREAKFAST CLUB CHOIR (8:15-8:50am)		BREAKFAST CLUB	BREAKFAST CLUB FOOTBALL CLUB Yr 1/2/3 8.00-8.50AM (£25)
After School	ORCHESTRA (RK) (Selected pupils) RUNNING CLUB Yrs 3/4/5/6 3.30-4.30PM (£12.50)	SCIENCE CLUB* (KS2 3.30-4.30PM-Mrs Sedda) Italian* (AB) (3.30-4.30pm) COMPUTING* (ES- Old ICT Suite- 3.30-4.25pm) NETBALL CLUB Yr 4/5 3.30-4.30PM (£25) SWIMMING CLUB Yrs 4/5/6-selection only-£60 5:15pm-6:15pm GYMNASTICS* (3.30-4.30pm)	CRAFT CLUB* (D.M-Hall) CRICKET LEAGUE- invitation only (3.30-5.30PM) ATHLETICS CLUB Yr 1/2/3 3.30-4.30PM (£25) SQUASH CLUB** (Invitation only)	SCIENCE CLUB* (KS1 3.30-4.30PM-Mrs Sedda) BASKETBALL CLUB Y4/5/6 3.30-4.30PM (£25) CHOIR (JC-3.30-4.30pm) COMPUTING* (ES- Old ICT Suite- 3.30-4.25pm) GYMNASTICS* (3.30-4.30pm)	INDOOR ATHLETICS Y4/5 3.30-4.30PM (£12:50) GIRLS FOOTBALL Yr 4/5/6 3.30-4.30PM (£12:50) TENNIS CLUB Yr 4/5/6 3:30-4:30pm (£25) HOMEWORK CLUB** (JB-3:30-4:40PM)

Please make payments in advance at the school office.

* Those marked with an asterisk are run by outside providers and their charges may vary. Please refer to individual club letters that go home, speak to the providers directly or alternatively speak to a member of the school office for more details.

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

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, Mrs Rowlandson

Support staff: Miss Keisha