

Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

01st April 2022

We have come to the end of the Spring Term. Unfortunately for us a Catholic school we have broken up before Holy week, but the staff have tried to ensure that the children have a good understanding of the importance of the Easter story to us as a Catholic family. Deacon Michael has also sent through a power point link for those using the online version of the newsletter.

The Gospel this week reminds us that those who have not sinned should throw the first stone. It reminds us of Gods compassion for us all and that each day we are given the chance to start anew. In the newsletter we will celebrate this term and look forward to the new summer term and a new start. Have a peaceful and holy break.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff for their dedication and commitment throughout a difficult term where Covid has still had a great impact despite our desire to be back to normal. We look forward to the term ahead.

School Visits

The most visible sign of their great enthusiasm towards the children's school life has come in the form of the resumption of visits and visitors.

There have been visits to the Sutton Trampoline Centre, the Art Exhibition at Southside and the resumption of Football matches against other schools. The biggest event however has been the night at Wembley involving 8 staff and 40 children.

What a great opportunity but a long night for the staff that accompanied the children.



Science Week

I am grateful to Mrs Viala and Mrs Newman for making Science Week such a valuable learning experience I have included their summary at the back of the newsletter.

Sacred Heart Climate Change Initiatives

One of the themes that we discuss in Science and Geography is the changing climate and its effects on the planet and our children's future.

On Saturday morning when everyone is enjoying a well-deserved lie-in, I will be meeting some scaffolders at 7.30am for the start of a very exciting new development for the school. I won't spoil the surprise but part of the school will look very different on our return.

Another part of the school that is starting to look very different is the school garden. On Monday night I was joined by some lovely volunteers from Goodgym who combine running with voluntary work. They worked late into the night removing fencing and redundant the chicken area. We will meet again on Monday night to finish off. Follow the link for their run report: <https://www.goodgym.org/reports/all-cooped-up>

I am also very grateful to one of our parents, Mr Safadi, who is working his way through many jobs in the school (including the garden area).

Parent Governor

I will be resending the information for the election of a parent governor to parents at the start of the new term. This is an important role in shaping the direction of the school in the years ahead.

The Wednesday Word

The Wednesday Word comes in the form of a booklet to cover the Easter period. The words are not surprisingly '**New Start**', '**Holy Week**' and '**Easter**'. Please follow the link from the website to share the themes with your children during the Easter Break: <https://www.sacredheartschoolbattersea.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/HOLY-WEEK.pdf>

Parent Reminders

April 19 Inset Day	School closed for pupils
April 26 Parent Teacher Meetings via SchoolCloud	School to close early: EYFS and KS1 1.25pm KS2 and Hilary House 1.30pm
May	KS1 SATS
May 9 - 13	KS2 SATS
May 30 - June3	Half term
June 6 Inset Day	School closed for pupils
June 7 - 10	Y1 Phonic Check week Y4 Multiplication Check week
July 13	Y6 production
July 18	Y6 Leavers Mass and Party (TBC)
July 20	Last day for Y6 - Clapping out ceremony at 3.00pm
July 21st - Last day	School will close early: EYFS and KS1 1.25pm KS2 and Hilary House 1.30pm

Parish Diary for Holy Week

We invite you to join us for the Great Celebration of Holy Week and Easter at Sacred Heart Parish.

Mass 5th Sunday of Lent 3rd April	9.30am, 11.30am and 7pm
Stations of the Cross	4.30pm
Mass on Palm Sunday 10th April	9.30am, 11.30am and 7pm (Procession and blessing of Palms at all Masses)
Stations of the Cross and Parish Reconciliation Service	4.30pm
Holy Thursday 14th April Mass of the Lord's Supper	7.30pm
Good Friday 15th April Celebration of the Lord's Passion	3pm
Holy Saturday 16th April The Easter Vigil	8pm
Easter Sunday Mass	9.30 am and 11.30am

When we come [to Mass], we receive the gifts of God. We receive His compassion, we receive His love. We come to know how to serve others and to give to them what we receive from the Lord." when we come into church, we meet the one person who has conquered death. We meet the Lord of Life, who is our light, who is our risen light. And that's what we celebrate so joyfully, so fully at Easter. At this moment, we're in the final weeks of our preparation for Easter, this season of Lent, which began with Ash Wednesday. This is an important time when we walk again together to see and meet the Risen Christ.

*We look forward to seeing you. **WELCOME HOME***

Fr Peter, Fr Anthony, Deacon Michael.

Science Week, March 2022

A huge thank you to all of our teachers and pupils for helping Sacred Heart to have a fabulous Science Week this year.

The children enjoyed an array of activities including: planting sunflowers, watching chicks hatching, making vegetable burgers, creating slime, an outdoor gym, horrid hands germ investigation, learning about inspiring scientists, dissecting flowers, growing crystals, human growth investigations, investigation into microorganisms and conditions for growth and setting up and using a wormery.



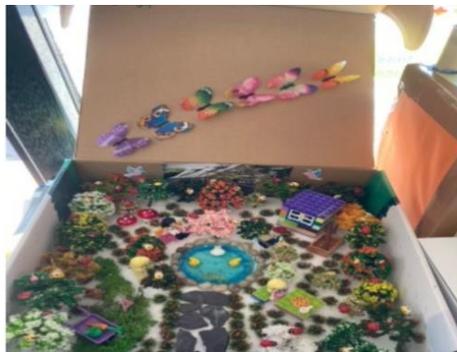
We had fascinating talks from a beekeeper, with honey tasting, for Years 2 and 3. Year 4 thoroughly enjoyed a talk from a marine biologist, who was extremely impressed with all of their thoughtful and insightful questions.

On top of this, every class from Year 1 to Year 6 chose and named a plant to nurture and grow in their classrooms.

Don't forget that our school competition to design an eco-friendly garden is still open. You can send in a drawing, a 3D model or choose to do a presentation.

We have already had some very creative entries and there is still time to take part.

The competition ends after the school holidays on Friday 22nd April.



Some of you also shared some of your activities at home on class dojo – we loved seeing the pictures! Science Week could not have been possible without the enthusiasm and dedication of our teachers and of course, the fantastic attitude of our Sacred Heart students to their science learning.

Thank you, everyone, for a very memorable week! Mrs Newman and Mrs Viala.