

Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

15th September 2023

Welcome to the first newsletter of the new school year.

It has been a real pleasure to welcome everybody back to school and to welcome so many new faces. It has been a great start to the year especially the New Year Mass yesterday at Sacred Heart Church. Children's behaviour was exemplary, and they read and sang beautifully.



We blessed our class candles and celebrated our new group of Faith friends. I'm sure they will embrace the responsibility that comes with the role.

Deputy Mayor Visit to Sacred Heart

As you might know all schools have to teach British values.

At Sacred Heart we consider most British values to be Gospel Values with one exception – Democracy - this is about making decisions together and making sure that everyone has a voice and the right to express their opinion.

We have built excellent relations with our MP and our Local councilors as well as a reputation for campaigning. As a result, the school was chosen this week to host a visit by Joanne McCartney, The Deputy Mayor of London for Children and Families. She was joined by members of The London Assembly and Cllr's Simon Hogg and Kate Stock.

They came to look at the rollout of Free School meals for all KS2 children (paid for by the Mayor). Wandsworth council staff and Harrison's staff joined the visit.

As usual all visitors left tremendously impressed by the wonderful children and our amazing school. It was a great opportunity to reinforce the importance of democracy and the children's role in decision making as they grow up.

Year 6 children with Cllr Kate Stock, Joanne McCartney Deputy Mayor, Marina Ahmed Lambeth member, Zack Polanski Green member and Cllr Simon Hogg.



Education Sunday and Battersea Community Festival

Last weekend was a busy one. Sunday was Education Sunday. Mrs Byrne and I were delighted to speak at both Masses at Sacred Heart about the school's mission statement and the many highlights and successes of last year. It was great to see so many familiar faces and hear of the successes of past pupils.

Saturday was scorching but that didn't stop a group of KS2 boys and girls performing their dance routine at the Battersea Community Festival. They did a great job considering their lack of practise time. School was also the setting for all the stalls and the children's 'bees' made a great decoration in Este Rd.



Open Classrooms

I know that Year 1 classroom held its open evening yesterday. I hope parents enjoyed. Do make the effort if you can to see the classroom and get an extended introduction into your child's routines and learning environment.

We will be publishing important dates for the year shortly. Dates will be added to the online calendar which can be found on the school website. Please do download the calendar to your phones/iPads or devices.

Class Assemblies and Celebration of the Word

During the Autumn term and the beginning of the Spring term all classes will host a class assembly for parents to showcase their learning for parents. After the assembly parents will have the opportunity to look at their children's work with them. Dates will be published on Class Dojo and the school calendar.

During the Spring term children will join with Deacon Michael for class Celebrations of the Word. Parents are invited to join these services. Children can share their RE books and learning with parents afterwards.

Year 6 Parents Secondary Transfer Zoom Meeting

Year 6 parents are invited to a catch-up session with Mr Brading to see how the process is going for them. We will focus on supplementary forms and priests references as well online applications through Wandsworth. If you have any questions or concerns please do speak to a member of the senior Management at the gate or make an individual appointment.

Join Zoom Meeting

Thursday 21st September at 5pm

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72554509025?pwd=9idbXO81qCOYUwPSpa2NCQgMIRkVPX.1>

Meeting ID: 725 5450 9025

Passcode: Y9DSBe

First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Preparation Sacred Heart Parish

The First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Programme for children in Year 3 and above will be run on Sundays beginning with Mass at 11.30am followed by a class which would end at 1.15pm.

If you wish to enroll your child into the programme, please complete an online form available on the parish website (Sacraments/First Holy Communion) by the 24th of September 2023. <https://form.jotform.com/22181277888372>

The first parents meeting will be on the 25th of September 2023 at 7.30pm in the parish centre.

The programme for the children will begin on Sunday, 1st October 2023