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Dear parents, children, staff and parishioners,

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

This week, it's been a hive of festivities and fun for all the children across the school. We have had hot Christmas Dinners; taken part in the Festive Jingle Jogs; Watched the Belgrade's Pantomime; and thoroughly enjoyed the Virtual Nursery/Reception / Year 1 / Year 2 Nativities. Despite being in a pandemic with Covid-19, the brilliant staff have thought of ways to ensure the children still get to experience a host of exciting opportunities over the festive period.

Goodbye to Mrs Chesshire-Ramon

Last Friday we said a good bye to Mrs Rebeca Chesshire-Ramon who has been with us since 2014 in our school office. I know you will have had a lot of contact with her if you have phoned school or come to the hatch over the years. She leaves us, but stays within the Romero Academy and has been promoted to Office Manager at St Gregory's, just down the road. We thank her for her years of commitment and service to our school and for helping support the running of Blue Sky Teaching School Alliance. She will be really missed, but we all wish her well in her now role. Go Well; Go Safely.

New Staff

We also welcome two new members of staff to our staffing team; Miss Ciara Cameron-Smith and Miss Louise Edwards (both former pupils at our school). They have both started as Teaching Assistant Apprentices and will train for 18 months to gain the necessary qualifications to pursue their career in Education. These posts are driven by funding by the Government's drive in the Apprenticeship Scheme.

Festive Fundraising

I just wanted to say a huge thank you to all of our parents, carers and children for being so generous in supporting our Festive fun over the past week, and into next week. We have been overwhelmed by the generosity of our Sacred Heart Community.

- Festive film night raised £700.00 – we hope this gave you a little time for yourself!
- Jingle Jog running total sponsorship so far is £2275.00 -more to follow!
- Break the Rules Day raised £526.00
- The Christmas Trail raised £ - winner will be announced on Friday 18th December!
- Christmas Doorstep Surprise £337.00
- Donations from Parents and Companies £83.50

Running total: £3921.50

Date – just to confirm, as per our Arbor message – Sacred Heart School will be open on Friday 18th December to all children and staff; therefore please ensure that the children are in school on their last day.

SEN Consultations

On Thursday 17th December, Mrs Cakebread will be holding parent consultations for those on the SEN register or if you have any concerns about your child that you would like to discuss, you are also very welcome to attend. Due to the current climate, these will be appointment only to ensure that we can keep social distancing measures in place. These will take place in the lodge so that you do not have to come through the school and appointments are available between 8:30am and 6:00pm. Alternatively, she will be available to meet over Microsoft Teams if you would prefer. Appointments can be arranged by phoning the school office and she very much looks forward to continuing to work with you to support your child as best as we can.

Junior Duke Award Progress

This week we had our next sign off for the challenges the children have been completing for their Junior Duke Awards. We were blown away by the effort the children have put into acquiring a range of new skills from knitting, to independently walking somewhere, to cooking to changing and washing their own bed sheets ☺

Jingle Bell Jog

This week, all the children from nursery - Year 6 have taken part in the Jingle Bell Jog. We have been absolutely blown away by their determination, enthusiasm and team spirit. The children challenged themselves to complete as many laps of the 400m course as they could, encouraged by festive music throughout.

We want to say a **massive thank you** to everyone for their support of this event with all their fundraising and the children's amazing festive outfits, it really has been a week of festive cheer. So far this fundraiser has raised a staggering £2,275! Thank you ☺

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P.E Spring 1

Next week, all of the children will be told their P.E units for after the Christmas break and all of their learning journeys will be Arbored out to you. Please take some time to look over these with your child/children and follow them on their sporting learning journeys.

In Spring 1 we will be introducing a couple of new sports to Sacred Heart P.E, one being Sport Speed Stacking. Every child from year 1 -6 will take part in speed stacking, this is a sport we are sure the children will love. It involves specialised stacking cups which we have purchased for the school.

We have also been able to get a deal whereby if you want to purchase a set of cups for your child to practise at home or any of the resources, **you can receive 20% off.** We wanted to share this with you now as these would make a fantastic gift. Please follow the steps below to get access to this. The code is valid until 19th January 2021. Any orders made will be delivered to the school after 19th January and then distributed ☺

Coupon Code: shcps-0501-1901 (expires 19/01/21)

Use on: www.speedstacks.uk

How to use:

1. **Visit the UK Store: www.speedstacks.uk**
2. **Add your items to your basket and go to checkout**
3. **Enter the coupon code above to receive free postage and a 20% discount**
4. **Once at the billing details page, in the 'Order Notes' box enter your child's name, class name/number and school name**
5. **Complete payment**
6. **Once all orders have been received by the deadline date (stated above) we will deliver all orders direct to the school for distribution. To help schools, we will also provide them 10% back on all purchases received to help their Speed Stacks purchases for PE lessons.**

Christmas Cards

We will be allowing children to bring in Christmas Cards. They MUST bring them in on Monday morning, then they will go into quarantine for 72 hours and be given out on the last Friday.

