

Newsletter



Sacred Heart RC Primary School

12/03/2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Funding Crisis

Many of you will have read in the National news and in the newspapers the letter from hundreds of headteachers written to their parents warning them of a funding crisis in schools.

Sacred Heart is not immune from the funding difficulties faced by schools at this time. I write this as I ponder how to balance the budget this year. It is right to say that the money from the DFE remain roughly the same but costs continue to rise. This year there are pay rises to fund and increased pension contributions to worry about. The costs of goods and services continue to rise.

The numbers of children registering for the nursery has fallen unfortunately, thanks to the new Government childcare support as families use their codes to access private nurseries for more hours and more weeks. We continue to say goodbye to families moving out of the area. Each departing child removes £4,000 from the budget.

All the other Catholic Schools in the Diocese with the exception of our Federation ask parents for a contribution towards the Governors fund for buildings and maintenance with the families recommended contribution ranging from £50- £100.

My son's school recommends £50 a month and my daughters £300 a year.

So yes things are very tight and at the next Governing body meeting we will have to consider reinstating this practise. In the meantime however we try our hardest to keep the financial demands that we make of families as small as possible.

PTA

One of the ways parents can support the school is to get involved in the activities of the PTA.

I am pleased to report that the '**Happy Bag Collection**' raised £286. The **Pancake Sale** raised £194.

My thanks to the PTA for all their continued hard work and support of the school.

The next big event is the **Easter Fair**. This is an event that the school staff will come together with the PTA to make as inclusive and successful as possible.

I am aware of some concerns about the event being in Lent. Given the lateness of Easter this year there was no way round the chosen date, otherwise I would have been asking the staff to give too much of their own time in one term. I hope that families can see that a day when the school community comes together, works together and thinks of others together is in the spirit of the season.

World Book Day

A huge thank you to parents for providing such creative and elaborate costumes to celebrate the joy and wonder of reading and books.

Children and staff alike had a fabulous day with parades, book quizzes, poetry lesson and reading buddy sessions.

Indeed, many children were heard at the gate at the end of the day excitedly discussing WBD for next year, which is surely testament to the day's success!

A big thank you to Miss Forshaw and Mrs. Christie for organising the day, along with Mr. Thomas who enthusiastically compered the quiz.



Class Photos

Class photos will be taking place on Tuesday 26th March, please make sure your child/children is wearing their correct uniform. Sibling photos will be in the new building right hand side from 8:00 am, this is done on first come first served basis.

Secondary Transfer

I am including a list of the secondary school, destinations for the Y6 children in order that the Y5 parents can start to think of the possibilities and choices ahead of them. This year we are sending children to around 20 different schools and I apologise if I miss some out.

Girls -

- Fulham Cross Girl's School
- La Retraite Roman Catholic Girl's School
- Ricards Lodge High School
- Sacred Heart High School RC
- St. Philomena's Catholic High School
- The Holy Cross School
- Ursuline High School

Boys -

- Ernest Bevin College
- St. Joseph's College
- The London Oratory School RC
- Wimbledon College

Mixed -

- Graveney School
- Harris Academy Battersea
- St. Cecelia's Church of England School
- St. John Bosco College
- St. Thomas More Language College

Dates To Remember

Calendar Of Events 2019

<u>March</u>	
Wednesday 6th	Y6 English Family Learning 6:00 pm
Friday 8th	Y6 Lent Retreat
Wednesday 13th	Year 5 Lent Retreat
Tuesday 19th	Don Bosco Mass 10:00 am
Saturday 23rd	PTA Easter Fair 12:00-3:00 pm
Thursday 28th	Mother's Day Breakfast
Friday 29th	Y4 Lent Retreat

<u>April</u>	
Wednesday 3rd	Parent's Evening 2-7 pm
Thursday 4th	Stations of the Cross 10.00 am SH Church KS2
Friday 5th	Last Day - Break Up 1:30 pm
8th - 22nd	Easter Holidays

Parents please make a note of the dates in Brown

<u>July</u>	
Monday 1st	Nursery EYFS Welcome 6:00 pm
Thursday 4th	Volunteer Tea Party
1st-5th	Y6 School Journey
Monday 8th	Reception EYFS Welcome 6:00 pm
Wednesday 10th	End of Year Mass 10:00 am
Wednesday 10th	Reception - Induction Stay and Play
Thursday 11th	Year 6 Production
Thursday 11th	KS1 Sports Day
TBC	KS2 Sports Day
Wednesday 17th	Nursery - Induction Stay and Play
Thursday 18th	Y6 Leavers Mass and Party
Friday 19th	Y6 Leaves at 3:00 pm - Clapping Out Ceremony
Monday 22nd	Last Day of Term - Finish 1:30 pm
Tuesday 23rd	Inset Day

Class Assemblies 2019

<u>March</u>	
Tuesday 5th	2M 9:00 am
Tuesday 12th	4B 9:00 am
Wednesday 13th	1P
Wednesday 20th	1W
Wednesday 27th	RW

<u>April</u>	
Wednesday 3rd	RSW

TRAVELLING BOOKS

Welcome to our BOOK FAIR!

Find HUNDREDS of the best, NEW books at pocket-money prices!

FREE BOOKS
for our school whilst
you buy a book*

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13th - 19th March

KIDS GO FREE! See your Book Fair Leaflet for the FREE Child Vouchers to a choice of three top attractions

LEGOLAND LEGOLAND SEA LIFE

WIN amazing Tom Gates prizes for you + a bundle of books for your school

Sacred Heart School and the PTA invite all families to

Easter Fair

Saturday, March 23rd, 12—3pm

Easter Craft Activities

Easter Egg Hunt

Mother's Day Flowers & Craft

Golden Ticket Draw

Vauxhall City Farm




Cuddle Corner

Food & Drink Snacks

Digi Wall
Fun for all ages







MUMS, GRANDMOTHERS, AUNTS AND FEMALE CARERS

ARE WARMLY INVITED TO JOIN THEIR CHILDREN
AND CHILD RELATIVES (Nursery-Year 6)

FOR THE

BIG BREAKFAST READ!

When: Thursday 28th March 2019 from
9:05am-9:50am

Where: The Hall

Why: To read for the absolute pleasure of it whilst
enjoying Miss Lorraine's delicious bacon butties!

*Please arrive with your children outside (at their
classroom door) and their teacher will direct you.*