



Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

Part of The Romero Catholic Academy

Issue 1:
Friday 6th
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Dear parents, children, staff and parishioners,

On behalf of all the staff, I welcome you to the beginning of another school year at Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School. We extend a warm welcome to the new families joining us for the start of this year and our new staff:

WELCOME BACK

Mrs Lauren Davies (Yr6) Assistant Vice Principal
Mr Sean Finn (Yr4) Class Teacher
Mr Connell Price (Yr1) Schools Direct Trainee
Mrs Cheryl Preston (Yr4) SEN Teaching Assistant
Miss Bethan Carpenter (YrN) Nursery Nurse

We ask for God's blessing on our school as we prepare for all the exciting learning opportunities that lie ahead. On Monday we are excited to welcome our new Reception children and parents. We can't wait to see all the children on Monday for your first morning of school – the very best of luck!

Send us your 'first day at school' photographs via Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SacredHeartCov/>

Last year was one of incredible success for the school, achieving our 2nd OUSTANDING judgment during our R.E. in November 2018. We want the very best for your children and look forward to continuing with our school improvement. Please feel free to come and have a chat with me, alternatively, you may book an appointment through the office. It has been such a wonderful first week back. The children have been exceptionally well behaved and learning focused. What a pleasure it is to work at Sacred Heart ☺



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 four years as an Academy.



Baby News

A huge congratulations to Mrs Phoebe Rice on the birth of their beautiful baby boy: Maximus Samuel Rice, born at 8.48am on 26th August 2019 – he was exactly 2 weeks early. We look forward to seeing both of them in school over the next month.

Matters Arising

If you have a concern about your child, please book an appointment to discuss with **your child's class teacher** via a note, or member of staff on the door in the morning or phone the Office to make an appointment. In the first instance – the class teacher is the first port of call. If an issue arises and it is not resolved, the next step is to see the **Leader of Learning**. If a matter is then not resolved – an appointment can be made with a member of the **Leadership team** – Assistant Vice Principals (Mrs Aldrich, Mrs Cakebread and Mrs Davies), Vice Principal (Mrs Stevenson), Principal (Mr Madia).

Leaders of Learning	Nursery and Reception Miss Thomson	Year 1 and Year 2 Miss Parry	Year 3 and Year 4 Miss Allport	Year 5 and Year 6 Miss Gibson
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This is the procedure and all staff will direct parents through these steps as they have been found as the most efficient way to resolve concerns. Leaders of Learning have the responsibility to lead their 'mini-school' and they work really hard to make their phase the very best it can be.

**Gentle Reminders! **



8.50am Lateness Following the drift in between 8.40am and 8.50am all children will be in school. Any children arriving after 8.50am will be marked late in the register. 8.50am is the legal start to the day and the register is taken at this time. We are going to be making further steps to reduce lateness working with families who are not ensuring their child is in school by 8.50am. Mrs Dinter (Pastoral Support Manager).

Procedures for Absences If we have not heard from a parent concerning a child who is absent by 9:20am, we will make a telephone call to ensure the child is safe. It is imperative that we know by telephone that a child is not expected to be in by 9:20am otherwise we will telephone. If we still cannot make contact, then Mrs Dinter/Mrs Teal will make a visit to the family home.

Inset Days (2019-2020)

The school will be closed on the following three days for staff Inset Days:
Friday 8th November 2019, Monday 6th January 2020, Monday 20th July 2020, Tuesday 21st July 2020.

School and Parish Masses

Today, we sent out all the school and parish mass dates/times for the whole year, these include all the sacramental programme dates for Yr3 First Holy Communion and Yr6 Confirmation.

Please add these to your diaries *



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Be Road Smart

As we start the year, please can we request that you park considerately. There is no access to the Avenues for parking even on lines unmarked. Also, NURSERY parents please do not park on the yellow lines or in front of neighbours houses. We do want to keep good relations with our local community. Please refrain from using bad language also.

Lunchtimes – Caterlink

We will be continuing to use our colour coded system for school meals. Our colour coded system is as follows:

Red - Meat/Fish **Green - Vegetarian** **Blue - Jacket Potato** **Yellow – school packed lunch**

Staggered lunchtimes will also continue across the school to enable us to get through all the meals!

