

Newsletter



Sacred Heart RC Primary School

06/09/2019

Dear Parents / Carers,



May I extend a warm welcome to all our Sacred Heart families, especially those that are joining the school for the first time. I hope we will all have a wonderful year ahead flourishing both academically and spiritually in partnership.

If you are new to the school please do stop and say hello to the senior staff at the gate. Myself, Mrs Byrne and Ms Wells are at both entrances to the school and always glad of a hello and a chat. It helps us learn your children's names even quicker.

Tragic Event

In the summer, Mrs Garaialde, our much respected Year 6 teacher and RE lead, travelled with her husband Kris, to Mumbai in India, where together, they volunteered their time to the Salesians, teaching orphaned and severely underprivileged children. We are devastated to say that whilst they were there, Kris contracted a virulent infection and despite the best efforts of hospital staff, tragically passed away.

Mrs Garaialde has devoted many years to Sacred Heart and two of her children Shobha and Susannah have also worked within the Federation. The funeral mass was held in Mumbai but there will be a memorial mass in Kris' memory. We will keep you informed of the details. In the meantime please keep Larraitz and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

Secondary transfer meeting and the Wandsworth Tests

It is funny timing but whilst we are welcoming families to the school on the one hand we are helping the departure of families with the other hand.

Very quickly the secondary process is upon us.

On Monday evening there will be a meeting for parents in Year 6. It will be in school hall at 6pm. Deacon Michael will attend on behalf of the Parish and Paul Dunne the Head of SJBC College will help us from a secondary perspective. It has been brought forward because Open Evenings at Secondary schools are already being held and the Wandsworth test is now much earlier. Children in Y6 will sit the test on the 19th September. Mr Dunne wrote to inform me that SJBC' s GCSE results were particularly good this year.

"St John Bosco College celebrated another year of record GCSE results with the school achieving a progress 8 figure of +0.4 – meaning that pupils made nearly half a GCSE grade better than they would have achieved elsewhere. This was more good news for the school following their 'outstanding' judgement in their Section 48 Diocesan Inspection in the summer. The school is holding open days on 12, 18 September and 5 October, with their main open evening on 24 September."

Archbishop John Wilson

On Tuesday the senior staff and some of the older children will have the opportunity to meet the new Archbishop of Southwark. They have been invited by the Archbishop to attend a welcome Mass at St Georges Cathedral.

Later in the week the children chosen as Faith Friends (liturgical champions) will spend the morning at Salesian House on retreat thinking about how they support their friends throughout the year.



Education Sunday 22nd September 2019

This is the Sunday that the Bishops conference has nominated to celebrate the work of our Catholic schools.

The three Battersea Schools have agreed with the Parish team that this year Education Sunday will be celebrated in the Parish on Sunday 22nd September. The Heads from the schools will speak at the 9.30am Mass at Sacred Heart and the 10am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

We will be encouraging the children to come in uniform and there will be participation in the music and the liturgy.

Congratulations to Ms Ormonde

We are delighted to announce that we, Sacred Heart

Battersea, have achieved the School Games Gold Mark Award for the 2018/19 academic year.

The School Games Mark is a Government led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.



Summer Improvements

Those parents with children in KS2 and those who enter through Este Rd can't have failed but to notice to the new quiet area created outside the Year 4 classrooms. We were lucky enough to be awarded some grant funding to create spaces where children who were overwhelmed by the hustle and bustle of the KS2 could sit, read, play games and talk. I hope the school community enjoys it. Before long the planters will start to fill and the vegetables and herbs from the old planters will flourish again.

I again express my gratitude to Mrs Jennings Mother of Arthur and Oriana who has worked tirelessly to deliver the project. There is more to come. Watch this space!

