



Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

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Dear parents, children, staff and parishioners,

Returning to school from 8th March 2021

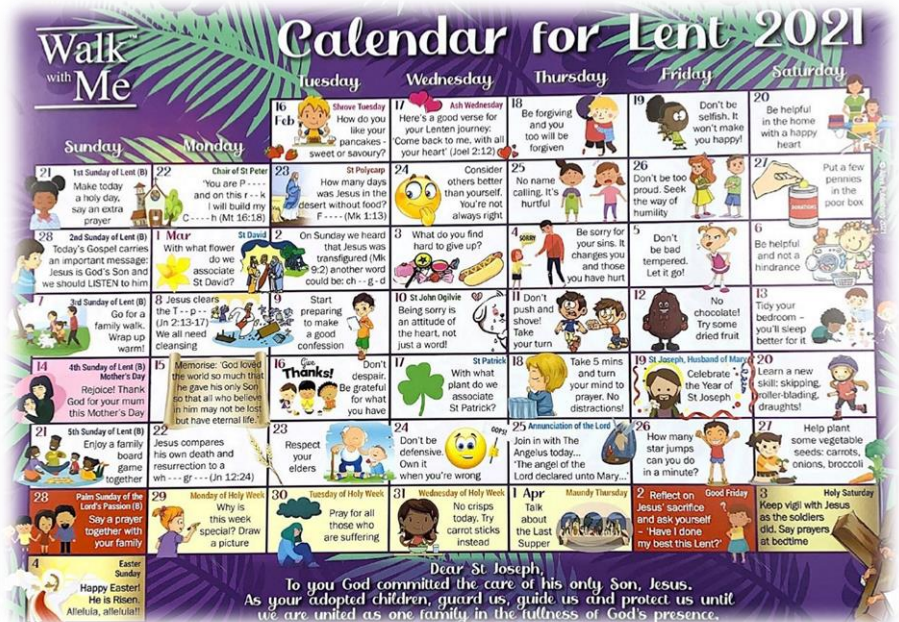
Over the past few months, the circumstances around the lock down has been a challenge for everyone: children, young people, parents/carers, and school staff. Normal life has been disrupted, yet again. There are still many challenges ahead, but we are slowly starting to see light at the end of the tunnel with the Government's Road-Map.

The number of cases has reduced significantly and so the Government has now asked all schools to plan for all children and young people, in all year groups, to return to school from Monday 8th March 2021.

The safety, wellbeing and educational experience for your child is our highest priority and so we are making detailed plans for welcoming them into our school environment. A detailed letter will be sent out to all of you through Arbor early next week. This will include information about start times, end times, which gate, Rise and Shine etc.

Lent 2021:

Please remember to take the time to look at the Diocesan 'Walk With Me' calendar that some of the children brought home for ideas. We will be sending the rest of the Calendars home once the children return in March. During Lent, we are all asked to pray more, repent, support charities and to give something up or do something extra.



Goodbye Mr D ☹️



On the last Friday before half term, we said goodbye to Mr Simran Dosanjh. He had served our school community as our IT Technician Lead over the past 4 years. We gave him a great send off with cards, gifts and wonderful memories. He loved our school; working with the children and staff. We thank him for his wonderful humour and sense of commitment. We wish him well and thank him for his service.

Go Well, Go Safely!

Goodbye Mrs Chitty ☹️



Today, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Rita Chitty. She has served our school community as a Manager of Rise and Shine Before and After School Club over the past 18 years. Working with Mrs Ward and Mrs Quinn, they set up and started Rise and Shine from scratch and have turned it into an Outstanding Childcare Provider for our children to support our parents and families so they can work. We will be very sad to see her go, but I think she deserves a real good rest.

Mrs Chitty will continue in her role as Teaching Assistant at Sacred Heart for the time being. We thank her for her service and dedication to our community.

Go Well, Go Safely!



Screen Free Day: Wednesday 3rd March.

In order to help reduce the stresses of home learning, each year group will be hosting our 2nd 'Screen Free Day.' The aim of this is simple: step away from the screens and have some creative fun. It will also hopefully relieve some of the pressures upon you as parents, and give staff and children some well needed time away from the screen. The activities will be designed so that the children can complete these in a more independent way, leaving you some time to get on with your work or tick a job off that never ending to do list.

