

# Newsletter



**Sacred Heart RC Primary School**

**20/07/2021**

Dear Parents and Carers,

This is the final Newsletter of what has been an amazing term in the most challenging of circumstances.

Monday was so called '**Freedom Day**' although given the prevalence of cases it doesn't feel like freedom. We will be carrying on school this week up to the end of term with the same precautions that have worked so well thus far. We have made it to the last week with just one group of children being sent home over the entire term.

Credit for that must go to Mrs Byrne and the staff who have worked so hard to keep infection control measures in place.

**However, from Monday there was a major change in the way that schools operate if there is a positive case.** From now on once you or your child (or household member) has had a positive PCR test, the Test and Trace service will contact you and ask about close contacts. We will **not be instructed** to send whole classes home, but rather Test and Trace will contact homes and school about self-isolation. The term 'bubble closure' is redundant for now....

## **Thank you to all the Staff**

I would like to take this opportunity to publically thank all the staff for their amazing work and dedication over what has been a really difficult time. They have managed their own anxieties and worked tirelessly to give children the best possible return. They have also managed their own lives to minimise the risk of infection. I know they don't get a clap, but I am truly grateful.



## **Goodbyes and Hellos**

Due to the fact I forgot to save the last newsletter and send it out, you and your children already know classes for September and who their teacher is going to be.

We are saying goodbye to two amazing members of staff this week.

Mrs Christie has decided to step out of teaching and spend some time with her family after some difficult times. She has given so many children a wonderful experience in class both academically and creatively and we wish her the very best for the years ahead.

We also say goodbye to Ms Forshaw. She completed her teaching training at Sacred Heart and has become an expert in the teaching of literacy, so she is now going to take that expertise to Kensington Primary Academy. They are very fortunate to have her.

## **Of course with any leavers come new starters**

We welcome Ms Cassidy to Y2. She has been teaching in a Catholic School in North London and is relocating south of the river.

We also welcome Mr Madden to Y4 who has been training in Twickenham. I hope you join me in welcoming them to the Sacred Heart community.

We are delighted that both Ms Stott and Ms Bedford are continuing their careers with us. I look forward to working closely with all the new staff.

## Last Day of Term and Routines for the New Term

School finishes on **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July for Year 6 and Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July for the rest of the school.**

Year 6 - **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July** Socially distanced Clap Out at 2:00pm. Exit via Banana Park Gate.

(All Y6 children will need an adult to collect them at 2pm).

There are staggered pick up times for each year group (N-Y5) on **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July.**

Year Group	Finish Time on Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Pick Up Point
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
Hilary House	1.30pm	Nursery Gate

## End of Year Reports

Your child will bring home their end of year report on **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June.** If your child is absent it be given to them on their return to school in September. We will not be posting them out.

## Year 6 end of term - School of Rock

On Wednesday night the Year 6 children treated us to an amazing outdoor performance of 'The School of Rock'. The show was brilliant, the children were brilliant and the audience were brilliant. Well done all.



## End of year Mass and Party

Monday was a really big day in the life of the school. We welcomed back Fr Hugh and Deacon Michael to say Mass for the children of Y6.

The first live mass for nearly 2 years -the first sung hymns for nearly 2 years and the first time that children have received Communion in school since February 2020.

It was a very emotional event for the adults, at least. The mass was recorded on zoom and the link will be sent to parents who were unable to attend.



The afternoon continued with a party for the Y6 children on site with a special afternoon tea, pizza and refreshments from Mrs 'Lorraine'. Thanks to all the staff for making it a memorable end. Thank you also to Ms Kulinski a governor who provided candy floss and slush machines for the children.



## Sports Day

Despite not being able to have parents on site to support, Ms Ormonde organised a series of great sports mornings for all the children. We have ensured throughout the term that the children have had access to high quality PE lessons with a specialist teacher, and access to after school clubs, so these events were an added bonus.



