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Dear parents, children, staff and parishioners,

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Keeping a Holy Lent

Welcome back everyone. It has been so wonderful to see all the children returning back to school this week, full of smiles and energy. The school has really got its soul back and feels so much better having noise, laughter and a general positive buzz! Also, lovely to see you all, our wonderful parents we have missed seeing you too. The vast majority of the staff are back at work now, with a couple still shielding as they are extremely clinically vulnerable. Over the next few months, we will be able to ease the restrictions across the school, as the whole country follows the roadmap out of lockdown. As the

changes arise, I will, of course update you on how that will impact on school life. For the time being though, we will be very busy plugging all the missed learning that the children have had and ensuring that we catch up as quickly as possible.

Mother's Day always falls on the Fourth Sunday of Lent which is this weekend. This is also the day we say 'thank you' to our Mothers, those here on earth and those who are in heaven. We ask God to bless our Mothers on this special day and I wish all our Sacred Heart Mums a very happy Mother's Day on Sunday!

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. During Lent, we are all asked to pray more, repent, support charities and to give something up or do something extra.



Updated arrangements

Each week, we will review our current arrangements and make any tweaks or changes so please be patient with us. Our overall intention is to follow the quidance for the DfE but also make arrangements as quick and easy as possible for you during drop off and collection.

- Drop off has now changed from 8:40am until 8:55am.
- No one should be on site at 8:30am. Year 6 children are getting to school too early, resulting in a large queue forming. Please can I ask that this doesn't happen.
- Year 2/3 collection.....Please can I ask that Year 3 parents do not come onto site until 3:20pm as advertised and enter school via the Main gate and queue up on the left hand side of the car park, behind the barrier. Likewise, parents collecting other siblings at the earlier times, must not cut through the car park to collect children in Year 2. You will need to queue up again. Please can you ensure younger children remain with an adult at all times. Please note, children will ONLY be released to an adult. Please respect my staff, as there have been a number of parents being disrespectful to the staff on the gate.

Laptop Reminder

If you were loaned a laptop to assist with your child's remote learning, can you please return it to school ASAP. These can be handed into your child's class teacher or dropped into the office. We currently have a few still outstanding and now need to use these within school to support with our learning.

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<u>forkers of the Week</u>							
Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Helen S	Agnes S Dominik R	Harlow Y Orla-Faye P Peter S	Jordan B Lilly M	Destiny B Afia O-M	Lama M Kamsi O	Alexander B Filip R	Oliver L Lucie H
P.E. Days (come to school dressed in P.E Kits)							
N/A	Monday	Friday	Tuesday Friday	Wednesday Thursday	Tuesday Thursday	Tuesday Wednesday	Monday
Attendance: 98.5% 🈊 Overall (total attendance for the week for the whole school) Our school target for this year is 97%.						97%.	
96.4%	98.5% 😉	97.5% 🔞	99.2% 🔞	97.5 % 🕲	100% 🐵	99.2% 🚱	98.3% 🕲
House Point Winner		Donatello (175 Points)					
Class Attendance Winner		Miss Allport (41) & Mr Finn (4J)					

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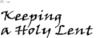
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<u> UPDATED ADVERT - Jobs at Sacred Heart</u>

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

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 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

Back to Learning

We have been so impressed with how the children have returned to school and have delved straight back into their learning. Each Year group have summarised their week below to give you a flavour of what has gone on! We are so proud of all of the children.

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The nursery staff are so proud of how well the children have settled back into nursery life. They have had a wonderful week being back with their friends. We have been learning about Spring, carrying out a science experiment about how important it is to wash our hands with soap and we have revisited one of our favourite stories, The Colour Monster thinking all about our feelings and emotions.

Reception

Reception have come back into school full of smiles and enthusiasm and we are so pleased to have them all in. It has been so lovely to see the children

reunited with their friends and they have had a fabulous time exploring our new and improved outdoor area, playing team building games and exploring bugs and mud! We have spent this week participating in a number of exciting experiments to celebrate Science week and have also shown our creativity through decorating our own biscuits with icing and sprinkles. We have enjoyed getting messy with finger paints to make cards for some special people in our lives ahead of Mothering Sunday this weekend.



