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Dear parents, children, staff and parishioners,

On Wednesday, the children took part in a class liturgy "Peace, Reconciliation and Remembrance" to remind us about the ex-service men and women from WW1, WW2 and more recent wars, so they are not forgotten.

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We will remember them.*



Thank you to the children in Mrs Severs' class for their wonderful assembly on Children in Need. It was great to see all the children who dressed up (and the staff) in their craziest outfits. A huge thank you to everyone who has donated £1 for wearing different outfits to raise money for Children in Need (we raised £253). Also, thank you for buying wristbands and Pudsey ears headbands. We have sold all of them and in total have raised an amazing £250 this will also go on to the Children in Need charity next week. Thank you for your generosity. 😊



Head Boy and Head Girl

We have presented Max and Maisie with their special Head Boy and Head Girl blazers. We wish them well in their new roles for 2020-2021.

Worker of the Week

Reception		Year 1		Year 2		Year 3		Year 4		Year 5		Year 6	
Dara L	Esther A	Eszter B	Wojcieh D	Agasthy A Oliver F	Declan S	Jayden A	Abigail L	Ivan A	Liana J-S	Milosz M	Alexa E	N/A	N/A
Attendance: 98.1% 😊 Overall (total attendance for the week for the whole school) Our school target for this year is 97%.													
94.7%		99.8%		98.7%		98.7%		98.3%		99.4%		94.9%	
House Point Winner				Rafael House – 242points (Winning House Overall – Rafael House with 1097points)									
Class Attendance Winner				Mrs Severs' Class (Year 5), Mr Finn's Class (Year 4), Miss Roberts/Mrs Ellis' Class (Year 2)									

National Anti-bullying week

Next week we will be reflecting on the theme of anti-bullying. During our assemblies and lessons we will be sharing with the children issues around bullying and how to deal with this. Here are some ideas:

- ♥ TELL, TELL, TELL
- ♥ If you are being bullied, you can do something about it. You can make a difference!
- ♥ Practise what you want to say
- ♥ Keep a note or diary of what is happening
- ♥ Don't give up
- ♥ Ask your parents to talk to someone at the school - the class teacher
- ♥ Talk over what to do with a friend, a teacher, your mum or dad or someone you trust

Remember that teaching staff have to listen carefully when a child tells them about being bullied.

Remember - it's right to tell an adult that you are being bullied and to ask for their help. You can talk with them about what you would like to happen and how the situation can be resolved.

What Is The Definition of Bullying?

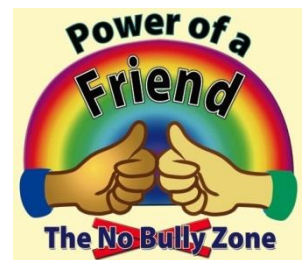
A lot of young people have a good idea of what bullying is. Bullying happens when someone hurts or scares another person on purpose and the person being bullied has a hard time defending himself or herself. Usually, bullying happens over and over. We have told the children it is not a one off incident – it is Several Times On Purpose and we want it to STOP!

- Punching, shoving, and other acts that hurt people physically
- Spreading bad rumours about people
- Keeping certain people out of a "group"
- Teasing people in a mean way
- Getting certain people to "gang up" on others

Help us to make Sacred Heart a place where bullying does not happen.

The Childline Schools Service aims to give children:

- An understanding of abuse in all its forms including bullying, and an ability to recognise the signs of abuse
- Knowledge of how to protect themselves from all forms of abuse
- An awareness of how to get help and sources of help



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Let's Get Active Day

At Sacred Heart, we try to encourage all pupils to take part in regular physical activity, both in school through curriculum P.E, break and lunchtimes, active learning and outside of school. The benefits of regular physical activity to children's physical and mental wellbeing is widely known with the Chief Medical Officer guidelines recommending that primary school children undertake at least 60 minutes of physical activity a day, of which 30 minutes should be in school time. Over the coming months, we will be launching a couple of new initiatives to continue to provide the children with a range of engaging opportunities to get more active in and outside of school.