## Marie Metcalfe Book Award

Mrs Metcalfe was a teacher at Sacred Heart, who sadly passed away several years ago. Mrs Metcalfe loved teaching and books. So her legacy carried out by her family is to provide a book for one child in every class every year. The award goes to someone who has worked hard to improve their reading, or someone who has discovered a passion for reading or who has excelled with reading. This year the children chosen received beautiful books selected by Mrs Christie and the class teachers. Thank you to Mrs Metcalfe's family, they always remember Sacred Heart every year.



## Return to School in September

From September we will be maintaining some of the routines that have improved the efficient running of the school.

Parents will still drop their children at the school gates and children will go straight to class.

We will be operating a staggered start and gate system, but not (despite our misgivings) operating a bubble or socially distanced lining up system.

### **Dropping off and pick up arrangements from 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021**

Only Nursery and Reception Class parents will be admitted on to the school site for drop off each morning.

Reception pupils will enter without parents after the October half term.

All parents will be able to come on to the playground at the end of the day to collect children.

From September punctuality will return to pre-covid routines. This means that children will be expected to be on time for school. Gates will be closed promptly to allow for lessons to start on time.

<b>Class</b>	<b>Timings</b>	<b>Drop Off</b>	<b>Pick Up</b>
Nursery	8.45-11.45 12.30-3.30	At the nursery door	At the nursery door
Reception	9.05-3.30	Parents to drop off at 9.05 to the Reception gate in the playground until October half term.	Parents will be admitted to the KS1 playground for pick up
Year 1	8.55-3.25	Use KS1 gate on Cabul Road. Parents remain on Cabul Road for drop off.	Parents will be admitted to the KS1 playground for pick up
Year 2	8.55-3.25	Use KS1 gate on Cabul Road. Parents remain on Cabul Road for drop off.	Parents will be admitted to the KS1 playground for pick up
Year 3	9.00-3.30	Use the Pen gate on Este Road. Parents will not be admitted.	Parents will be admitted to the KS2 playground for pick up
Year 4	9.00-3.30	Use the Pen gate on Este Road. Parents will not be admitted.	Parents will be admitted to the KS2 playground for pick up.
Year 5	9.00-3.30	Use the main gate on Este Road. Parents will not be admitted.	Parents will be admitted to the KS2 playground for pick up.
Year 6	9.00-3.30	Use the main gate on Este Road. Parents will not be admitted.	Parents will be admitted to the KS2 playground for pick up.
Hilary House	9.00-3.30	Use nursery gate on Cabul Road.	Use nursery gate on Cabul Road.

### **Full School Uniform including PE Kits from September 2021**

From September there will be no allowance made for Covid restrictions.

**The school will expect ALL children to attend school in full uniform including black school shoes.**

**Trainers should not be worn except on PE days.**

Proper Sacred Heart PE kit must also be worn. However, children can still attend school in their PE kit on the day of their PE lessons. I will be contacting parents whose children are not appropriately dressed and sanctions will apply.

Thank you for your co-operation.

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September is an Inset Day**

**School re-opens on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September for pupils.**

**New nursery and reception pupils will have an individual staggered entry timetable**

**We wish you all a safe, sunny and happy summer break. We look forward to seeing you all in September.**

## New Term Dates 2021 -2022 **Updated July 2021**

### School Term and Holiday Dates 2021-2022

Please be aware that some dates differ from those published by Wandsworth.  
These are our term dates for the academic year.

#### Autumn Term 2021

Wednesday 1st September - **In Service Training Day**

Thursday 2nd September – First day back for the children

Half term 25th – 29th October

Monday 1st November – **In Service Training Day**

Friday 17th December – Last day of school

#### Spring Term 2022

Tuesday 4th January – First day back for the children

Half term 14th – 18th February

Friday 1st April – Last day of school

#### Summer Term 2022

Tuesday 19th April - First day back for the children

Half term – 30th May – 3rd June

Monday 6th June – **In Service Training Day**

Thursday 21st July – Last day of school

Two In Service Training Days dates to be confirmed