

Newsletter



Sacred Heart RC Primary School

27/11/2020

Dear Parents,

We have almost reached the Season of Advent. The season of waiting. Most apt for this year!

- We are waiting for restrictions to be lifted,
- Waiting for a vaccine,
- Waiting for life to return to a version of normal.

On Monday we will light the first Advent candle with the children and start to make the period as special as we can, given that many Christmas events will take place in different way.

Perhaps the reduction in the many peripherals of Christmas will mean that this year we can focus more on the true meaning of Christmas for Catholics and Christians:

The birth of Jesus and the message of love and forgiveness that he spread throughout the world.

Parents Evening

I hope that parents were able to receive their phone call and discuss their children's progress with their teacher. The feedback I have had from parents is that the call went well and was very helpful.

As we reflect on the process, there are positives and negatives about the process that may live on longer than the Covid crisis. Whilst parents reflected that they really missed seeing the teacher face to face and looking at the children's work, it meant that they could take the call in the comfort of their own home and without the aggravation of hanging around the school and coming and going to school.

For the senior team it meant no contact with parents but it also meant no mess created by children around the school, no supervision of children collected late and no telling off of those children running around the school unsupervised.

This may be one of those processes changed irrevocably by the pandemic.

Nasal flu spray

A reminder to parents that for those children whose parents have given consent and I hope it is the vast majority to children, next Friday is the date for the nurses to give over the harmless nose spray.

Flu is unlikely to harm children but passing it on through snotty noses and sneezes can cause as many problems as Covid 19 to the adults caring for and teaching them.

I will be bringing those children with consent to the Nurses throughout the day.

Christmas lunch and Christmas Jumper Day Wednesday 16th December.

I have mentioned already that we will keep as many of the traditions going at this time. Parents will have already had information about Christmas lunch but on that day children can come to school wearing festive jumpers.

Christmas Cards

It is always lovely that children want to give cards to their friends, though I might be tempted to donate the cost to one of the many charities working with struggling families this year.

If families do want to give out cards, children can bring Christmas cards in to school between the 7th and 11th December. The cards will be quarantined and then sent out in the last week of term.



Curriculum Projects

Sacred Heart always look to supplement the curriculum with exciting opportunities.

Year 5 are again working with Chelsea football Club. This on a project that focusses on diversity and equality. This complements the PHSE curriculum

Year 6 are taking part on the Emanuel School Primary Ambitions project. Normally this involves a weekly visit to the school but like everything it being done virtually this year

All the juniors had the amazing opportunity to join the ex-England RFC legend Chris Robshaw on a zoom call on Thursday. They heard about how Chris manages his dyslexia, his struggles in school and his success in the sporting world. It was an inspiring afternoon.

The Wednesday Word

The Wednesday word is the basis of the liturgical assembly each week and is available on their website or the school website.

The Work of the week is Advent

“Advent is a time to prepare our hearts to receive Jesus” says Pope Francis.



Twitter

Many of the most important and interesting events of the school week are posted on the schools twitter feed. It supplements and complements the newsletter.



If you download the app to your smart phone you can find the school at 'Sacred_Heart_1

Dates for the Diary

- **The last day of term is Friday 18th December. There will be an early staggered finish.**
- **Closure will start at 1pm for the Nursery and be complete by 1.30pm with Y6. More details will follow.**
- **Monday 4th January 2021 is an Inset Day.**
- **School will re-open on Tuesday 5th January 2021**