On Tuesday 24th November, in school we will be holding a 'Let's Get Active' day. Throughout the day each class will have a timetabled slot where they will take part in the Mile Run activity track marked out on the playground and a new initiative called the Skip2BFit 2minute challenge. After our 'Let's Get Active' day every class will have a timetabled slot every day where they will either take part in the Mile Run or the Skip2BFit challenge.



The Skip2BFit challenge is a Youth Sport Trust award winning programme where the children will be guided and encouraged through 2minute timed music tracks to skip as many times in the 2 minutes as possible. We will be using skipping ropes that count how many skips they complete in the 2 minutes. We hope that the Skip2BFit programme will not only be beneficial for the children's health and wellbeing but also impact on pupils' ability to learn across the curriculum through improving their self-esteem, motivation, concentration and thinking skills.

Purchasing your child their own Skip2BFit rope

From Tuesday 24th November - Friday 27th November there will be the opportunity for you to purchase your child their own Skip2BFit skipping rope for £7. The Skip2BFit ropes are fully adjustable so can be used for small children to adults alike, they are made of durable plastic to support with the speed skipping, no batteries are required just simply skip and the rope does all the counting for you. These ropes can be kept in the children's drawers so they have their own personal rope to practise at breaks and lunchtimes so that they can aim to achieve a higher score in their Skip2BFit challenges. Please keep an eye out for details over the coming weeks of where we will be selling the ropes. They come in a choice of 4 colours: blue, pink, black and red.



🌟 Great British Dance Off Soloists 🌟

For the past 10 weeks, 5 of our dancers have been working exceptionally hard to learn and choreograph their dance solos for the GBDO competition.

On Thursday, all their hard work showed as they performed incredibly whilst we videoed their routines ready to submit into the competition 🙌

Next week, we will share with you all a video each day of their dances. Unfortunately, Freya couldn't join us, but we look forward to her dance with you all when year 6 are back in school. ❤️

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After School Virtual Sports Club

With schools not being able to run after school sports clubs at the moment, the Youth Sports Trust have launched a virtual club!

Every weekday at 5pm until the end of term (18 December), the YST are running a 30-minute online club for all children and young people to do some sport, develop skills and, most importantly, have fun! To join in with the live club, visit the YST Youtube channel!

<https://www.youtube.com/user/YouthSportTrust>

You really are in for a treat with these.

Each day there will be a different theme to the club:

- **Adventure Monday** – This might involve getting children to do floor, wall climbing and map reading all within their living room.
- **Tuesday Play** – Imaginative play utilising resources in the house to create games and activities to get active.
- **Wild Wednesday** – Some high tempo competitive activities involving personal challenges.
- **Thinking Thursday** – Introducing cognitive challenges for children through movement. Active noughts and crosses and introducing an element of competition – whether that be against themselves, the clock, their siblings or remotely with friends.
- **Fun Friday** – A chance for children to let loose and have some fun. Dancing and doing what makes them feel good.

We hope your children will enjoy this amazing opportunity 😊



Sacrament of Confirmation Year 6

You will be aware that we have had to move the Sacrament of Confirmation (again 😞) due to the National Lockdown and tighter restrictions in place for places of worship. Therefore, the proposed dates will now be: Wednesday 20th January 2020 at 6:30pm for Miss Gibson's Class / Wednesday 27th January 2021 at 6:30pm for Mrs O'Malley's Class (Mrs Davies' Class). This, unfortunately is subject to change due to the ever changing guidance we are receiving from the Government. Again, I am really sorry for the inconvenience.