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Workers of the Week

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Emy A Isabelle S	Oliver L Sebastian W Nicole W	Lulu E Richard S Emily T	Alicja P Patrick L Maksymillian S	Kornel K Olga A Gianna M	Lloyd K Erin M Stefhan B	Chalice B Adrian W Jimmy D	Freya C-C Lewis H Samuel W

Sacred Heart's GOT TALENT 2021 (CANCELLED) 😞😞😞

Unfortunately, we have only received three entries for Sacred Heart's Got Talent from the children at home, therefore we will not be going ahead with it this year due to lack of interest.

Thank you to the children that submitted their entry to me. We will be giving you a little treat for your efforts when we see you back in school.



ADVERT - Jobs at Sacred Heart

The Voluntary Management Committee are looking for an imaginative person to join our Rise and Shine team in the following post:

<p>Sacred Heart Rise and Shine Club Manager Salary: £13.00 per hour pro rata 20 hours per week Term Time Only (38 weeks per year) Morning Session – 7:30am to 9:00am Afternoon session – 3:00pm to 5:30pm</p>	<p>Application forms are available to download from https://romeromac.com/vacancy/rise-and-shine-club-manager/ Application forms should be returned to the school office at admin.SH@romeromac.com</p>
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The Board of Directors wish to appoint an enthusiastic and dedicated support staff member who would support the Catholic Ethos of our happy and successful Academy in the role of IT Technician:

<p>Whilst primarily based at Sacred Heart and St Gregory's, this position will support the IT infrastructure across the Academy with the collaboration of the Academy Head of IT and the post holder may be based at any of the 8 sites within the Multi Academy Company.</p> <p>Grade: 4, points 6 – 14 (£19,698 – £23,080) paid pro rata to hours and weeks worked. Contract: Permanent Hours: 35 hours a week, 39 weeks per year Monday – Friday 08:30am – 4:00pm</p>	<p>Application forms are available to download from https://romeromac.com/vacancy Application forms should be returned to HR at hr@romeromac.com</p>
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Spelling Shed

The King Bees and Queen Bees for this week are:

Class 2E	Bella S
Class 2F	Charlotte H
Class 3G	Evie G
Class 3H	Noh K
Class 4I	Matthew J
Class 4J	Joseph C
Class 5K	Valentine I
Class 5L	Jovin J
Class 6M	Igor T
Class 6N	Alan K



Times Tables Rockstars

Our top Rockstars are:

Class 2E	Alicja P
Class 2F	Uzoma R
Class 3G	Ada G
Class 3H	Noh K
Class 4I	Ashish M
Class 4J	Alex M
Class 5K	Ron R
Class 5L	Emmanuel A
Class 6M	Rachel R
Class 6N	Filip W



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. 😊

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Secondary School Places (YEAR 6 Parents)

All parents and children in Year 6, will receive official notification next week, on which Secondary school you have been allocated, either by e-mail or through the post. If you applied online, you will receive an email on Monday 1st March, if it was a paper application, you will receive a letter through the post at some point next week. We will be supporting Year 6 in transition to Secondary school over the next 5 months, as we work in partnership with Cardinal Wiseman and the other secondary schools. If you have any immediate queries, then please speak to Mrs Taggart in the school office.



Parent Consultations

In the middle of March, we will be holding an appointment system for all classes for parents to meet with their child's teacher (1:00pm until 7:00pm on Microsoft TEAMS – similar to how we ran them in the Autumn Term – 10 minute appointments. Please make sure you make an appointment to see how your child is doing. All appointments will be made through our online system on Arbor. The office staff will send out the booking system shortly.

Go Parks Challenge - 2 DAYS TO GO! LET'S GO TEAM SH ♡

We have been continually amazed by the way our school community has pulled together to climb the leader board into 3rd place. Let's keep pushing for the last 2 days and see if we can push up into 2nd!

Please see our Facebook page for a special message of thanks and encouragement from Mr Madia.
Stay local - Stay Safe 😊

P.E Timetable from 8th March

Next week, we will be releasing the P.E timetable for when the children are back at school. Please keep an eye out for this via Arbor over the next week. Children will continue to come into school wearing their PE kit on their PE day. We're thoroughly looking forward to having the children back very soon!

LENTEN FUNDRAISER
17th February - 3rd April

IN MEMORY...

CAPTAIN TOM'S CENTURY CHALLENGE

100

GET SPONSORED TO COMPLETE 100 OF THE CHALLENGE OF YOUR CHOICE

TELL 100 JOKES WALK 100 MILES
READ 100 PAGES OF A BOOK SHOOT 100 GOALS
100 MINUTES OF CHORES

RAISE MONEY FOR A GOOD CAUSE!