Year 1

Year 1 have had a fantastic first week back and have settled in so well. The children enjoyed their story book hook in English where Wobbly Bob had made a big mess in our classrooms so we had to help him create a delicious meal fit for a King! The children also enjoyed carrying out some exciting experiments as part of Wonder Wednesday. We tried the milk and colour experiment and the ice and salt challenge, it was lots of fun being scientists. The children have also wowed their teachers with their super maths work, we have been counting in 10's and using 100 squares. They have been working so hard in year 1 and all of the teachers are very proud!





The children in Year 2 have had a very exciting first week back in school. We had a dramatic start to the

week by discovering mysterious coloured eggs on the field. We did lots of research into what could be inside and what type of creature might have left them. After lots of investigating, the children concluded they were dragon eggs and became dragon detectives. They created their own fiery dragons out of card and created mystical dragon eyes out of clay. Through Maths this week, the children have become number detectives, completed Lion King Maths challenges and became Pokemon Addition Masters. The children also loved taking part in Scientific challenges this week, particularly our

'Wonder Wednesday' Science day where the children

completed Science investigations! We made our very own storms in a glass, made water walk through glasses using kitchen roll and dyed white flowers vibrant colours using food colouring. The children also loved researching facts about our class scientist, Jane Goodall, in order to try and win the Sacred Heart Science award. It has been a fantastic week!



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Year 3

We have been bursting with excitement this week as we Year 3 children with breakfast with a buddy on Monday morning. It was so lovely to see 60 happy faces this week as we spent time reconnecting with friends and rekindling our sense of belonging at school. Our classroom was full of amazement whilst we celebrated British Science week making lava lamps and using chemical reactions to inflate balloons. We have been remembering the importance of mindfulness through mindful art lessons as well as exploring the themes of change and resilience. Through RE, we have been thinking about the concept of hope and continuing with our Lenten preparations. The staff have been blown away by the creativity the children have shown in making their grotlyn's and we cannot wait to see their non-chronological reports next week. We had a lot of fun making flags for displays for the city of culture and enjoyed finding out about the city. The children have all had opportunities to have 1:1 chats with staff about how they are feeling and we have been going over any

misconceptions from home learning in our lessons this week. It has been such a joy to have your wonderful children back in the classroom and we could not be prouder of the way they have settled back in.



Year 4

How wonderful to have all of Year 4 back together again this week and what a fantastic start they have all made to their learning in school! We kick started our week with a series of team building challenges where the children did a superb job of rebuilding their sense of community. They focused on clear communication, good listening, how to support each other and lots of laughter too. During our PSHE lessons this week, we have looked at celebrating each other's differences and learnt that our skills and talents might change as we grow but our self-confidence comes from the love of God. As part of our Rainforest theme this term, we got green-fingered and made our own Terrariums. In addition to all of this, we launched 3 exciting science challenges: bouncing eggs, rainbow rain and elephant toothpaste, filling our classrooms with awe and wonder!





<u>Year 5</u>

Year 5 have returned to school full of enthusiasm and excitement. Their behaviour has been outstanding and they have adapted extremely well to a full school day, though some children are feeling weary! This week we have had lots of opportunities to get to know our class again. We have completed different tasks, some scientific investigations, writing a memory letter, sharing all lockdown experiences and talking about new skills we have learnt during lockdown. Well done Year 5, it's great to be back.





Year 6 have had a fantastic 1st week back at school — filled with fun, excitement and wonder! As part of the Coventry City of Culture activities, they have spent time planning and making their own flags based on the

themes of resilience, innovation and people power. They are so excited to have these displayed in the Herbert Art Gallery.

As part of their Confirmation preparation, they had a visit from Deacon Owen Gresty who taught the children about his role as a Deacon as well as giving them time to reflect upon their own God-given gifts and talents. The children even got the chance to try on some vestments!

