

# Newsletter



**Sacred Heart RC Primary School**

**12/02/2021**

**Dear Parents,**

I know to you at home it might not feel much different (except there will be no work to complete on Dojo) but for us half term has finally arrived and much welcomed it is.

It has been a short but dramatic half term but I continue to be filled with wonderment at the quality of work the teachers and your children produce. Thank you so much for all your positive comments in the recent survey. They were a heart-warming affirmation, in such difficult circumstances, of the

success of the communication and efforts of all involved in maintaining a positive learning environment.

We eagerly await the announcement of the Government on the return to education - though if we have learned anything it is that there is no point trying to second guess what will happen. Whatever form the return will take, complete or partial, we will return to the Covid 19 security measures that were in place before lockdown. There will still be the same staggered start and finish times and the same designated entrances. There will be temperature testing and an emphasis on handwashing and ventilation. Given the temperatures on return, children will need to WRAP UP WARM!!!!!!



**Ash Wednesday and Lent:**

**I am grateful to Deacon Michael for his Lenten reflection.**

Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. Lent is that period of 40 days when we reflect on the time that Jesus spent in prayer and fasting in preparation for his public ministry. It is a time for us to Turn again, Start again, Prepare again... to celebrate the events of that first Holy Week and the wonderful Feast of Easter. Pope Francis has these words for us! ***“God’s love is greater than our sinfulness; and that God freely loves us at all times and that we were made for eternal life. The Lord asks us to be joyous heralds of this message of mercy and hope!”***



**Lent is not about great gestures, but simple acts of kindness that draw us closer to God.**

This Lent is a time for all of us, at home, in School, wherever we may be to live out the Good News of the Gospel. It is time to Pray, to Reflect, to Repent, to Fast, and in the words of St Teresa of Calcutta, ***“to do something beautiful for God”***. This Lent let us all try to do our best, to be the person God wants us to be, and to show our love and kindness to the needs of others. Let us bring the love of Jesus to all during these 40 days of Lent.

**Ash Wednesday Masses at Sacred Heart will be 10am and 7pm**

**Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel will be at 9am**

**Lenten Collection:**

This Lent I would like to us think of others in a practical way. The Federation has started a Justgiving page because Lent is also about giving. If we give up sweets or chocolate or certain drinks(!) we should donate the money that we have saved to charity. If the children could each save some pennies from their Lenten acts, any money raised will go towards the St Georges Hospital Foundation. We will keep the page open throughout Lent.

**A letter and link will follow...**

### **Shrove Tuesday:**

Next Tuesday is the day that we traditionally make pancakes. I was contemplating hosting a live Zoom Pancake bake but my wife refused to allow me to make a mess in the kitchen.

Instead we would be delighted if you could post pictures of your pancake flip on your dojo page and we will put them altogether for display on twitter and the classroom pages.



### **British Science Week:**

Next month, in March, we are celebrating British Science Week. It starts on the 5th of March and we will continue it through to the end of March. This year's theme is "**Innovating for the Future.**" We will be marking the celebration in several different ways. One of them involves you!



If any of you (parents or carers) happen to work in a job that includes using **STEM** (science, technology, engineering, maths) skills, and would be happy to share your experiences with children across the Federation of Sacred Heart and St Mary's schools, please email the office to let us know. Add British Science Week as the subject of your email – and we will get back to you as soon as possible. This would include either a Zoom interview or a recorded video of you answering a few questions.

If it is a Zoom interview, it would be led by a teacher, so there will be no need to manage the children. It would include a short 10/15 minute chat using the questions below. And then a 10/15 mins Q&A session.

### **Questions could include:**

- \* How would you describe your job?
- \* How do you use Science, Technology, Engineering or Maths in your work?
- \* How have things changed over time in your profession/career/job?
- \* Where have you seen innovation in your profession?
- \* How do you think innovation will change the future for your career?
- \* Were you always interested in these aspects of learning at school?
- \* Final words of encouragement and motivation.

### **Mr Gash and your Generosity:**

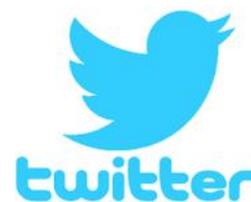
I have been asked to convey the thanks of Mr Gash and his fiancé for the overwhelming generosity of the staff and parents of Sacred Heart. As it stands we have raised over £1000 to support with their wedding plans. Whilst nothing can alleviate their pain our support has brought a bright moment to their time together. Thank you.

### **Sacred Heart and Twitter:**

I have been making more use of the twitter feed over the last few weeks to thank the many organisations we work with and to celebrate the amazing work of the children.

If nothing else the lockdown has improved all of our IT skills.

To follow the school download the TWITTER app to your phone or tablet and follow the school on **@Sacred\_Heart-1**



**Whole School Assemblies will be held as normal on the 22<sup>nd</sup> February. The zoom links will be posted on the Dojo pages.**

**Best wishes to you all.**

**Mr Brading**