



Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

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Dear parents, children, staff and parishioners,

Welcome back to our new term – Autumn 2. The children have come back looking very smart in their winter school uniform (remember those coats!!!!) and have settled back into their new routines. Thank you for adhering to the updated times at the beginning and end of the day. The end of the day pick up is working really well and we actually managed to dismiss all the children by 3:20pm, which is amazing, so thank you. The weather has started to turn a little colder and we are definitely noticing the autumn leaves falling. Mr Henry loves the daily task of blowing the leaves off the playground! ☺

NOTE – we have had a few children come into school this week where their parents or siblings are displaying one of the symptoms of Covid, or are waiting for the results of a test. If this is the case, then the whole family must isolate at home until the result of the test has been received, otherwise this risks infecting the other children in the year group, resulting in me having to close the whole year group, along with the staff for two weeks. I would really appreciate your support in being extra vigilant and mindful during the National Lockdown...here are a few reminders:

National Lockdown Update

Dear Parent/Carer,

In light of a changing national picture and an imminent national lockdown I wanted to write to you to thank you for your continued support and provide further reassurance on the position in schools across Coventry.

It is recognised locally and nationally how important it is that, despite national restrictions, our children and young people can maintain as normal a way of life as possible. We are fortunate to have wonderful schools, with excellent and dedicated teachers and staff and we believe that all children should be in lessons, not only to learn, but also for their own mental and physical wellbeing.

We are pleased to be helping your child/children to continue with their education. Where pupils do need to self-isolate, schools will support them to continue with their education using Inspire Remote Learning packages via your school website

We continue to take every measure to make sure our schools are as safe as possible, and I would like to thank you for your continued support in helping our city reduce COVID-19. Schools continue to review risks in their settings and adapt risk assessments, and as a city we share our learning across all schools to ensure we can remain open safely.

Moving into a national lockdown position, there are obviously tighter restrictions for people to adhere to and as a parent or carer there are a number of things that you can continue to do to help make our education settings safe. These are:

- Not sending your child to their nursery, childminder, school or college if they are showing coronavirus symptoms or someone within the household is showing symptoms
- Keeping your child at home where they have been identified as having contact with a confirmed case either in school or elsewhere
- Arranging a test if you or your child develops symptoms – no matter how mild – and informing the nursery, childminder, school or college of the result. Although there were previous problems with testing capacity these have now been resolved
- Ensuring that the whole household isolate where a household member is awaiting a result, and continued isolation if test result is positive
- Reinforcing with your children how to wash hands, make space and minimise contact
- Adhering to the current rules and guidance (including reinforcing with older children for travel to/from school and outside school) which will help reduce transmission
- Adhering to the current rules when you pick up and drop off children at school sites, and ensuring you wear a facemask, maintain a 2 metre distance from other parents (including not blocking entrances, exits, or immediate areas outside of schools)

Attendance

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Attendance: 97.7% 😊 Overall (total attendance for the week for the whole school) Our school target for this year is 97%.						
98.7% 😊	98.3 😊	97.0% 😊	99.6% 😊	97.9% 😊	97.1% 😊	95.3%

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All Saints Solemnity – 1st November 2020

On Monday, we celebrated the All Saints Solemnity during our Mission Assembly. On the feast of All Saints, we honour those men and women who—whether they've been canonized or not—have led lives of heroic virtue that set an example for all Christians. Saints are big dreamers. They believe that with God on their side, no one and nothing can stop them. Saints are go-getters. They don't wait for someone else to do good first; they jump right in. Saints are love-bringers. They try to see Christ in every person and every situation. Saints tell us what matters most in life is not what we earn or own, not the job we have or the people we know. What really matters is how much we love God, others, and ourselves, and how well we show that love in all we do.



Staffing Update

As you are aware, I am currently managing two schools as Executive Principal of Sacred Heart and St Gregory's Catholic Primary Schools. My role was due to end at Christmas, but due to the current Principal (Mrs Marshall) being seconded to a school in Bedworth, the Board of Directors have extended my role. Whilst she is absent for the Spring term, I will continue in role as we move into 2021; this is to provide a smooth transition moving forward as I have a secure understanding of Saint Gregory having worked with them since February 2020. I will be a more visible leader in the school during her absence and will be working with her over the next six weeks to secure a strong handover.



Sacrament of Confirmation Year 6

As notified through Arbor this week, 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.

After School Clubs – Yr5/6

Due to the tighter restrictions, we have had to make the decision not to proceed with our new football/netball clubs for Year 5 and Year 6. We have now moved these to the Spring Term 2021. This, unfortunately is also subject to change due to the ever changing guidance we are receiving from the Government.

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



Catering Survey

We would like to get some feedback from the children about the school meals and the improvements we have made since taking our catering in house. Please can we ask you to give our school feedback to improve the offering and service of catering within the Romero Schools. We would be very grateful if you could click on the hyperlink "Customer Satisfaction Survey" and send us your thoughts and ideas. This has also been sent by email. The deadline for feedback will be the 9th November.



Catering Customer Satisfaction Survey

Press the "control" button and click the link – it will take you directly to the page https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=FGqS236eGkCKYoaq9S5u_qv3fE1Ek6BLk3WK6siq_TNUqjVVN1dOMU5ZVVo5N0JFMjIjVTFBTVdTNy4u

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Remembrance

*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.*

Remembrance

On Wednesday 11th November, we will be spending time with God, through Rolling Worship, where each class will come together on their own to spend time thinking about Peace and Reconciliation with the theme of Remembrance. If you would like to send in a donation of any amount, we will donate this to the poppy appeal.

