



# Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

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Dear parents, children, staff and parishioners,



The **first week of Advent** has been a very busy one at Sacred Heart. It was lovely to see a number of families and staff members joining with the Coventry Catholic community to sing, reflect and pray together at the Blessing of the crib in the town centre last Sunday.

Our **bleasing of our Christmas Tree and Advent Wreaths** was a beautiful service on Monday. Advent is a time of joyful preparation and the children in all year groups have been preparing and practising for their Christmas performances. The children are looking forward to sharing these with you.

**During December we journey into Advent as we begin a new church year: "Slow down; Be ready."**



### Cinderella Pantomime

The children had a brilliant time at the Belgrade Theatre today watching Cinderella. It was a military operation getting 360 children and 60 adults on coaches – but we did it! A huge thank you to Mrs Garvey, Miss Peavoy and Mrs Taggart for organising the logistics behind the scenes ☺ Well done to **Mr Maguire** for being a great sport and getting up on stage with the panto dame!

### Attendance

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
<b>Attendance: 95.5% Overall</b> ☺ (total attendance for the week for the whole school)				Our school target for this year is 97%		
89.2% ☺ ☺	97.2%	96.6%	97.5%	97.3%	95.6%	95.0%
<b>**Class Attendance Winner**</b>		Miss Parry (Year 1) and Mrs Kingham/Mr Maguire (Year 4) 100%				

### Operation Dennis

On Monday we supported an initiative called "Operation Dennis." It is run by the Fire Brigade and local traffic enforcement team from Coventry City Council. The school council devised a questionnaire to educate drivers in parking safely in our local area.

#### The aims were:

The most dangerous part of a child's day can be the careless, inconsiderate or illegal parking outside school gates. This has created many issues; these include:

- **A hazard for anyone crossing the road due to blind spots i.e. people with pushchairs**
- **Neighbours driveways have been blocked, leading to access issues**
- **Access for Emergency Services has been limited**
- Traffic congestion around the school causing issues for other road users

West Midlands fire service and West Midlands police in association with Coventry schools are trialling a new initiative to make the schools a safer place by targeting inconsiderate and illegal parking. They will be continuing to monitor irresponsible parking over the coming months. **Please do keep our children safe by parking responsibly.**

### Recruitment

I am pleased to share that we have made the following appointments this week:

- **Caroline Cumiskey** (Schools Direct) – she will start September 2018
- **Paula Smith** (Lunchtime Supervisor) - she will start in January 2018
- **Lily Hollins** (Lunchtime Supervisor) – she will start on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December.

We wish them all well as they join our team of staff at Sacred Heart.



### Year 3 Reconciliation

On Monday evening we celebrated the Year 3 Reconciliation. Friends and family joined together to take part in the children's first confession. The Sacred Dance was a beautiful way to celebrate, say sorry and give thanks to God. The staff were very proud of everyone with the way the Year 3 children behaved throughout the service – unfortunately we received a number of comments from parishioners about irreverence shown by some of our parents and families. This is exceedingly upsetting on such a beautiful occasion. We ask that are families support Father Tony and the school in teaching children to show respect when in church, by refraining from talking, standing quietly and joining in with the service. We would also like to say a big thank you to Father Tony and the other clergy who joined us.



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### Coventry – City of Culture

**Fantastic News** – last week Sacred Heart backed Coventry's bid to be UKCityOfCulture2021 because there are endless opportunities for everybody to get involved in culture across Coventry. We have the cars of the future, the vibrant community spirit and one of the top universities in the UK!

@Coventry2021 & ThisIsCoventry **We look forward to 2021!** 😊

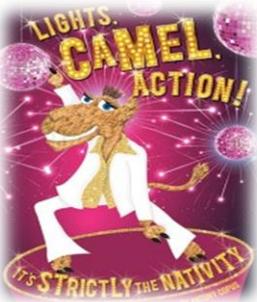
### Outstanding Debts

We would like to remind parents that there are a number of outstanding debts for such things as music tuition, dinner money and educational visits that must be cleared. If your Parent Mail balance is in debt, please could we ask that you see to this matter as soon as possible. Thank you.



## Nursery – UPDATE

We have now confirmed that the Nursery will be ready by March time, meaning that we can open for the Summer Term. If you are interested in a place for the Summer Term, then please contact Mrs Taggart in the school office. I will, of course, keep you updated as developments progress.



### \*\* NEXT WEEK - Reception/Year 1/Year 2 Nativity Plays \*\*

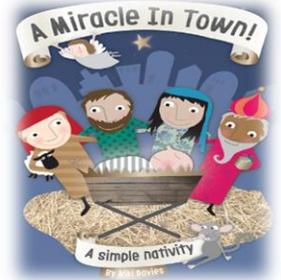
Reception will be sharing their Nativity "A miracle in town"

on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 2:00pm and Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 9:30am.

