

# Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers,

07th March 2022

Having listened to advice I have decided that this Friday (11<sup>th</sup> March) will be wear yellow or blue for Ukraine.

I am asking families to donate AT LEAST £1 for the children to wear their own clothes. The money donated will be sent to the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) Appeal.

There are many resources available to support conversations with you child about any anxieties they might have about this conflict. I would also urge parents to be sensitive because there are families in the school from many different parts of Eastern Europe.

Aside from anxieties over the conflict last week was a busy week.

## Ash Wednesday

Wednesday was an emotional day for the adults as the KS2 children went back to the church for the first time in two years to celebrate Ash Wednesday.

Fr Anthony and Deacon Michael celebrated Mass with the children in the church for the first time since the pandemic. Hymns were sung with gusto and the distribution of the ashes and the behaviour in general was excellent.

Credit must go to Mrs Garaialde and Ms Drinan for preparing the children and to the readers who read beautifully.

The clergy had a busy day. Having celebrated with the children in Y2 at St Mary's all the Parish Clergy then rushed over to Sacred Heart for a KS1 service.

Again, behaviour was excellent.

Thursday then saw the school transformed as large numbers of well-known book characters filled the corridors. Adults and children alike dressed up as characters from their favourite books. In addition to the costumes, the day was filled with activities celebrating the world of books and the joy of reading. A huge thank you to Mrs Walsh and Ms Parsons for organising the day so successfully.

## A Place called Home

As I have mentioned before, anyone shopping at Southside is invited to visit the Wandsworth Schools Art exhibition - 'A place called Home'. This exhibition is now open and families are invited to visit and to add their own art work and thoughts to that produced by 5S.

## Shirley

This week we will say goodbye to Shirley our Senior Admin Officer. She has asked me to include this message from her...

Dear Parents and Carers,

*"This comes with a heavy heart to say, I will be leaving Sacred Heart after 21 years. I will be going to another school setting in Putney from the 14<sup>th</sup> March. I would like to say a huge thank you to all, past and present parents/families for making my time at Sacred Heart very special. I have many fond memories being at Sacred Heart and the greatest one for me of course is Multi Cultural evening!*

*I will miss you all dearly and you will all hold a special place in my heart, take care - with love Shirley♥"*



## Vacancy

If you or someone you know would be interested in an administration job the vacancy is listed on the school website. It would suit someone from an educational or office background.

<https://www.sacredheartschoolbattersea.co.uk/senior-administrative-officer/>

## KS1 Playground

I think I have been successful in a grant application for the area blocked off in the KS1 Playground. I will be able to resurface the area but the work is dependent on the area being cleared of the rotting wooden equipment and the surfacing.

If anyone works for a building company with access to a mini digger and willing labour, that would be most welcome.



An alternative scheme which is to make the area a 'tiny forest' is also being considered. This will depend on the utilities under the space but would see the area covered in trees as part of carbon capture and access to nature