

Issue 30: Friday 3rd July 2020



Dear parents, children, staff and parishioners,

I hope this newsletter finds you and your families safe and well. We have had a wonderful week, with the most children since lockdown being educated on school site. This has breathed new life into the school, and I feel that we are very slowly starting to gain a little bit of normality!

PLEASE CAN I ASK YOU TO COMPLETE THIS 49 / 420 so far

Parent/ Carer Survey - Your Voice Matters

The link is https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Romero2020

At Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School we strive to provide a high-quality education in which all our pupils reach their God-given potential; your view is important in providing feedback on how *well* we are achieving our vision. To this end, we are delighted to share our third annual survey to parents/carers across all eight schools within The Romero Catholic Academy between June 24th – July 15th.

Through this survey, we would like to know what you think is working well and what you would like us to improve. We have added some additional aspects in light of the current climate and we thank you for your patience as we have navigated the last four months.

Parent Survey

The survey takes approximately 6 minutes to complete and comments are optional. You can provide your details or you may answer the questionnaire anonymously if you would prefer. As always, if you wish to raise a concern, there is a process to follow and we appreciate you bringing it directly to the attention of staff at the school so we can resolve the matter in a speedy manner.

We would like to take this opportunity to 'thank you' in advance for completing our survey. The survey will be analysed at school level and across Romero as the results will be collated and viewed by the Board of Directors. We will share the responses and the key themes emerging in Autumn with a 'You said, we did' update in our newsletter.

Year 5/Year 6 Grow £1

Before lock down, the Year 5/6 children were given £1 each and asked to think about ways they could make their £1 grow for charity, which would include a donation to Sacred Heart Church that we present to Father Tony annually from all monies raised over Easter.

We appreciate that under the circumstances, it will not have been possible for them to fully participate in this entrepreneurial task but I am asking that if any of the children have raised any money within their families or can raise any money from now and over the next few weeks we would be very grateful. Could any money raised be brought into school by Monday 13th July or if they haven't been able to grow their £1 could I ask for the £1 to be returned to school in a named envelope please. Year 5 parents — please hold onto any monies raised/£1 for the time being.





Job Opportunities – 2 Lunchtime Supervisors

- Grade: Grade 1 (points 1-2, £17,364 £17,711) paid pro rata
- Hours: 7.5 hours a week, Monday Friday 11:45am 1:15pm, 38 weeks per year
- Contract Type: Permanent
 Start Date: September 2020
- The closing date for receipt of applications is via email to hr@romero.coventry.sch.uk by 8th July 2020.
- Please see: https://romeromac.com/vacancies/ for further information and the application pack.

Home Learning

We continue with our Home Learning. This has now been updated for all year groups for June and is available here:

www.romeromac.com/homelearning

New Classes

We are busy preparing for September and we would like to ask you (parents/carers) a number of questions about your child/children while they have been off during the Covid-19 Pandemic. Over the next few weeks your child's new class teacher will be calling you and having a conversation using the questions in the document. Please can I ask you to read the questions and prepare a few short answers to discuss with the class teacher. This will then, help us prepare a catch up curriculum from September. Many thanks for your support with this.

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Arrangements for the final two weeks:

We are excited to offer the chance for your child to come into school for a special recovery session with their current teacher for <u>Year 2/3/4/5</u> before they move on to their new year groups in September. Sessions will take place on:

Monday 13th July	Tuesday 14th July			
9:30am — 11:00am Year 5 — Miss Cummiskey's Class ONLY	9:30am — 11:00am Year 3 — Mrs Drohan-Mills/Mrs Aldrich's Class ONLY			
1:00pm — 2:30pm Year 5 — Mrs O'Malley's Class ONLY	1:00pm — 2:30pm Year 3 — Miss Paterson/Mrs Cakebread's Class ONLY			
Wednesday 15th July	Thursday 16th July			
9:30am — 11:00am Year 4 — Miss Allport's Class ONLY	9:30am — 11:00am Year 2 — Miss Edge's Class ONLY			
1:00pm — 2:30pm Year 4 — Mr Finn's Class ONLY	1:00pm — 2:30pm Year 2 — Miss Parry's Class ONLY			

Please use the NURSERY GATE for drop-off and collection (St Ann's Road). Please can children bring in their own (named) water bottle. It is also non-uniform/casual clothes please. No parents will be allowed onto site. Should you feel that it is unsafe for your child to attend, please don't worry, these sessions aren't compulsory.





Year Six will join us for an evening of fun, entertainment, reflection and memory-making as we prepare to say goodbye to the children we have adored teaching for the past seven years. On Wednesday 15th July. we invite the children in Year Six to our Sacred Heart Garden Party, where we will celebrate the success and achievements of your children over the past seven years.

Event Details

The Sacred Heart Garden Party will **begin <u>for year six children only</u> at 4:30pm and finish at 8:00pm**. We ask that only **one parent** drop their child off so that we can ensure that we are adhering to Government guidelines concerning social distancing. To ensure the safety of you and your children, we ask that each class enters the school site via different entry points.

Miss Gibson's Class (6K)	Mrs Davies' Class (6L)		
Enter and leave the school site via the main school entrance.	Enter and leave the school site via the nursery entrance (St Ann's Road).		