Children in Need



We will be joining in with the Children In Need appeal on Friday 13th November. The theme for this year is "Together, We Can" – for children to take part, they will need to bring in a donation of £1. They can wear anything they want (as long as it is really, really silly – bad hair, odd socks, odd shoes, and crazy clothes!) We will also be selling a range of Children In Need merchandise from Monday – School council will be selling these at break times. If you would like to purchase anything, please try

and send your child in with the correct change - **Pudsey ears - £2.50, Wristbands - £1.00.** Stock is usually quite limited so please purchase early to avoid disappointment.

Looking at Learning

Unfortunately, due to the restrictions, there will not be an opportunity this term to look at the children's books at our Looking at Learning sessions. 😞 I really hope we can welcome you back into our school from next term...fingers crossed everyone!

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	John Paul S
Class 3G:	Gabriel A
Class 3H:	Nicholas L
Class 4I	Chimezurouke E
Class 4J:	Callan A
Class 5M	Emmanuel A
Class 5N	Frannitta M
Class 6L	Noah M
Class 6K	Osayuwamen E



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!

A message from Father Tony - Church open for private prayer

During the next 4 weeks of Lockdown, the church will be open for private prayer, each Saturday morning from 11.00am to 12.30pm **starting this Saturday 7th November.** Please do come and spend some time with the Lord. Again, on your behalf, I want to especially thank our volunteers – without them the church could not have opened for Mass in July and could not now open for private prayer.

All Masses will continue to be Livestreamed

Thanks to your kindness, our camera is proving to be a great success and answering a great need. We will keep to the Mass times we have got used to and so, although for the next 4 weeks there won't be a congregation, Masses will be livestreamed to Facebook and YouTube at the following times:

Mondays	9.00am
Tuesdays	9.00am
Wednesdays	6.30pm
Thursdays	9.00am
Fridays	9.00am
Saturdays	9.00am
Saturday evenings	5.00pm
Sundays	10.30am

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Week at a Glance

Date	Time	Activity
Value and Virtue – Intentional and Prophetic		
No Looking at Learning this week 😞		
Monday 9 th Nov	All Day	Guitar Lessons
Tuesday 10 th Nov	Morning All Day All Day	Guitar, Piano and Violin Lessons Animal Experience for Year 1 World Science Week
Wednesday 11 th Nov	All Day 11:00am	Remembrance Rolling Worship for all Year Groups Two minute silence to remember all those who have fallen.
Thursday 12 th Nov	AM	Deacon Owen Gresty to visit Year 6 – Confirmation Preparation
Friday 13 th Nov	All Day 9:00am Morning	Children in Need – dress up day for £1 donation to the charity. Dress up in anything silly/crazy!!!! Class Assembly – Mrs Severs' (Year 5) - "Children in Need" – pre-recorded and posted onto Facebook/You Tube Drumming Lessons (New)

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Mr P Madia
Executive Principal



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



Plan for November 2020

Teacher	Start Time	End Time	PE Days
Year 6 – Mrs O'Malley	8:30 - 8:50am T Junction	3:15pm T Junction	Friday
Year 6 – Miss Gibson	8:30 - 8:50am T Junction	3:15pm T Junction	Friday
Year 5 – Mrs Severs / Mrs Stevenson	8:30 - 8:50am T Junction	3:15pm T Junction	Tuesday Thursday
Year 5 – Miss Paterson/ Mrs Stevenson	8:30 - 8:50am T Junction	3:15pm T Junction	Tuesday Thursday
Year 4 – Miss Allport	8:30 - 8:50am Classroom Door	3:15pm Classroom Door	Monday Thursday
Year 4 – Mr Finn	8:30 - 8:50am Year 3/4 door	3:15pm Year 3/4 door	Monday Thursday
Year 3 – Mrs Aldrich/ Mrs Drohan-Mills/	8:30 - 8:50am Rise & Shine Gate	3:20pm Rise & Shine Gate	Monday Tuesday
Year 3 – Mrs Cakebread/ Mrs O'Connor	8:30 - 8:50am Rise & Shine Gate	3:20pm Rise & Shine Gate	Monday Tuesday
Year 2 – Mrs Ellis/ Miss Roberts	8:30 - 8:50am Rise & Shine Gate	3:10pm Rise & Shine Gate	Thursday Friday
Year 2 – Miss Parry	8:30 - 8:50am Rise & Shine Gate	3:10pm Rise & Shine Gate	Thursday Friday
Year 1 – Mrs Pearman	8:30 - 8:50am Year 2 playground	3:00pm Year 2 playground	Wednesday
Year 1 – Mrs Stanton/ Mrs Cowley	8:30 - 8:50am Year 2 playground	3:00pm Year 2 playground	Wednesday
Reception – Mrs Rice/ Mrs Gaffney	8:30 - 8:50am Nursery Gate	3:00pm Nursery Gate	Wednesday
Reception – Miss Thomson	8:30 - 8:50am Nursery Gate	3:00pm Nursery Gate	Wednesday
Nursery – Mrs Peters	8:30 - 8:50am Nursery Gate	3:15pm Nursery Gate	N/A

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