

Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

30th January 2023

I am writing this Newsletter in advance of Wednesday's teacher strike. Over the coming weeks you will hear a lot in the media about teachers' duties to the children in their schools and how disrupted this strike action is going to be.

I am not going to criticize the members of the NEU who have decided to take strike action. I wish they didn't feel they didn't have any choice and the matter could have been resolved without coming to a strike. What I can tell you is that teachers in this school care deeply about the children in their classes, many of them work 50-hour weeks, plan during their weekends and go above and beyond for your children.

They would say that teaching was the best job in the world, but that doesn't mean that they don't want to be treated fairly for doing it.


I hope that the matter can be resolved without further strikes but I remain to be convinced. I will endeavour to keep you informed as much as possible in the weeks ahead.

Regardless of the strike this promises to be an exciting end to the half term. Morning and nights are getting lighter and hopefully the worst of the weather is over.

Battersea Art Centre

This week children in Year 3 and Year 4 are taking part in a creative project highlighting the challenges facing the environment -Enviro Takeover. There are workshops this week culminating in a performance at the BAC on the 8th February. I hope parents will be able to join the classes as they get the opportunity to perform in this historic venue. Details have been shared with parents separately.

Sportshall Athletics

If you follow us on twitter  you will have spotted that the Sportshall athletics team from Year 5 and Year 6 are the Champions of Wandsworth!!!

Next week they are going to the Regional final in Brentford. If they are successful again they will go forward to the London Schools Games. We wish the very best of luck!



Houses of Parliament visit

Whilst some children from Year 6 are off to the Sportshall final, the rest of Year 6 are heading to a fantastic day at the Houses of Parliament. The trip has very kindly been organised by a parent who works in the Cabinet Office. It should prove to be a great day and stay with them for life. As you can imagine there has been a clamour from staff keen to join them.

Table Tennis Table

We were enormously grateful to the parents of a former Sacred Heart Child who as a leaving gift donated the money for a new outdoor table tennis table.

Mr Roger helped by a parent has put it together and it is a fantastic addition to the KS2 playground.

We are so grateful to all the parents who get involved in school life in one way or another!



After School Activities at Sacred Heart

Last week I shared a tweet about the multitude of activities that are on offer after school in Sacred Heart. If you would like your child to attend a club but feel that in the cost of living crisis that you can't manage please speak to one of us.

Catholic Life of the School

Tomorrow is the Feast of St John Bosco. KS2 children will join the Parish for Mass at 10am. Parents are welcome to join the children as they celebrate one of the important saints in the life of the school.

Parents are also welcome to come into school early on Friday morning for Family Prayer group with Deacon Michael and the staff. Please ring the Este Rd bell at 8.35am and you will be directed to the New Building.

All families from Nursery to Year 6 are welcome!

Parent Partnership

There was fantastic turnout from Year 6 parents for the two nights of SATS preparation. Parents practised papers with their children and found out all about the SATs process.

Thank you to the teachers and all the staff who stayed.

It was great to see many parents in Reception and Nursery last week. We hope that you found the morning useful and look out for many more such opportunities.

This week we welcome Year 2 parents to their re-arranged class assembly.

Do take the time to enjoy their learning during their performance and then in their books afterwards.



Holocaust Memorial Day

To mark Holocaust Memorial Day, Mr K. (Kriwaczek), himself the son of a holocaust survivor, gave a talk to Year 6 about his own family's experiences during the Nazi occupation of Europe, being imprisoned by the SS, his grandfather surviving 6 months in Dachau concentration camp, his great aunt hiding in the sewers for four years, and how a few family members managed to escape to England. The Year 6s were very receptive and went on to write some excellent paragraphs about why we should remember Holocaust Memorial Day.

History of Battersea in WW2

Year 6 also enjoyed a wonderful talk from Carol of the Battersea Society about the impact of the Blitz on this area.

She shared some amazing photos and recollections that really brought the period to life.

The children should all now know the story of the Memorial by Christchurch park.



Sacred Heart Primary School Term Dates 2022 - 2023

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

Autumn Term 2022
INSET Day: 1st September
INSET Day: 26th September
Autumn 1: 5th September - 20th October
Half Term: 24th - 28th October
INSET Day: Monday 31st October

Spring Term 2023
INSET Day: Tuesday 3rd January
Spring 1: 4th January - 10th February
Half Term: 13th - 17th February
Spring 2: 20th February - 31st March

Summer Term 2023
Summer 1: 17th April - 26th May
Bank Holiday: 1st May
Bank Holiday (Coronation of King Charles III): 8th May
Half Term: 29th May - 2nd June
INSET Day: 5th June
Summer 2: 6th June - 21st July