SCAN THE QR CODE TO VISIT OUR PADLET PAGE WITH FUNDRAISING IDEAS!

Add your ideas, photos and videos to the page too :)

Sir Captain Tom – Lenten Fundraising

The flyer and sponsor form will be emailed out this week, and paper copies will be going home over the next few weeks once all the children return.

This year, for our Lenten fundraising, we've decided to use the amazing charitable fundraising Sir Captain Tom Moore did as inspiration for our fundraising.

This year's challenge is called 'Captain Tom's Century Challenge'. We are challenging you to get sponsored to complete 100 of something. Please follow this link to find a list of fundraising ideas

<https://padlet.com/mtaggart4/qsh0uiu9htvmn711>

Here, you can not only find ideas for your own fundraising, but you can also add more ideas and photos/videos of you completing your century challenge. We hope you will be able to support the school in raising some money for our Lenten charities.



CAPTAIN SIR TOM MOORE
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Sports Stars

The children have yet again shone this week 😊 We've been really impressed with how the children are continually engaging with the different P.E activities we've set them. See below for this week's sports stars. If your child's name is listed please check your emails for a video message for your child congratulating them 😊

26TH FEBRUARY 2021

Sacred Heart's SPORTING STARS

ACTIVE

School STARS

AYFS - MARTIN
KS1 - CHIDINMA Y1
KS2 - EMILIA Y6



ENTHUSIASTIC

Home HEROES

NURSERY - SARAH
KS1 - PATRICK Y2
KS2 - EVIE Y3



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KS1 - CHANEL Y2
KS2 - STEFHAN Y4





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World Book Day

Join Sacred Heart on Thursday 4th March 2021

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World Book Day



The masked reader



A virtual theatre production



Theme Make your own costume



Create a cosy reading corner competition



Go on story stroll



A book themed Kahoot! quiz



A book diorama competition



and lots more

World Book Day theme and outline:

This year, World Book day is on Thursday 4th March and we have LOTS of wonderful things planned for you all. Our dress-up theme this year is: make your own Book Character costume. We think the homemade costumes are always the best as they are so creative, so to ensure you have enough time to get book day ready, we are going to allocate some of your time in the afternoons to work on your costumes. You will have the chance to show off your costume via our Padlet page and also in your class parade. A winner and a runner up will be awarded in each class and those children will receive a lovely prize. Please do not feel under any pressure to take part in this activity, we just thought it would be a nice "screen free" activity while the children are at home.

We have some very exciting activities planned for the day, such as: a virtual theatre production, the masked reader, a Kahoot book quiz and a QR code story stroll.

Competitions:

We have lots of lovely prizes to give away if you enter our exciting competitions 😊

Competition 1:

There will be a book diorama competition where you will need to create your favourite book scene in a shoebox (there are lots of fantastic online examples)

Competition 2:

The cosy reading corner competition, for this competition you will need to create a cosy reading corner at home, with lights, cushions etc.

If you would like to take part in either of these competitions, you will need to submit a photograph of your book diorama or cosy corner to: l.gibson@romeromac.com or r.ellis@romeromac.com



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Welcome to our first Lenten newsletter, where we will share weekly news and events of our school community during Lent. We will also provide resources and links to support the spiritual journey of all members of our school family as we reflect on the Passion and death of Jesus over the coming weeks and look forward to His Resurrection at Easter.



Lenten Retreat Day

On Monday, the whole school participated in a special Lent Retreat Day, which was an opportunity for the children both at school and at home to focus on their personal relationship with God. After our Mission Assembly in the morning, all of the children created prayer areas in their classrooms or their homes in readiness for our journey through Lent. They wrote Lenten promises and prayers, and took part in virtual class prayer times. Each class also completed a range of activities including artwork, making prayer jars, creating sacred dances and designing Lent calendars. We are so proud of how all of the children engaged with such reverence, spirituality and holiness.



"If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me." (Lk 9:23)

'Open' Daily Reflections

One Life Music have produced a series of daily Lent reflections called 'Open'. Romero Academy has purchased this wonderful resource for all of our children and their families to use together this Lent. There is a short reflection for each week day during Lent and each one explores a piece of scripture to help us prepare our hearts for Jesus' death and Resurrection. They also include some beautiful prayers and music. The link will be shared on Sacred Heart's Facebook page each morning as well as on your child's virtual learning platform (EYFS Tapestry/KS1 Seesaw/KS2 Teams).