Our classrooms were filled with wonder on Wednesday when we spent the day experimenting as part of science week! The children were especially egg-cited about one challenge: walking on a tray of eggs! They did not think it was possible to do this without cracking them and were

amazed when they did — only a few cracked with Mrs O'Malley being the worst offender 🤢



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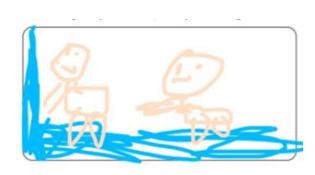


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Book Review for 'Grandad's Island'

This book is about a little boy called Syd went to his grandad's house and his grandad showed him his ship so they set sail and they found an island. The main characters are Syd and Syd's grandad. I loved reading about all the different things Syd and his grandad did on the island. I would give this book 5 stars.

If you would like your book review published in the newsletter, please email it to: r.ellis@romeromac.com





1st Week Back of P.E

It's been so lovely to have all the children back at school, being active and enjoying their P.E lessons this week. This week we've introduced two new sports to Sacred Heart, Speed Stacking and Orienteering. It's been

amazing to see all of the children enthusiastically engaging with their P.E and being active with their friends again. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring they are appropriately dressed on their P.E days



	EYFS	Year I	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Monday	X						X
	<u>Indoor</u>						Field
	Gymnastics						Cross Country & Orienteering
							AND
							Indoor
							Speed
							Stacking
Tuesday			X		X	X	
Ů			Indoor		Field	Field	
			Gymnastics		Cross Country	Cross Country	
			- 3		& Orienteering	& Orienteering	
Wednesday				X		X	
				Indoor		Indoor	
				Speed		Speed	
				Stacking		Stacking	
Thursday				X	X		
				Field	Indoor-		
				Crose Country	Speed		
				& Orienteering	Stacking		
Friday		X	×				
		Playground	Indoor				
		Speed	Speed				
		Stacking	Stacking				
		AND					
		<u>Indoor</u>					
		Dance					

Reminder of the P.E timetable

No earrings are to be worn on a P.E day please!

Indoor - clean trainers that are easy to take off and on, blue Sacred Heart P.E top, shorts/jogging bottoms.

Field - trainers that are fine to get muddy (no studded boots as the children will be running on the playground too),

Playground - trainers, blue Sacred Heart P.E top, shorts/jogging bottoms and a jacket (appropriate for the weather).

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Before/After School Clubs

Premier Education are the UK's leading provider for schools, actively working with over 16% of primary schools in England! We are pleased to inform you that we have partnered with them to offer a range of Extra Curricular Clubs during the Summer Term to give children the opportunity to experience some great new activities!

Clubs are open to boys/girls of all abilities and booking will be allocated on a first come-first-served basis. Sessions will run from W/B 19th April until W/E 28th May (6 sessions in total). We will be starting back clubs initially for KS2 with a limited number of clubs. Please see below a grid for the clubs we'll initially be offering through Premier Education.

Information regarding how to book has been sent out via Arbor.

Year Group	Activity	Day	Time	Price
Y3	Gymnastics Club	Tuesday	8.00am-8.40am	£3.75 per session
Y4	Gymnastics Club	Wednesday	8.00am-8.40am	£3.75 per session
Y6	Tennis Club	Tuesday	3.15pm-4.30pm	£4.05 per session
Y5	Football Club	Wednesday	3.15pm-4.30pm	£4.05 per session

	Times Tables Rockstars		
d Queen Bees for this week are:	Our top Rockstars are:		
Alicja P	Class 2E	Olivia R	
Daya B	Class 2F	Jude L	
Hanna L	Class 3G	Vencel R	
Nikoletta R	Class 3H	Liliana W	
Matthew J	Class 4I	Hannah R	
Manika S	Class 4J	Oihane A	
Sandra M	Class 5K	King E	
Ariel G	Class 5L	Marley N	
Emilia G	Class 6M	Nataliya S	
	Alicja P Daya B Hanna L Nikoletta R Matthew J Manika S Sandra M Ariel G	Alicja P Class 2E Daya B Class 2F Hanna L Class 3G Nikoletta R Class 4I Matthew J Class 4J Sandra M Class 5K Ariel G Class 5L	

