

# Newsletter



**Sacred Heart RC Primary School**

**23/04/2021**

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a nearly normal school term.

This is the time when doubts are put to one side and we celebrate new life and the resurrection. School is very much like that. We all had our doubts and our dark moments worrying whether we would get to this point but as the sun has shone and the garden has bloomed we can see a path back to normality.

The first sign of a new start will be the beginning of a full programme of after school clubs. I am grateful to all the staff who have come forward to enrich and extend the support that we offer to children. Clubs are currently being kept as year group clubs but we will continue to follow the advice as it comes. I personally am looking forward to starting my Friday Homework Club again following my second vaccination!!

Please do ensure that you follow pick-up arrangements and that your child knows that the expectations of good behaviour are the same in clubs as they are in class.

## **School Mass:**

Father Hugh and Deacon Michael will lead the school in a mass to celebrate the resurrection and the new school term. The Mass will be on zoom and begin at 9.30am on next Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April. The Zoom invite will be posted on the School Dojo story. Parents are welcome to join the celebration.

## **Parental Support and Fundraising:**

Following the success of the parental roofing group, Mrs Christie has put out a plea to parents who would like to do something practical to support the school. The children in year 1 and 2 have a fabric pocket on the back of their chairs to keep all their equipment in. If you would like to help sew new covers the teachers and children would really be grateful. There is a particular fabric from Fabric World. They need 24 each of red, blue, green, orange, yellow and 8 purple - 128 bags in total!!

Mrs Christie has posted the fabric details and the template on the school dojo story. Please do message her so we can coordinate the number and colours.



**I am incredibly grateful to Antos' parents for the amazing donation of the fence screens. They will be installed this weekend and will enhance the appearance of the playground immensely! Thank you.**

In the coming weeks given the effect Covid has had on school budgets (and the lack of parental fundraising opportunities) I will be asking the Parents and Friends Group how we can come together in practical ways and to raise funds as a community to enrich and enhance the environment and opportunities for the children.

If you have any thoughts please do email me through the office.

## **Wimbledon Tennis Initiative:**

Thanks to Ms Ormonde the children enjoyed a day of tennis lessons in the sun.

All that was missing was the strawberries and cream! It has been lovely to slowly open up to visitors and organisations that enrich the enjoyment of the curriculum. This is going to be a weekly event and some children will get the opportunity to join the Wimbledon Junior tennis Initiative.



### **Parents Evening May 5<sup>th</sup>:**

This term we will be conducting parents meeting using video conferencing software called School Cloud. You will be receiving information about how to book and how to connect with the teacher on the night. The office will be on hand by telephone to help those parents and carers who have some difficulty.

School will close early with staggered finish times on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May, to allow teachers to meet with parents online. We will use the same staggered timetable that was used previously at Christmas and Easter. Please see the table below:

<b>Year Group</b>	<b>Finish Time on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021</b>	<b>Pick Up Point</b>
Nursery	No afternoon session Full time children to be collected 1.00pm	Nursery Gate
Reception	1.05pm	Cabul Road
Year 1	1.10pm	Cabul Road
Year 2	1.15pm	Cabul Road
Year 3	1.15pm	Este Road
Year 4	1.20pm	Este Road
Year 5	1.25pm	Este Road
Year 6	1.30pm	Este Road
Hilary House	1.30pm	Nursery Gate

I would imagine that this is the way that we will conduct all parents evening from now on. As things change we will welcome parents back into school but we have having been looking at the way that parents evening have worked for many years, so do try to embrace the process.

### **St George's Hospital Lenten Appeal:**

Lent is now over so if you have any donations to make please do so this weekend as we are arranging with St George's for some children from both school to visit the hospital and hand over the cheque.

**The Own Clothes Wellbeing day raised £150 towards the appeal. Thank you!**

Donations can still be made on the just giving page.