**Nursery 11:30am / Reception 11:45am – 1:00pm / Year 1 & Year 2 12:00pm – 1:00pm /
Year 3/Year 4/Year 5/Year 6 12:15pm – 1:15pm (on rotation)**



Dates for your diary

Each Friday we have an assembly led by a class (parents welcome) – the first few are:

Friday 13 th September	Mrs Aldrich/Mrs Drohan-Mills (Yr3) "New Beginnings"
Friday 20 th September	Miss Edge (Yr2) "Harvest"
Friday 4 th October	Miss Allport (Yr4) "Space-National Space Week"
Friday 11 th October	Miss Parry (Yr2) "Rosary (Mary)"

**** Today, we sent out a full calendar with all the dates for the year ****
Please add these to your diary.

Parent Mail/Text

We will continue to send an electronic copy of the newsletter home each Friday via Parent Mail. We do not print the newsletter – **please** make sure you register with Parent Mail AND Parent Text to ensure you do not miss important communications from school. See the school office and sign up with Parent Mail.

CASHLESS – as of last year, we are no longer able to accept cash/cheques for school meals, trips, music lessons etc - please continue to use the Parent Mail APP to pay for activities.



Uniform CHECK

It was lovely to see the children arriving looking so smart on Tuesday morning. Here are just a few reminders about our Uniform policy:

Girls		Boys	
Summer	Winter	Summer	Winter
Named blue-checked gingham dress or Named royal blue school polo shirt with crest and grey skirt Black shoes/ sandals with backs on them (not boots) White socks	Named white shirt and tie Named royal blue cardigan or royal blue V neck jumper with school crest Named grey skirt, pinafore or trousers (not fashion trousers see note below) White socks, grey tights, black shoes (not boots)	Named royal blue school polo shirt with crest Named grey shorts or trousers Black shoes/ sandals with backs on them (not trainers or shoes with a sports logo - not boots) Grey socks	Named white shirt and tie Named royal blue V neck jumper with school logo Grey socks, grey trousers (long or short) Black shoes (not trainers or shoes with a sports logo - not boots)
Trousers Plain tailored to the ankle with no additional decorations. No tight fitting trousers, legging type trousers or hipsters. Denim or corduroy is not permitted .		Indoor PE Kit Named black shorts (no logo) Named BLUE School T-Shirt (with crest - no white T-Shirts) Black pumps (bare feet for dance and gymnastics)	

Children may choose to wear Summer aspects of uniform until half term if you wish. The children are allowed to wear a watch and small gold studs but apart from that, for health and safety reasons, no other jewellery including rings or bracelets. All long hair must be tied back/up and we only allow clips/bands/grips in school colours. No Jo-Jo bows or fashion glasses. Thank you for your support in ensuring our children look smart at Sacred Heart.

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Birthday Gift!

Reminder - for children on their birthday or the nearest school day to their birthday – they can come to school in non-uniform. This way, everybody within the school community who sees them, will know that it is their special day. To clarify, if a birthday is on the weekend or within school holidays the child may come in non-uniform on the Friday before or the Monday afterwards. Please no birthday cakes into school, as it takes the staff too long to cut up and detracts from the children's learning.



Make Time For Breakfast!

Even on the first few days back we are aware that there are some children who are coming to school without having breakfast. It really is important that the children have something to eat in the morning before they come to school in order to feel energised and ready to concentrate and learn. It is a long time to wait until lunchtime! If on the odd occasion your child has missed breakfast eg. due to running late, please do let us know and then at least we can make sure that they have had something to eat before lessons.

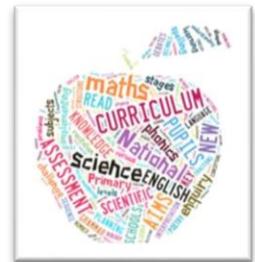
How do I know what my child is learning?

All curriculum information for your child's year group can be found online on our school website <https://sacredheart.coventry.sch.uk/curriculum> We will be continuing to communicate with you regarding curriculum coverage. The curriculum will be explained in more detail during our Curriculum Evening in a few weeks time as across The Romero Academy, we have revised all of our Thematic Units. We will be sending home an end of term newsletter for each term (Autumn/Spring/Summer). This will detail everything that your child has covered over the weeks in school, including pictures and text. This will be a generic whole class newsletter (not an individual record of your child's learning).

