



Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

Issue 1: Friday 8th September 2017



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Catholic Academy**
Nurturing the Talent of Tomorrow

Dear parents, children, staff and parishioners,

On behalf of all the staff, I welcome you to the beginning of another school year at Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School. We extend a warm welcome to the new families joining us for the start of this year and our new staff:

WELCOME BACK

**Mr Maguire (Year 4),
Mr Dosanjh (IT Computer Technician) and
Mr Spencer (PE Sports Apprentice)**

We ask for God's blessings on our school as we prepare for all the exciting learning opportunities that lie ahead. On Monday we are excited to welcome our new Reception children and parents. We can't wait to see all the children on Monday for your first morning of school – the very best of luck!

Send us your 'first day at school' photographs via Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SacredHeartCov/>

Last year was one of incredible success for the school, we want the very best for your children and look forward to continuing with our school improvement. Please feel free to come and have chat with me, alternatively, you may book an appointment through the office. It has been such a wonderful first week back. The children have been exceptionally well behaved and learning focused. What a pleasure it is to work at Sacred Heart ☺



Romero Catholic Academy

To all our new parents, we belong to a family of schools called The Romero Academy. We converted on the 1st August 2015, and have successfully completed two years as an Academy. Mr Andy Bowen is our school Link Director, who will get to know you during the Autumn term.

Matters Arising

If you have a concern about your child, please book an appointment to discuss with **your child's class teacher** via a note, or member of staff on the door in the morning or phone the Office to make an appointment. In the first instance – the class teacher is the first port of call. If an issue arises and it is not resolved, the next step is to see the **Leader of Learning**. If a matter is then not resolved – an appointment can be made with a member of the **Leadership team** – Assistant Vice Principals (Mrs Aldrich, Mrs Stevenson, Mrs Kingham and Mrs Garvey), Vice Principal (Miss Peavoy), Head of School (Mr Madia).

Leaders of Learning	Reception Mrs Cakebread	Year 1 and Year 2 Mrs Stanton	Year 3 and Year 4 Mrs Kingham	Year 5 and Year 6 Miss Peavoy
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This is the procedure and all staff will direct parents through these steps as they have been found as the most efficient way to resolve concerns. Leaders of Learning have the responsibility to lead their 'mini-school' and they work really hard to make their phase the very best it can be.

Gentle Reminders!

8.50am Lateness Following the drift in between 8.40am and 8.50am all children will be in school. Any children arriving after 8.50am will be marked late in the register. 8.50am is the legal start to the day and the register is taken at this time. We are going to be making further steps to reduce lateness working with families who are not ensuring their child is in school by 8.50am. Mrs Dinter (Pastoral Support Manager).

Procedures for Absences If we have not heard from a parent concerning a child who is absent by 9:20am, we will make a telephone call to ensure the child is safe. It is imperative that we know by telephone that a child is not expected to be in by 9:20am otherwise we will telephone. If we still cannot make contact, then Mrs Dinter will make a visit to the family home.

Inset Days (2017-2018)

The school will be closed on the following four days for staff Inset Days:
Friday 3rd November 2017, Monday 23rd July 2018 and Tuesday 24th July 2018.

School and Parish Masses

On Thursday we sent out all the school and parish mass dates/times for the whole year, these include all the sacramental programme dates for Yr3 First Holy Communion and Yr6 Confirmation. **Please add these to your diaries.**



Be Road Smart

As we start the year, please can we request that you park considerately. There is no access to the Avenues for parking even on lines unmarked. We do want to keep good relations with our local community. Please refrain from using bad language. Over the next few weeks we will be installing new signs in the Avenues to stop parents blocking the entrance and driveways.

Lunchtimes – Caterlink (new catering company has started)

We will be continuing using our colour coded system for school meals. Our colour coded system is as follows:

Red - Meat/Fish **Green - Vegetarian** **Blue - Jacket Potato** **Yellow – school packed lunch**

Staggered lunchtimes will also continue across the school to enable us to get through all the meals!