Sacrament of Reconciliation Year 3

Year 3 have a special Sacrament coming up where they will be taking their First Reconciliation on the 19th and 20th November. They have been speaking to Father Tony this week and they are preparing for this special Sacrament each day. We have sent home the 'Act of Sorrow' for them to practice on the lead up to this significant Sacrament. We know that it will be different this year for children taking their First Reconciliation but this doesn't mean we can't mark it with a celebration. On Wednesday 25th November we invite children to come to school in their own clothes, even party wear, to celebrate this milestone in their Journey of Faith. We will celebrate with games and music and have a fun day with them!

Food Bank

Father Tony and the parishioners of Sacred Heart have kindly been collecting food for our school community to support families during this difficult time. They have been extremely generous and we have so much food to share. We will be sending home bags of food with the children over the next few weeks. If you don't feel that your family would benefit from this or you would rather not accept the donation then please just return the bag to the school. We know, that due to the huge impact of Coronavirus on the economy, a number of our families may be experiencing financial difficulty, so if you do feel that your family could use some extra support at this time, please contact Mrs Dinter or Mrs Teal at school. Any calls will be kept confidential and we will be able to provide families with foodbank vouchers and additional bags of food. You can also email them on m.dinter@romeromac.com and f.teal@romeromac.com



Love in a Box

Thank you to the 30 children who have sent in their Love in a Box – thank you for preparing the boxes and sending them in. They have now been collected and will touch the lives of 30 children in the developing world this Christmas. Again, thank you for your support with this. ☺

Nativity Plays and Carol Service

As you are aware, due to the National Lockdown, and restrictions in school, we will not be able to do our normal Nativity and Carol Service performances. You will not be able to come into school to watch your children perform; I know this will be very upsetting, as this is one of the highlights of the year. We are, however, being very creative, and we will be creating virtual performances that our staff will film. Once completed, we will send the link out to all of the parents via Arbor. As we can not sell tickets or raffle tickets, raising money for our performances, we would be very grateful if you could donate any amount of money in a named envelope to support with the cost of putting these performances on, and to support our school fund, as we are unable to fundraise in the normal way.



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Spelling Shed

This week, our Spelling Shed accounts have been buzzing with activity! Across the school, children have been focused on different spelling rules and patterns - it has been lovely to see so many children engage with the app this week. As promised, we will be choosing a King Bee and Queen Bee from each class, each week. Some classes had their logins given to them slightly later - don't worry if this was the case, there will be plenty of chances for them to win prizes next week.

The **King Bees** and **Queen Bees** for this week are:

Class 2E	Samuel L
Class 2F	Olivia D
Class 3G:	Gabriel A
Class 3H:	Nicholas L
Class 4I	Chimezuruoke E
Class 4J:	Ashish M
Class 5M	Emmanuel A
Class 5N	Clara T
Class 6L	Rima T
Class 6K	Elaina M



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 account and get practising those spellings. HapBEE spelling, everyone!

Week at a Glance

Date	Time	Activity
Value and Virtue – Intentional and Prophetic		
Anti-Bullying Week		
Monday 16 th Nov	All Day	Guitar Lessons
Tuesday 17 th Nov	Morning	Guitar, Piano and Violin Lessons
Wednesday 18 th Nov	All Day	Year 3 Reconciliation Retreat Day
Thursday 19 th Nov	2:00pm	Year 3 Sacrament First Reconciliation (Mrs Cakebread/Mrs O'Connor)
Friday 20 th Nov	All Day	Children to wear "odd socks" if they want to – supporting Anti-Bullying Week (wear them on top of tights/on top of trousers)
	9:00am	Class Assembly – Mrs Cakebread/Mrs O'Connor (Year 3) - "Anti-Bullying Week" – pre-recorded and posted onto Facebook/You Tube
	Morning	Drumming Lessons (New)
	2:00pm	Year 3 Sacrament First Reconciliation (Mrs Aldrich/Mrs Drohan Mills)

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Mr P Madia
Executive Principal



Don't forget to keep playing Spelling Shed and Timetables Rockstars.



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