As this is a celebration, we ask that the children put on their glitziest outfits and wow us with their formal wear! Drinks and canapes will be served upon arrival and later in the evening, your child will be treated to a glittering awards ceremony, dinner and disco. We will be keeping each class separated in their class bubbles to ensure they are safe. This event is not compulsory and there is also no charge.

At 7:40pm, we ask that should you wish to, **one Yr6 parent from each family** attends a short reflection time, where Father Tony and the staff will bless the children as they venture on to pastures new. Please enter the school site for this reflection time via the entry point designated according to your child's class and maintain social distancing (school staff will be on hand to support you).

School closes to ALL children on Friday 17th July 2020,

though school will finish slightly earlier at 2:00pm

Additional Support

Our partnership with you as parents is always something that we strive to continually develop so that we can support your children as effectively as possible, made even more essential during this uncertain period of time. I would like to personally thank you for your kind words and complements this week, particularly in support of some of our children who are feeling vulnerable at the moment or those with special education needs.

Next week we look forward to welcoming some of these children, with their families, into school on Wednesday 8th for an opportunity to meet their new teacher and allow us to reduce some of the anxieties that you and your children may be feeling. Each child with have a special project over the summer and we look forward to seeing the result when they return to school in September. Mrs Cakebread has already been in contact with those families.

During the week commencing 13th July, we also look forward to welcoming back small groups of children who may be feeling nervous about the prospect of returning to school for a transition and wellbeing day, where we hope to provide them with a positive experience of school and make returning feel a lot less daunting. This will be a day of learning techniques to help the mind relax and a day to be creative, enjoy seeing peers and feeling a sense of connectedness in our nurturing Sacred Heart family. If you have concerns about your child or feel that we can support your family further during this time, please remember that you can always email me at e.cakebread@romeromac.com and we will do our best to support you. Mrs Cakebread has already been in contact with those families.

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Last week – non uniform for ALL children for the week!

All children currently in school and those who are joining us from Year 2/3/4/5.

New classes for September 2020

We have now finalised staffing for the next academic year. I thought it would be helpful to send a letter home with all the information on it. This shows you which class is going to their new teacher next year....follow the arrow! Reception children going to Year 1 — The teachers have parent mailed you with which class teacher your child will be having.

Current Year Group	Current teacher	New Year Group	Class Teacher September 2020	Current Year Group	Current teacher	New Year Group	Class Teacher September 2020
Reception	Classes being mixed	Year 1	Mrs Cowley Mrs Stanton	Reception	Classes being mixed	Year 1	Miss Kennedy
Year 1	Mr Price Mrs O'Connor	Year 2	Miss Roberts Mrs Ellis	Year 1	Miss Kennedy	Year 2	Miss Parry
Year 2	Miss Edge	Year 3	Mrs Drohan-Mills Mrs Aldrich	Year 2	Miss Parry	Year 3	Mrs Cakebread Mrs O'Connor
Year 3	Mrs Aldrich Mrs Drohan-Mill	Year 4	Miss Allport	Year 3	Mrs Cakebread Miss Paterson	Year 4	Mr Finn
Year 4	Mr Finn	Year 5	Mrs S O'Malley	Year 4	Miss Allport	Year 5	Miss Paterson Mrs Stevenson
Year 5	Mrs S O'Malley	Year 6	Miss Gibson	Year 5	Miss Cummiskey Mrs Stevenson	Year 6	Mrs Davies

Year 5 Moving Up

https://romeromac.com/y5movesup/

You still have time to complete the survey $\underline{\text{https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Y5MovesUp}}$

We have been delighted with the response of our pupils attending our two day Transition Camp to Year 6 on July 15th and July 16th. We have posted some FAQs on our Romero Page which can be found on the link above. Please be advised that we are welcoming approximately half of Year 5 from across all seven schools. To ensure children stay in their bubbles (within their school), it would help us greatly if children wear their school uniform (whatever fits from either Summer or Winter uniform) so we can identify groupings at a glance. We do extend leeway with uniform as we appreciate they may have grown out of some things, especially footwear, so trainers for these two days are fine. If you have any specific issues, please email admin@romeromac.com



We will provide full information next week (including start and end times, lunchtime arrangements and activity information) so you know the organisation of the two days.

Please be advised that we close at 9pm today so we can finalise the Risk Assessment with numbers and organise the groups. The survey will be closed and no responses will be received after this time so we can finalise the extensive plans that will be required. Mrs Quinn, CSEL

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Open Prayer at Sacred Heart Church - a message from Father Tony

The church is open for private prayer at the following times:

- Monday from 6.00pm to 7.30pm.
- Wednesday from 10.30am to 12.00pm
- Friday from 3.00pm to 4.30pm
- Sunday from 10.30am to 12.00pm.

The Friday session is timed to encourage any parents/children.



Update for September 2020

I am sure that you will have seen/heard that the Government have released advice for Schools in preparation for opening more widely in September to all year groups. I am currently reading through all the advice and will be working with all the other Principals and our Board of Directors to formulate plans and organise the school for September. It will involve using different school entrances; staggered start and end times for drop off and collection; different breaktimes and lunchtimes and similarly protective measures that we currently have in place. We will also look at plans to re-open Rise and Shine provision, but again, this will look very different, and we may not be able to offer you full-time wraparound care.

Once I have confirmed the plans, I will share these with you as soon as I can.

We will continue to keep you updated! Take care and stay safe!

Mr Madia Principal



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