Reception 11:45am – 1:00pm / Year 1 & Year 2 12:00pm – 1:00pm / Year 3/Year 4/Year 5/Year 6 12:15pm – 1:15pm (on rotation)

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Dates for your diary

Each Friday we have an assembly led by a class – the first few are:

Friday 15 th September	Miss Allport Class Assembly (Yr6) "New Beginnings"
Friday 29 th September	Mrs Stevenson/Mrs O'Malley Class Assembly (Yr5) "Citizenship"
Friday 6 th October	Miss Roberts (Yr2) "Harvest"
Friday 13 th October	Mrs Drohan-Mills/Mrs Gaffney Class Assembly (Yr1) – "The Rosary"
Friday 17 th November	Miss Liggins Class Assembly (Yr5) "Children in Need"
Friday 24 th October	Miss Gibson Class Assembly (Yr4) – "Anti-Bullying"

We will be sending out a full calendar with all the dates for the year on Monday.

Please add these to your diary.

Parent Mail/Text

We will continue to send an electronic copy of the newsletter home each Friday via Parent Mail.

We will not be printing the newsletter – **please** make sure you register with Parent Mail AND Parent Text to ensure you do not miss important communications from school.

See the school office and sign up with Parent Mail.

CASHLESS – from the 1st October we will no longer be able to accept cash/cheques for school

meals, trips, music lessons etc - you will use the Parent Mail APP to pay for activities. More information to follow in the next few weeks.



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Uniform CHECK

It was lovely to see the children arriving looking so smart on Tuesday morning. Here are just a few reminders about our Uniform policy:

<u>Girls</u>		<u>Boys</u>	
<u>Summer</u>	<u>Winter</u>	<u>Summer</u>	<u>Winter</u>
Named blue-checked gingham dress or Named royal blue school polo shirt with crest and grey skirt Black shoes/ sandals with backs on them (not boots) White socks	Named white shirt and tie Named royal blue cardigan or royal blue V neck jumper with school crest Named grey skirt, pinafore or trousers (not fashion trousers see note below) White socks, grey tights, black shoes (not boots)	Named royal blue school polo shirt Named grey shorts or trousers Black shoes/ sandals with backs on them (not trainers or shoes with a sports logo - not boots) Grey socks	Named white shirt and tie Named royal blue V neck jumper with school logo Grey socks, grey trousers (long or short) Black shoes (not trainers or shoes with a sports logo - not boots)
Trousers Plain tailored to the ankle with no additional decorations. No tight fitting trousers, legging type trousers or hipsters. Denim or corduroy is not permitted .		Indoor PE Kit Named black shorts (no logo) Named BLUE School T-Shirt (with crest - no white T-Shirts) Black pumps (bare feet for dance and gymnastics)	

Children may choose to wear Summer aspects of uniform until half term if you wish. The children are allowed to wear a watch and small gold studs but apart from that, for health and safety reasons, no other jewellery including rings or bracelets. All long hair must be tied back/up and we only allow clips/bands/grips in school colours. Thank you for your support in ensuring our children look distinctive and smart at Sacred Heart.

Birthday Gift!



Reminder - for children on their birthday or the nearest school day to their birthday – they can come to school in non-uniform. This way everybody within the school community who sees them, will know that it is their special day. To clarify, if a birthday is on the weekend or within school holidays the child may come in non-uniform on the Friday before or the Monday afterwards.

Make Time For Breakfast!

Even on the first few days back we are aware that there are some children who are coming to school without having breakfast. It really is important that the children have something to eat in the morning before they come to school in order to feel energised and ready to concentrate and learn. It is a long time to wait until lunchtime! If on the odd occasion your child has missed breakfast eg. due to running late, please do let us know and then at least we can make sure that they have had something to eat before lessons.



How do I know what my child is learning?

We will be continuing to communicate with you regarding curriculum coverage. At the beginning of each half term we will be sending home a letter which will detail all the National Curriculum subjects your child will be taught, including content, expectations and links to useful websites to help your child with their learning at home. We will also be sending home the front sheet of our Theme curriculum planning sheet which will detail the Key Skills being taught over the unit....we hope you will find this information useful. The curriculum will be explained in more detail during our Curriculum Evening in a few weeks time.

