

# Newsletter



**Sacred Heart RC Primary School**

**12/03/2021**

## **Dear Parents,**

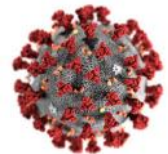
Week one completed!

We have successfully brought the vast majority of the children back to school. It has been really heartening to hear the classrooms, corridors and playgrounds echo with the sounds of excited children. As with the returns in June and September, the children have been thrilled to come back to school to see their teachers face to face and be surrounded by the friends and the other children.

This shortened term will be one that puts well-being, routine and structure at the heart of what we do. We will try to move slowly and safely towards the 'old normal'. Breakfast club, Fruity Club care, music lessons and therapy sessions have started and next week we will begin a tentative return to after school clubs. Some families have been invited to a two week after school sports club and then the offer will be opened to all after Easter.

However just because schools have returned doesn't mean Covid 19 has gone away. Please do observe social distancing and mask wearing particularly at drop off and pick up times. If there is a positive case we will still have to send children home to self-isolate and you still should stay at home if you or child experiences symptoms.

Cases in Wandsworth are really low. Lets stick with the rules and keep children in school.



## **Roger and Mrs Chowdhury**

Unfortunately Roger and Mrs Chowdhury have been added to the new shielding list. They are shielding and working from home where possible. Mrs Chowdhury is doing much of her work online and Roger's role is been managed by Ms Dyce.

Many thanks to the parents who are volunteering and supporting the school street campaign. The observant amongst you will have noticed the new bollards that have been into the road. When the Council have finished their work these will be fully operational and provide a barrier for cars.

## **Lenten Charity**

Please do remember to keep saving towards the St Georges hospital Charity – our Lenten charity.

We have currently raised over £480 but that is from just 28 donations. If each child saved just £1 from going without chocolate we could add £1000 to that total.

## **Celebration of the Word**

Fr Hugh and Deacon Michael will be celebrating Holy Week with the school over zoom on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 10am. I will send the zoom invite to parents who are welcome to join the celebration.



## Building work

Next weekend I am joining Mr Mapara from St Mary's in repairing the roof of the wooden outdoor shelter in Year 1.

If any parent would like to help I would very grateful and if any parents could get a discount on 18mm OSB boarding and Roofing Felt that would be even better. I have also had the hedging cut back in the KS1 playground to make it safer and lighter. If anyone has access to reduced cost Plastic Ivy Sheeting I would also be very grateful.



## Inset

School will be closed for the **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April** for teacher training. It will re-open with normal staggered times and gates on the **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April**.

## Year 6 Secondary transfer

I hope the vast of you are happy with the school that has been allocated to you. This year we have children moving on to (in no particular order):

The London Oratory, Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School, Bishop Thomas Grant, St Philomena's, La Retriate, Ursuline High School, St Thomas More College, St John Bosco College Wimbledon College, Dulwich College, Emanuel School, Thomas' Battersea, St Cecelia's, Garratt Park, Harris Academies Croydon, Merton and Battersea and Ashcroft Academy. I am sure your children will have a happy and successful and I hope to hear of their successes in the years to come.

## National Assessments

You may have spotted the announcement that SATs in Year 6 and 2 have been cancelled as have Phonics and Tables tests in Year 1 and 4. This does not mean that we will not be assessing the children, we will of course do some testing to see what gaps in learning have become evident.

However for the moment we are concentrating on teaching not testing.

**The Wednesday Word** is **Self-Giving** which fits well with our Lenten Appeal.

**'It is in the giving that we receive.'** St Francis of Assisi