Year 2 supported by Year 1 will be sharing their Nativity "Lights, Camel, Action!"

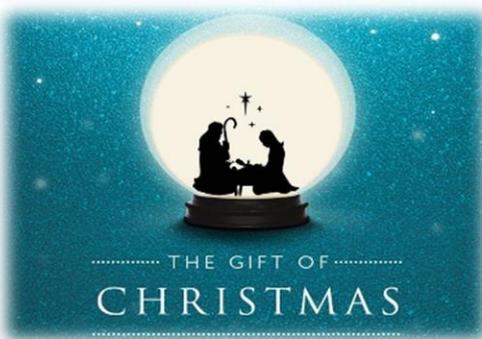
on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at **1:45pm** (note earlier time) and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am.

There will be no tickets on sale; please turn up on the day you require. We will be selling programmes and raffle tickets (£2); the hall has a maximum capacity of 200. The children have also been working very hard during their rehearsals.



### Movie Night

On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December we are holding a Christmas movie night to raise money for the charity "Shelter." It will start at 6:00pm until 7:30pm in the school hall. You can pay on the night; hot chocolate and a treat will be provided. It is open to all children from Reception to Year 6 – we will be choosing a festive DVD to show 😊



### Carol Service Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 6.30pm

All children in KS2 (Y3 4 5 6) will be taking an active part in our annual Carol Service "The Gift of Christmas." We want all the children to be present to share with us the real meaning of Christmas and the staff are working hard to make this a very special reflection as we journey towards Christmas and the birth of Jesus. Please put this date in your diary. It is an expectation that all children attend. If in exceptional circumstances your child is unable to attend, we request this in writing please.

### SEN consultations

Mrs Kingham will be running the termly SEN consultations for parents of children on the SEN register on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December and Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December. Appointments can be booked in the office. If you are unsure whether your child is on the SEN register or if you have any concerns regarding this, please speak to your child's class teacher or Mrs Kingham. Thank you.

### Extra-Curricular activities/clubs –Autumn Term 2017 – Clubs finish at 4:20pm (LAST WEEK NEXT WEEK)

Venessa Pearson is the primary contact on 024 76308244 or [vpearson@covsf.com](mailto:vpearson@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		

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## Advent & Christmas Key Dates

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
18 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> December <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Advent</b>	Flu Vaccinations (R/1/2/3/4)  9am Reception/Year 1 Achievement Awards (invitations from teachers)  Christmas movie night to raise money for the charity "Shelter." 6pm until 7:30pm	Father Christmas visiting Reception / Year 1 / Year 2 (for children only)  9am Years 2/3/4 Achievement Awards (invitations from teachers)  10:30am Years 5/6 Achievement Awards (invitations from teachers)  Christmas Dinner – all children can wear a festive hat/hair bands etc.	6.30pm "The Gift of Christmas" Carol Service for all children in Year 3/4/5/6 to attend and lead. (all welcome!)	"Save the Children" – all children and staff to wear a Christmas Jumper in return for a donation of £1  "Step into Christmas" including our "thank you" from each class to cleaners/lunchtime supervisors/kitchen staff  3.15pm finish for Christmas Holidays	School Closed (Christmas Holidays)

## Week at a Glance

Date	Time	Activity
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	10:30am	Second Sunday of Advent (Sunday Family Mass)
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Morning Morning 3:20pm – 4:20pm 3:20pm – 4:20pm	Whole school to watch dress rehearsal of Reception/Yr1/Yr2 Nativity plays. Guitar Lessons Netball (Year 6 only + Year 5 girls) Netball Match Sacred Heart v St Peter and Paul (away)
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	8:30am – 12:00pm Morning 2:00pm	Guitar Lessons School Choir to visit Care Home (Youell Court) 2:00pm Reception Nativity "A miracle in town."
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	All Day 9:00am 9:30am 1:45pm	SEN Consultations Years 1/2/3/4/5/6 Advent Class prayer times for parents/carers to join us Reception Nativity "A miracle in town" Year 1/2 Nativity "Lights, Camel, Action"
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December Year 5 to mass	8:00am – 8:30am Morning 9:00am 9:30am 3:20pm – 4:20pm	Cross Country (Yr3/4/5/6) School Nurse - Heights and Weights Reception and Year 6 Reception Advent Class prayer time for parents/carers to join us Year 1/2 Nativity "Lights, Camel, Action" Football (Yr6 Only)
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	9:00am All Day	Year 4 Class Assembly (Mr Maguire/Mrs Kingham) – St Nicholas Reception trip to Tamworth Snowdome (all day)
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	10:30am	Third Sunday of Advent (Sunday Family Mass)

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

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

Have you written your Christmas cards?  
Have you wrapped presents?  
You will be pleased to know I have done neither ☹

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Mr P Madia  
Principal

We will be breaking up for Christmas on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2017.  
The children will return to school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

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