Christmas Masses at Sacred Heart Church

As you can imagine, Christmas Masses will be a little different this year, as previously advised.

Sacred Heart Church will hold three Masses:

- Christmas Eve Mass at 4:00pm
- Christmas Eve Mass at 7:00pm
- Christmas Day Mass at 10:30am

If you would like to attend Christmas Mass this year, It is essential you book a seat. You can do this by messaging Barbara McGrath on 07891103592 with the following details:-

- Which Mass and Time you would like to attend.
- Your Surname and First Name
- Total Number attending in your bubble.

At Mass this Christmas, you will be allocated your seat(s) in advance and when you arrive, the stewards will escort you to the seat(s) assigned to you. These may not be the seats you would normally choose, but because the congregation could be much larger at Christmas and every socially distanced seat will be needed, every seat in church will be allotted in advance. You must sit in these seat(s) and not attempt to sit somewhere else. (We don't get any closer to the Lord by sitting in a different seat!).

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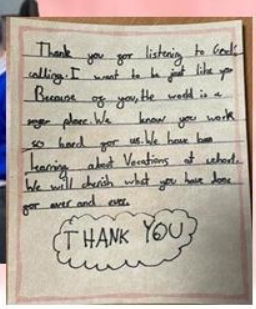
Sacred Heart Serves

This week we explored Jesus' teachings of putting the needs of others before ourselves. Every child in the school has made this Advent a little brighter for those in our Local community. We began by making a three course Christmas dinner for vulnerable adults at the Salvation Army. Each year group contributed an element of the feast and we were incredibly humbled by how much this act of kindness by the children meant to them. In addition to this our youngest and oldest year groups have come together to bring joy to the residents of our local care home. Whilst Early Years have recoded themselves singing Christmas Carols for the staff to play for residents, year 6 have written them letters and sent a tree decoration so that every time they see it, they know that we are thinking of them. Year 2 and 4 have been thinking about our wonderful NHS, creating care packages for NHS staff along with letters of gratitude for their service as wll as sending reindeer noses for patients to make them smile. EYFS, and Year 3 have been thinking about our parishioners making them sweet treats and care packages to let them know that we are thinking about them. We have been litter picking in our local area to make it a nicer place for people to live. Year 5 have made some very touching care packages for staff at the school from all job families. We have been proud of the level of thoughtfulness and compassion



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Spelling Shed

The **King Bees and Queen Bees** for this week are:

Class 2E	Alicja P
Class 2F	Olivia D
Class 3G:	Destiny B
Class 3H:	Karen A
Class 4I	Freddie M
Class 4J:	Anu I
Class 5M	Emmanuel A
Class 5N	Frannicca M
Class 6L	Tamas F
Class 6K	Kathleen C-M

Times Tables Rockstars

New this week – our top Rockstars are:

Class 3G	Ada G
Class 3H	Karen A
Class 4I	Jakub G
Class 4J	Alex M
Class 5M	Ashmita Y
Class 5N	Emmanuel A
Class 6L	Lucie H
Class 6K	Cole L

Well done to our winners for this week! If you want to be in with a chance of winning a prize next week, make sure you log on to your Spelling Shed and Times Tables Rockstars account and get practising those spellings and tables. 😊

Plan for January 2021

Teacher	Start Time	End Time	PE Days
Year 6 – Mrs O'Malley	8:30 - 8:50am T Junction	3:15pm T Junction	Monday
Year 6 – Miss Gibson	8:30 - 8:50am T Junction	3:15pm T Junction	Monday
Year 5 – Mrs Severs / Mrs Stevenson	8:30 - 8:50am T Junction	3:15pm T Junction	Tuesday Wednesday
Year 5 – Miss Paterson/ Mrs Stevenson	8:30 - 8:50am T Junction	3:15pm T Junction	Tuesday Wednesday
Year 4 – Miss Allport	8:30 - 8:50am Classroom Door	3:15pm Classroom Door	Tuesday Thursday
Year 4 – Mr Finn	8:30 - 8:50am Year 3/4 door	3:15pm Year 3/4 door	Tuesday Thursday
Year 3 – Mrs Aldrich/ Mrs Drohan-Mills/	8:30 - 8:50am Rise & Shine Gate	3:20pm Rise & Shine Gate	Wednesday Friday
Year 3 – Mrs Cakebread/ Mrs O'Connor	8:30 - 8:50am Rise & Shine Gate	3:20pm Rise & Shine Gate	Wednesday Friday
Year 2 – Mrs Ellis/ Miss Roberts	8:30 - 8:50am Rise & Shine Gate	3:10pm Rise & Shine Gate	Thursday Friday
Year 2 – Miss Parry	8:30 - 8:50am Rise & Shine Gate	3:10pm Rise & Shine Gate	Thursday Friday
Year 1 – Mrs Pearman	8:30 - 8:50am Year 2 playground	3:00pm Year 2 playground	Friday
Year 1 – Mrs Stanton/ Mrs Cowley	8:30 - 8:50am Year 2 playground	3:00pm Year 2 playground	Friday
Reception - Mrs Rice/ Mrs Gaffney	8:30 - 8:50am Nursery Gate	3:00pm Nursery Gate	Wednesday
Reception – Miss Thomson	8:30 - 8:50am Nursery Gate	3:00pm Nursery Gate	Wednesday
Nursery – Mrs Peters	8:30 - 8:50am Nursery Gate	3:15pm Nursery Gate	N/A

Update for 2021

You will be pleased to know that we will not be making any changes to our start and end collection and drop off arrangments, as things seem to be running pretty smoothly now, so thank you so much for being so supportive with this.