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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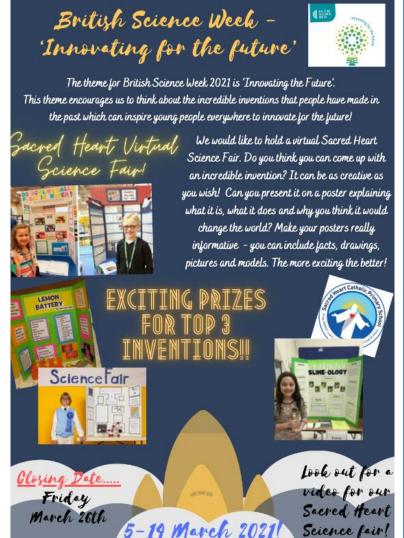


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British Science Week!

Wow! What an incredible week we have had at Sacred Heart to celebrate British Science Week! The classrooms and corridors were filled with an air of awe, wonder and curiosity as each year group undertook a variety of scientific challenges ranging from Magic Milk, Sticky Ice, Rainbow flowers, Home-made crystals, Lava Lamps, Bouncy eggs, Egg walking and so much more! The children had such a fantastic time exploring exciting phenomena in the world around them whilst refining their observing and questioning skills. As well as this, each class spent some time researching an influential scientist or inventor in order to widen their knowledge of how the world we live in today was shaped and how we can innovate the future.





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BOOKING YOUR EASTER SERVICES.

This reply slip is for people who do not use mobile phones to send/receive text messages. If you DO use a mobile phone, then to book your Mass/Service please send a text message to 07891103592 giving your name, your choice of Mass/Service (you may attend more than one Mass/Service) and the number of people including yourself attending. Please note this number is for TEXT MESSAGE ONLY. You will receive a text reply within 24 hours confirming you place(s).

Please remember you may only sit with members of your own household or people within your support bubble.

Name:

Number attending:

Your choice of Masses: (you may attend more than one Mass/Service)

Maundy Thursday 6.30pm:

Good Friday 3.00pm:

Easter Vigil (Saturday)6.30pm:

Easter Sunday10.30am:

Your phone number:

Please put this completed reply slip through the presbytery letter box, or the letterbox in the gate, or return it the next time you come to Mass. There is not long until Easter, so please return this reply slip as soon as possible. WHEN WE RECEIVE YOUR REPLY SLIP, WE WILL CONTACT YOU TO CONFIRM YOUR

Our Easter Mass times are: Maundy Thursday 6.30pm, Good Friday 3.00pm, Easter Vigil 6.30pm, Easter Sunday 10.30

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World Book Day Competition Winners



Mary Poppins by Emilia Glowacka

Harry Potter and the Philosophers Stone by Maisie Stokes



Year 5 and 6



Year 3 and 4





The Secret Garden by Ben Payne

Harry Potter and the Philosophers Stone by Sophie Crawford

Year I and 2







World Book Day Competition Winners

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We have chosen three winners from across the school for our Story Nook Competition.



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Week at a glance

Date	Time	Activity			
Value and Virtue — Attentive and Discerning					
Sunday 14 th March	10:30am	4 th Sunday in Lent (Parish Mass at Sacred Heart)			
Monday 15 th March	Morning	Guitar Lessons			
Tuesday 16 th March	Morning	Guitar, Piano and Violin Lessons			
Wednesday 17 th March	All Day	St Patrick's Day (children can wear something green if they wish)			
Thursday 18 th March	6:00pm	Local Academy Committee Meeting — Spring 2			
Friday 19 th March	9:00am	Drumming Lessons			
Sunday 21st March	10:30am	5 th Sunday in Lent (Parish Mass at Sacred Heart)			

I hope you have a wonderful weekend.

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