

Newsletter



Sacred Heart RC Primary School

03/07/2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Today we welcomed another 100 pupils back to school. This means that we have now given over 200 pupils the chance to have some time in school. Given that there are over 450 pupils on roll you can see that is a fraction of what we would have liked to have done.

Most of these pupils are staying at home at their parent's behest however there are a small number of pupils who want to come back but we have been unable to fit in the system we are forced to work with. For those pupils and parents we are truly sorry but look forward to seeing them in September.

You will have read much in the media about the plans for September, however, all I can say it that we have been given no guidance as yet from the Government and so are in no position to make any plans. Of course as soon as we have it we will share with you. It does seem somewhat unlikely though that we can go from a situation where we are only allowed to have 15 children in a carefully controlled bubble to having 30 children in a similar controlled group. Nevertheless we await the **government's plans**.

Farewells and Welcomes

This is traditionally a time of year when we say goodbye to departing staff and welcome new staff.

I am extremely sad to announce that Ms Fitzgerald Bennett will leaving this summer. She has been a brilliant teacher and led on Maths through her time at Sacred Heart. She joined 10 years ago to support IT and then did her teacher training here at Sacred Heart. She has been tremendously supportive of me and all we have tried to do here at SH. I wish the very best for her future career.

Ms Salmon will be leaving after taking over from Mrs Noulton in 1N in the spring. She has worked throughout the pandemic and the lockdown and I hope that her time in London improves greatly in the future.

We will be joined by 2 new teachers Mr. McCarten and Miss Smith.

I hope that you welcome them to the Sacred Heart community and I look forward to working with them over the coming years

School Closure

I have taken the decision to close early on the 17th of July. Given the week on week off rota and the small numbers of children attending school, it will give the contractors and cleaners more time to fulfil their commitments.

What I am planning is for the school to be open on Monday 20th so that parents whose children are not in school can come to school to collect their children's reports and their summer homework. We will send out allocated times for each year group shortly – to ensure that we are managing numbers of people approaching the site safely and maintaining social distancing.

Reports will be very different this year as we are only commenting on progress up to the Lockdown point in March.

I will give details of the arrangements for the 17th nearer the time.

The school will be closed over the summer holidays for key worker and vulnerable children as the government has advised.

I have applied for funding to run some summer booster classes for children in yr5 and Yr1 who are preparing for SATs. These places will be by invite only.

4G Sports Pitch

Over the lockdown we have had the 4G pitch replaced after it had started to wear very badly. This was done after much negotiation with the manufacture and I am delighted that we have resolved the matter. In the future in order to preserve the longevity of the pitch the children should wear Astro turf boots for any PE and lunchtime on the pitch.

Wandsworth Poetry Competition

We are delighted to find out that Lily Zoya in 2V been chosen as the runner up in the Wandsworth Poetry competition – Her poem was selected from 832 entries!

Lily is absolutely delighted and is very excited about receiving the prize books.

Many congratulations from all at Sacred Heart

Here is the successful poem:



I LOVE RAINBOWS

I love rainbows. They make me smile.
I think they're magical paintings in the sky.

I wonder how it stays up there?

They say it's made from sun and rain?

A miraculous, colourful stain.

But I imagine God with his paintbrush,

Painting with love and light,

To bring joy and happiness to those that need delight.

I love rainbows. They make me smile.

How do they make you feel? Just pause and think for a while.

by Lily-Zoya