I am learning about...

As we enter the new school year, the children will be studying NEW themes from the National Curriculum: (YrN – Yr6):

Nursery Theme	We are Unique
Reception Theme	Ourselves / Autumn
Year 1 Theme	Me and My World
Year 2 Theme	The Great Fire of London
Year 3 Theme	Egyptians
Year 4 Theme	Greeks
Year 5 Theme	The Tudors
Year 6 Theme	The Great War



Cardinal Wiseman welcomes you

Open Evening
Wednesday 18th September 2019 6pm-8pm

The Principal, Mr Leverage, will make an address in the hall at 6.30pm



Cardinal Wiseman
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New Reception Children and Nursery Children

We are really excited to welcome our 60 new Reception children (8:40am) on Monday 10th September.

Our 52 Nursery children will be starting on Monday 16th September (8:30am/12:30pm).



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Active Travel

As we begin the new school year, promoting living a healthy and active lifestyle continues to be a priority of ours. Throughout the year, we will keep you updated with different events happening within our school and city that you can get involved in.

The first event is the **Let's Ride Coventry on Sunday 8th September**. On Sunday 8th September, British Cycling's annual Let's Ride Coventry event will be taking place. On this date, certain streets will be closed to vehicle traffic, providing an opportunity for people of all ages and abilities to cycle around the city centre, on traffic-free streets! More information can be found here: <https://www.letsride.co.uk/events/coventry>

Sustrans is leading a ride from Gosford Green to the start of the route. They will be meeting at 11am on Sunday 8th in Gosford Green Park. If you would like to get involved in the Sustrans pre-ride and would like more details please contact our new Active Travel Officer Sylvia on 07789 653 888 or sylvia.barnett@sustrans.org.uk

Thank you for your continued support and remember to keep cycling/scooting/walking to and from school.

Extra-Curricular activities/clubs – ** NEW for Autumn Term 2019 ** -starts on Monday 9th September
To book - 024 76308244 MBWILSON@cylife.co.uk

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Football Year 1 and 2	Endball Years 3 and 4	Football Years 3,4,5,6	Playground Games Years 1,2 and 3
Musical Theatre Year Year 1-2 Club 1 / Year 3-6 Club 2	Indoor Athletics Year 2,3,4,5 and 6	Gymnastics Years 1 to 6	N/A

ALL CLUBS WILL START WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 9th SEPTEMBER – 4:20pm collection for all clubs

Week at a Glance

Date	Time	Activity
Value and Virtue – Grateful and Generous		
Monday 9 th Sept	8:40am – 11:45pm All Day 3:20pm – 4:20pm	Reception children start (collect at 11:45am) Guitar Lessons Cross Country Year 3/4/5/6
Tuesday 10 th Sept	8:40am – 1:15pm Morning	Reception children (stay for lunch – collection at 1:15pm) Guitar, Piano and Violin Lessons
Wednesday 11 th Sept	All day 3:20pm – 4:20pm	Reception children (stay for lunch – collection at 1:15pm) Netball Training (Year 6 Only)
Thursday 12 th Sept Year 5 to mass	All day 3:20pm – 4:20pm 3:20pm – 4:20pm	Reception children full time (full day – collection at 3:15pm) Dance (selected children) Football Training (Year 6 only)
Friday 13 th Sept	9:00am	Class Assembly – Mrs Aldrich/Mrs Drohan-Mills (Year 3) “New Beginnings” parents welcome

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Mr P Madia
Principal

23rd Sunday of the Year: 7th/8th September

EDUCATION SUNDAY
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COME CELEBRATE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS AND THE PUPILS AND STAFF WHO MAKE THEM SO SPECIAL

This Sunday is Education Sunday. Today Catholics are encouraged to reflect on the Church's enormous contribution in this country and pray for all those involved in Catholic education. The Catholic Education Service (CES) is the agency of the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales charged with safeguarding and promoting our remarkable network of successful Catholic schools. The CES represents Catholic education to the Government, Ofsted and other national bodies to ensure Catholic schools are empowered to flourish.

Today's second collection will be for the Catholic Education Service.

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