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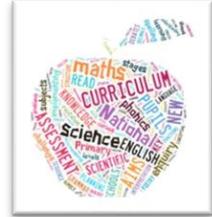
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I am learning about...

As we enter the new school year, the children will be studying the following themes from the National Curriculum: (Yr1 – Yr6):

Reception Theme	Ourselves / Autumn
Year 1 Theme	Our of this World
Year 2 Theme	Knights and Castles – Kings and Queens
Year 3 Theme	Best of British – A study of Britain
Year 4 Theme	Yabbadabbado – The Stone Age / Cavemen
Year 5 Theme	Raging Rivers
Year 6 Theme	Native Americans



Cardinal Wiseman welcome you

Open Evening Wed 20.09.17 6pm
Open Morning Thur 21.09.17 9am



Save the date for the forthcoming Open Evenings/ Mornings in our feeder Secondary school – Cardinal Wiseman Catholic Secondary School

Cardinal Wiseman is holding an open evening for current Year 6 (and Year 5) pupils and their parents/carers on 20th September (6pm) and 21st September (9am)

New Reception Children

We are really excited to welcome our 60 new Reception children!

Reception start on Monday 11th September - Doors do open at 8.40am

- o Monday 9am - 11.45am
- o Tuesday 9am - 1.15pm
- o Wednesday 9am - 1.15pm
- o Thursday 8.50am - 3.15pm
- o Friday 8.50am - 3.15pm



48th Coventry Sea Scout Group

48th Coventry Sea Scout Group welcome you to come along and try Scouting for free!

The sections we cater for are for Beavers (ages 5 ¾ to 8), Cubs (ages 8 to 10.5) and Scouts (ages 10.5 to 14).

Open Events take place on Tuesday 12th September at 6.30 to 7.30 pm for those aged 5 ¾ to 10 and Thursday 14th September at 6.30 to 7.30 pm for those aged 10 to 14.

- 48th Coventry Sea Scout Group, The rear of 58 Browning Road, Coventry, CV2 5HS
- Any queries please contact Liz Curran Mob: 0753 993 5121 or email liz.curran@scouts.org.uk



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Extra-Curricular activities/clubs –Autumn Term 2017 (please book for Autumn Term)

Stacey Christopherson is the primary contact on 024 76308244 or schristopherson@covsf.com

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Football Years 3,4,5,6	Football Years 1,2	Cheerleading/Gymnastics	Street Dance	None
Dodge Ball	Musical Theatre	Art Club		

ALL CLUBS WILL START WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 11th SEPTEMBER – 4:20pm collection for all clubs

Week at a Glance

Date	Time	Activity
Monday 11 th Sept	8:50am - 12:00pm 9:00am – 12:00pm Afternoon	Reception children start (half a day) Guitar Lessons Curriculum letter/planning out to parents
Tuesday 12 th Sept	8:50am – 12:00pm 9:00am – 9:30pm 9:00am – 12:00pm 8:30am – 12:00pm Afternoon	Reception children (half a day) Mad Science Taster Assembly Guitar Lessons Piano and Violin Lessons Year 1 and Year 2 Oral Health Sessions – School Nurse
Wednesday 13 th Sept	8:50 – 1:00pm	Reception children (half a day + stay for lunchtime)
Thursday 14 th Sept	All day All day	Reception children full time (full day) Individual and Sibling photographs (Full Winter Uniform Please)
Year 6 to mass	6:00pm – 8:00pm	Academy Committee Meeting (Cedar Lodge)
Friday 15 th Sept	All day 9:00am	Reception children full time (full day) Class Assembly – Miss Allport (Year 6) “New Beginnings” parents welcome

Cross Country, Yr6 Football and Netball will begin week beginning 18th September – letters will be going out next week.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Mr P Madia
Head of School

** Don't forget to keep checking your child's progress with Reading Eggs and Mathletics **

<http://readingeggs.co.uk/> <http://uk.mathletics.com/>



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