OPEN.

Join Dan and Emily each day of Lent for a new series of OPEN. Journeying together in preparation with short bursts of Liturgy.

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OneLife Music

*Will you make time to pray?
What will you give up?
How will you give?*



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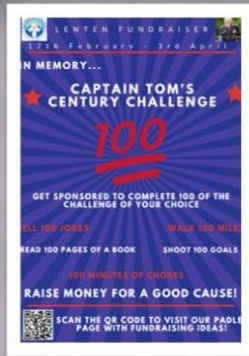
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Captain Tom's Century Challenge

This year's Lenten fundraising event, 'Captain Tom's Century Challenge', is inspired by the incredible Sir Captain Tom Moore. We are challenging our children to raise sponsorship by completing 100 of something! This might be walking 100 miles, doing 100 press-ups, doing 100 minutes of chores or reading 100 pages of a book. We are encouraging the children to be as creative as they like and to make it challenging for them! Follow the link below to find a list of fundraising ideas and also to share your own ideas and photographs/videos. We can't wait to see your ideas and hope you will support the school in raising money for our Lenten charities.

<https://padlet.com/mtaggart4/qsh0uiu9htvmn711>

Lent is from 17th February – 3rd April. Challenges can be completed at any point during this period. Please keep any sponsorship money collected in a named envelope and bring into school when appropriate.

"The sun will shine on you again and the clouds will go away." Sir Captain Tom Moore.



Lent Study and Reflection for Parents and Carers

A Lent study for these strange and unorthodox times.

<https://ctbi.org.uk/lent-study-2021/>

Lenten Retreat: Finding Hope in Scripture for Everyone

Join Sir Hyacinthe and the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph every Monday evening during Lent, starting on 22nd February for 6 weeks:

<https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/the-god-who-speaks/word-at-home/lent-at-home/finding-hope-in-scripture/>

You will find some great family resources here too!



Lent and Easter 2021 Resources



THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

The Archdiocese of Birmingham have provided many wonderful links and resources to videos, reflections and podcasts for both adults and children on the following link:

[Lent and Easter 2021 - Birmingham Diocesan Trust \(birminghamdiocese.org.uk\)](https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/lent-and-easter-2021/)

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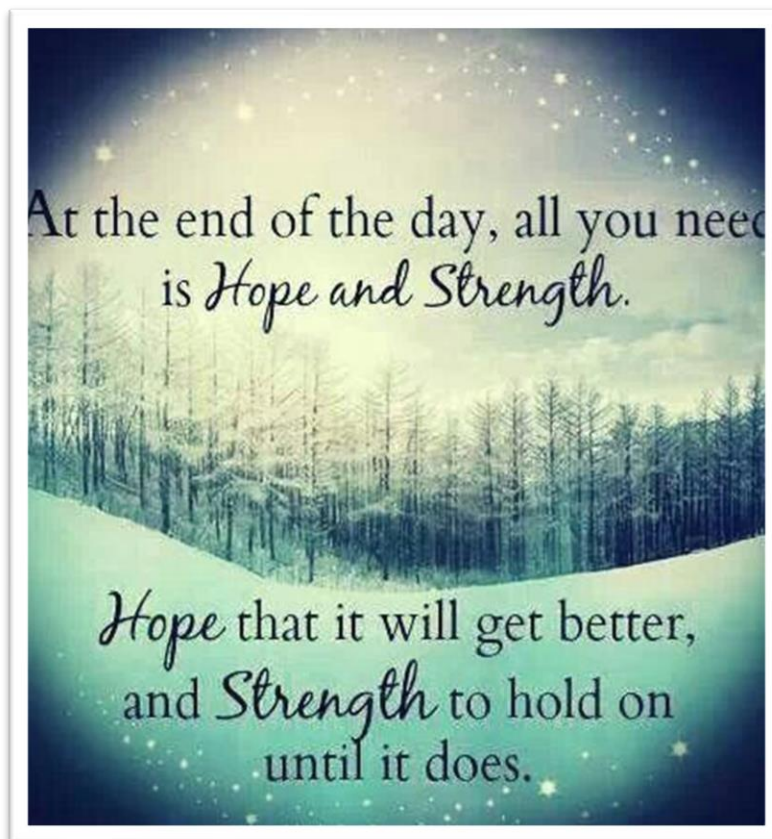


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