



Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

Part of The Romero Catholic Academy

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Dear parents, children, staff and parishioners,

What a wonderful first FULL week. It has been a delight to see the children coming into school with smiles and enthusiasm. It was particularly wonderful to see all our 60 new Reception children walk through our gates for the first time on Monday; you all looked so smart and grown up. The children have settled in well to their routines and are busy making new friends and enjoying the wonderful learning opportunities provided by staff.

Reception – Mrs Pearman/Mrs



Reception – Mrs Rice / Mrs Gaffney



Uniform

Thank you to everyone for looking really smart. Just a few reminders:

- 1) If your child wears a white shirt/blouse, then they also need to wear a school tie.
- 2) Trousers and skirts must be grey please.
- 3) Hair – if your child's hair is longer than their shoulders it must be tied up.

Names Needed - please, please, please label your children's uniform...we already have so many jumpers and cardigans piling up 😞



Labelling of school uniform

Please can I remind all parents to label school uniform. Our lost property is already piling up in the studio and it is such a shame. Please label all items of clothing with the child's name and class. You can buy labels from Cat Ballou or from companies online.

Polish - Upewnij się elementy wszystkich dzieci odzieży są oznaczone imieniem dziecka i klasy.

French - Veuillez vous assurer que les articles de tous les enfants de vêtements sont étiquetés avec le nom et la classe de l'enfant.

Bank Holiday Reminder – School is Closed on Monday 19th September

Please do remember that we will be **closed on Monday** due to the Bank Holiday granted upon the day of Queen Elizabeth's funeral. We will open once again on Tuesday 20th September.

Head Boy & Girl Elections

Over the next fortnight, we will be holding our own whole school elections for the 8th Head Boy & Head Girl at Sacred Heart. We have introduced this to support the children in learning about the 5 key British Values. All children in Year 6 have the opportunity to apply and need to create their own manifesto (key values and beliefs). We will then select 3 boys and 3 girls to go forward to the main election. These 6 children will then deliver their letters to the whole school during the Monday Mission and subsequently will vote for one girl and one boy who they think should be given this very prestigious status – good luck children 😊



Fruit/snack at break time

Please can I remind all parents to ensure that children bring in a healthy snack of fruit/dried fruit at break time. Some children are bringing in cereal bars, yogurts, chocolate; these are not allowed, and children will be asked to put them back in their bags. All children in Reception, Year One and Year Two receive a piece of "free" fruit every day from school. PLEASE REMEMBER WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL – this includes Nutella spread.

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School Dinners

As most of you are aware now, all pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free school meal at lunchtime. But, do you meet the criteria for Free School Meal status? It's important to fill in this application even though your child is getting a free school meal under the government scheme. By applying, you could raise an extra £1300 for our school from central government, to fund valuable support like teaching assistants, after school clubs and school trips. Please see Mrs Taggart in our school office for further information or speak with Mrs Ellis who is our Pupil Premium Lead.

Parents of current **Year 3 children**, please remember that if you are entitled to a "free school meal" you can apply online at http://www.coventry.gov.uk/info/54/benefits/168/free_school_meals



Secondary School Admissions (current Year 6) for September 2023

All applications need to be in by **Monday 31st October 2022**

You can apply online at www.coventry.gov.uk/admissions.



Primary Admissions for Reception September 2023 - Rising Fives

If you have a child whose birthday falls between **01.09.2018 and 31.08.2019** you need to apply now for a primary school place for your child in September 2023. Apply online at www.coventry.gov.uk/admissions. Closing date for applications is **15th January 2023**. Please note the Admissions Policy and how the places are allocated. Priority is given to baptised Catholics as we are a Catholic school.

Homework

All homework will be starting from next Friday and you will receive a letter during the week informing you of our approach. We have once again purchased workbooks for each child in the school and these will need to be returned to school by the Wednesday of each week. Please encourage them to keep them safe as they will need access to these for the full year.

During the Half Term Holidays, your child will now be set a piece of 'project style' homework based on a wider curriculum subject. This will ensure that they are able to creatively evidence their knowledge acquired and showcase their learning in a way that suits them.

Secondary Admissions

Cardinal Wiseman Catholic Secondary School

Parents/carers of pupils in Year 6 are carefully choosing a secondary school for September 2023. As you are considering a Secondary school for your child, please click on the link to access our website: <https://cardinalwiseman.coventry.sch.uk> to find out how your child can continue their journey of learning at Cardinal Wiseman Catholic Secondary school.

Cardinal Wiseman is a GOOD school (Ofsted 2022). We warmly welcome you to consider our school as a place for your child in Year 7; we know that God has a vocation and plan for each pupil and know that our school community will be blessed by the presence of the new pupils that join us in September 2023.

We warmly welcome you to join us for the forthcoming Open Evening on **Thursday 22nd September at 5-7pm**. There will be a formal presentation to families by Mr Everett in our state-of-the-art hall, along with tours around the classrooms and facilities on offer.

Prospective Year 7
Open Evening
Thurs 22 Sept 2022

Cardinal Wiseman's overall effectiveness in all areas is **GOOD** (July 2022)

JOIN US AND SEE WHAT OPPORTUNITIES AWAIT YOU AT CARDINAL WISEMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL.
WE CAN'T WAIT TO MEET YOU!