CHANGES – please note that your child's PE day will have changed – see table to the left for more information.

The Academy Committee met on Thursday and collectively we have had so much feedback about the drop off arrangements in the morning and how much more positive and less stressful it is; therefore once all the restictions are relaxed, we will continue with the drop off at the school gate. We will also continue with allowing the children to come into school dressed in their PE kits on their PE days. It has given back over 30 minutes of wasted teaching time when the children have to get changed for PE; it has also reduced the amount of lost property by a collossal amount!

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Nativity Plays

This afternoon, we have Arbored out the Virtual Nativity Plays. See links below also. They are all on our School YouTube Channel. A huge thank you to the staff in the lower half of the school for being so creative in bringing the Christmas Joy to you at home. We are so sad that you couldn't come in to watch your children perform, as we know this is one of the highlights of the school year. Year 2 parents to note, that due to the year groups isolating for two weeks, they have been unable to create the Nativity they had planned, but have managed in only a week to put a short film together for you to enjoy. Happy watching ! 😊

- Nursery and Reception Nativity 2020 - https://theromerocatholicacademy-my.sharepoint.com/:v:/g/personal/s_dosanjh_romeromac_com/ERBID8O6Y1lCoDFq6bYeqtYBznbNYuzyCGSfgIAX5ikMWg?e=fmglst
- Year 1 Nativity 2020 - https://youtu.be/WOXUIzAHE5
- Year 2 Nativity 2020 - https://youtu.be/WEJZEGN617A

Year 3/4/5/6 Carol Service

It fills me with great sadness that we will not be able to share our wonderful Carol Service this year over at Sacred Heart Church. I know for many of you, this really gets you in the fetsive mood and helps with the countdown towards Christmas. Again, not using Covid as an excuse, we have been very busy for many weeks and the children have been learning a number of songs which have been recorded. We are hoping to use the power of technology and film the children against a "green screen" to bring to you a virtual carol service by the end of next week – so watch this space!

Achievemnt Awards

Due to Covid restrictions, we will be unable to invite you into school to share the achivements of the children during the Autumn Term. However, that has not stopped us, and we will be holding the virtual Achievement Awards on Thursday next week. You will be notified by Arbor if your child is going to receive an award; we will then send out the link to the awards cerremony so you can watch them at home.

Music for Year 4 and Year 5

From January 2021, we will be welcoming back Mr Myers who will be delivering whole class music tuition in Year 4 (Recorders) and Year 5 (Ukulele's) each week. If you are stuck for Christmas present ideas, have a think about buying either a Recorder for Year 4 or a Ukulele for Year 5.

Week at a Glance

Date	Time	Activity
Value and Virtue – Intentional and Prophetic		
3rd Sunday of Advent		
Monday 14th Dec	All Day Morning 3:30pm – 6:00pm	Guitar Lessons Whole School to watch Cinderella Pantomime Christmas Door Step Challenge Part 1 (this event is now full)
Tuesday 15th Dec	Morning 3:30pm – 6:00pm	Guitar Lessons Christmas Door Step Challenge Part 2 (this event is now full)
Wednesday 16th Dec	Afternoon	Year 3/4/5/6 Carol Service (virtual) – link will be sent out (TBC)
Thursday 17th Dec	Morning	Virtual Achievement Awards (recorded and will be sent out)
Friday18th Dec	Morning All Day 3:00pm/3:15pm	Drumming Lessons (New) Children can wear Christmas Jumpers in return for £1 towards the charity "Save the Children." School closes for the Christmas Holidays

We will be breaking up for Christmas on **Friday 18th December 2020.**
The children will return to school on **Tuesday 5th January 2021.**
(Monday 4th January 2021 is an INSET Teacher Training Day – school is closed).

I hope you have a lovely weekend. One week to go!

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Covid-19 during Christmas Holidays

If your child develops Covid-19 symptoms and tests positive during the start of the Christmas Holidays, it will be important that I am made aware of this in case of the unfortunate situation that I need to tell other children and staff to self-isolate over the Christmas holidays. I am sincerely hoping that we will not have to put this procedure into place and that everyone stays well.

If your child has a positive or negative test result, then please notify me by email p.madia@romeromac.com

Please wear face coverings and keep your distance on the school gates in the morning/afternoon. Make sure your child continues with their handwashing and respects social distancing outside of school. We need a determined team effort now to keep everyone safe so that we can all have a well-deserved, enjoyable Christmas break. I really do not want to be the bearer of bad news during the festive season!

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