

Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

28th March 2025

This will be the final newsletter of the Spring term. It is always a shame when the school closes so far ahead of Holy Week, but I am confident that the staff, clergy and pupils have worked hard to understand the meaning of Lent and how we prepare ourselves for the Lenten period. The visit of the Catholic Inspectorate served to confirm what we know – that Sacred Heart is an OUTSTANDING Catholic Christian community that puts Christ at the centre of all we do. We continue to strive to prepare your children for the next stage of their education in all we do.

Lenten Actions

We have made a new connection with a charity called Time Givers <https://www.timegivers.com/>

Volunteers from the charity held a Q & A session with 16 KS2 pupils and then took the children to the Katherine Lowe Settlement where they met, chatted to and participated in craft/art work with older members of the local community. The older visitors really welcomed the children as they sat alongside each other doing crafts. One lady, Denise had spent months making a felt model of her pet cat "Sushi" - so it was really special to her. She allowed the children to work on the cat so they could experience the art technique. It was really lovely to watch the partnership and enjoyment on everyone's faces! The children were fantastic ambassadors for the school and even met some ex pupils of Sacred Heart now in their 70's. They swapped stories of teachers and events.

Parent Partnership

On Monday 31st March, Reception are holding a family learning session inside the classroom.

We are inviting you all inside the classroom so that you can watch and see a typical Reception lesson with a focus on 'Communication and Language' and 'Literacy'.

We hope as many of you can make it as possible. Please do spread the news of the good practice you see in the classrooms to friends and family, so that they may consider Sacred Heart for their children in the future!

Many thanks to Mrs Williams and Mrs Newman in advance.

Online Safety

Those parents who are utterly terrified after watching a certain topical show on Netflix, will be pleased to know that Y5 and Y6 children will be having another online safety presentation next week.

There is growing understanding of the harm mobile phones are doing to our young children. Please ask us if you need help with restricting internet access for your child or the time spent on their phone.



Spelling Bee

Well done to our entrants in the Wandsworth Schools Spelling Bee:

Annalisa, Kimberley, Deandrea and Alexandra. Unfortunately, we didn't get a winner but the children had a great time and came home with some lovely prizes.



Catholic Life of the School

The Wednesday Word is **FORGIVENESS**.

"May each family rediscover family prayer which helps to bring about forgiveness," Pope Francis.

Stations of the Cross

This morning KS2 finished our weekly reflection on Jesus' journey through Jerusalem to his crucifixion. My thanks to Deacon Michael, Mrs Garaialde and the children for such a solemn and moving presentation each week.



Sacrament of Reconciliation

My thanks to Fr Peter and Fr Francis for hearing the Y5 and Y4 children's confessions this week. They have been so impressed with the way the children have conducted themselves.

Y4 Celebration of the Word

I was disappointed not to be present at this event but Mrs Byrne assured me that the children were extremely well prepared and respectful and the service was enjoyed by all. Well done to all the staff and children.

Family Prayer Group continues each Friday morning at 8.40am. All are welcome.

Date for the Diary

Parent/Teacher Consultations will be taking place on the 30th April.

Please remember School will close at 1.30pm on that date for Face to Face or online meetings on School Cloud.

Dates for Spring 2

Date	Event
Tuesday 1 st April	Eco Club trip to Wandsworth Recycling Centre
Wednesday 2 nd April	Y5 Celebration of the Word in the hall 9.15am. Parents invited
Thursday 3 rd April	Lentern Service in the hall for Y2-6
Thursday 3 rd April	Reception trip to Bocketts Farm
Friday 4 th April	School closes for Easter holiday at 1.30pm
13 th -20 th April	HOLY WEEK
Sunday 20 th April	Easter Sunday
Monday 21 st April	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 22 nd April	First day of the summer term - school re-opens
Wednesday 23 rd April	Y3 Celebration of the Word in the hall 9.15am. Parents invited