5PM - 7PM

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Romero Catholic Academy

To all our new parents, we belong to a family of schools called The Romero Catholic Academy. We converted on the 1st August 2015, and have successfully completed seven years as an Academy. Our strategic aims this year will be linked to the Romero aims:



Arbor Communications



- Please download the APP and login to ensure you receive all emails/alerts/payments.
- We will continue to send an electronic copy of the newsletter home each Friday via Arbor. We do not print the newsletter – **please** make sure you register with Arbor to ensure you do not miss important communications from school.
- **Data Collection** – Please update your child’s profile using the Arbor app with any address, contact details, dietary, medical or any missing information. You can also let the school office know, who will update it for you.
- **GDPR** – Consents i.e. Photo consent, website, Facebook etc if you wish to change any consents please complete a new form or speak to the office staff.

- Letters – the vast majority of letters will not be printed and will be emailed to your Arbor account.
- **CASHLESS** – we are a cashless school and do not accept cash/cheques for school meals, trips, music lessons etc – please use the Arbor APP to pay for activities.

SACRED HEART'S
Autumn 1
P.E

RECEPTION
TUESDAYS
Gymnastics

YEAR 1
WEDNESDAYS
Gymnastics & Playground Games

YEAR 2
THURSDAYS
Healthy Lifestyles & Mag 7

YEAR 3
THURSDAYS
Badminton & Dance

YEAR 4
MONDAYS & TUESDAYS
Badminton & Xc Orienteering

YEAR 5
MONDAYS & THURSDAYS
Athletics & Dance

YEAR 6
FRIDAYS
Athletics & Badminton

SCAN ONE OF THE QR CODES ABOVE TO SEE YOUR CHILD'S P.E PADLET PAGE. HERE YOU CAN SEE PHOTOS/VIDEOS OF THEIR LEARNING, THEIR SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS & THEIR SKILLS/VALUES LEARNING JOURNEYS. YOU CAN ALSO UPLOAD THEIR SPORTING PROGRESS/ACHIEVEMENTS FROM OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL ONTO HERE.

PLEASE SEND YOUR CHILD IN WEARING THEIR P.E KIT WITH NO EARRINGS IN ON THEIR P.E DAYS.

SWIMMING LESSONS WILL BEGIN 10TH OCTOBER

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OPAL Stay and Play

FRIDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER

Next Friday, we will be holding our first parents OPAL stay and play for the afternoon. This is your chance to come and find out all about OPAL and have a fun afternoon with your child.

Please arrive for 1.20pm at the school office.

If you are unable to attend for the whole afternoon, please feel free to drop in between 1.45 and 3pm. Please come in through the school office.

Please feel free to bring younger siblings with you, we just ask that you supervise any children who don't attend Sacred Heart & that they respect our OPAL rules and provision.



Please come with a pair of wellies or shoes you don't mind getting dirty. Bring these in a bag to get changed into. We like to keep the mud outside and inside our school clean.

Wellies

Our weather is unpredictable, so please come prepared to be outside.

We want to equip the children to be able to have fun and live in the climate in which they find themselves.



Waterproofs

Play is beautiful... but not always pretty!



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I am learning about...

Autumn Term Whole School Overview

Autumn	Coventry Week – D&T	English – Writing	Foundation Subjects	Science	
Year 1	Weaving Project	The Tiger Who Came to Tea Labels and captions, letter, story retell, recount Beegu Story retell, non-chronological report, setting description	Me and My World	Animals including Humans (Human Body)	Animals including Humans (Animals)
Year 2	Coventry God Cakes Project	The Gingerbread Man Retell, innovation, instructions The Great fire of London Non-fiction Non-chronological report	The Great Fire of London	Uses of everyday materials	
Year 3	Coventry Flag Project	Leon and the Place Between Innovation, character description The Egyptian Cinderella Narrative retell, Instructions	The Ancient Egyptians	Forces & Magnets	Animals including Humans
Year 4	Wooden Frame Project	Escape from Pompeii Emotive first-person narrative, non-chronological report The Firework Maker's Daughter Coming soon	The Roman Empire	Animals including Humans	Sound
Year 5	Night Light Project	Macbeth Setting description, narrative, diary entry, motivational speech Romeo and Juliet Formal Letter, Newspaper Report	The Tudors	Living things & their Habitats	Properties of Materials
Year 6	Motorised Buggy Project	Letters from the Lighthouse Setting description, missing person report, persuasive letter Rose Blanche Diary over time Beyond the lines Narrative retell, poetry	World War 2	Electricity	Light



Book Fair

We will be running our popular book fair in the LODGE each day - Wednesday 21st September to Tuesday 27th September – 3:00pm to 3:45pm. Please support this event, as we normally get back over £1000 in commission that we spend on books for the children's library! ☺

Parking

Please can I remind you that the Church car park is open every morning and afternoon, for all of our parents to park their cars in while dropping and collecting children. I understand the roads can get congested, so perhaps consider parking in the Church car park to make your drop off/collections a little less frantic; this in turn will help alleviate the traffic congestion. **Please can I remind you that Brays Lane is a Parking Permit zone and you will get a fine if you park there**, thank you for your understanding.



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Week at a glance:

Date	Time	Activity
Value and Virtue – Compassionate and Loving		
Nursery Settling in Week		
Monday 19 th Sept	All Day	School Closed – Bank Holiday
Tuesday 20 th Sept	All Day	Reception in Full Time
	All Day	Piano and Violin Lessons
	Morning	Drum lessons
	Morning	Year 5 Macbeth workshop and performance
Wednesday 21 st Sept	3:00pm	Book Fair arrives
Thursday 22 nd Sept	9:00am	Year 4 to Mass
	All Day	One Life Retreat with Dan and Emily – Focus: Creation
	5:00pm – 7:00pm	Cardinal Wiseman Secondary School Open Evening
Friday 23 rd Sept	9:00am	Blessing of the New School Year Mass (Sacred Heart Church)
	1:15pm	OPAL Parents Play Afternoon – all welcome.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

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