



# Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

Part of The Romero Catholic Academy

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Dear parents, children, staff and parishioners,

Unfortunately, this week I am writing to you from Self-Isolation from my home! As you will know last week was very eventful! Starting off on Thursday, where the school experienced a small and brief fire which was confined to one of our Year 3 classrooms at lunchtime. It was a minor incident that was managed by the school and no children were in the room at the time of the fire, remaining safe at all times throughout. On Friday, we had to close Year 4 before school started, as a member of staff had tested positive. Following that, by 11am we had to temporarily close the whole school due to issues with staffing following the fire on Thursday. Over the weekend, my entire team were disrupted with track and trace alerts, resulting in the school only opening partially to children, with the remainder being at home on remote learning.



The past week has demonstrated a stark reminder that Covid has not yet gone away and, with cases on the rise throughout Coventry, we cannot afford to become complacent. Therefore, may I please remind you to continue to wear your masks when dropping off or collecting the children; to maintain your social distance as much as possible when on school site and, that if anyone in your family displays any Covid symptoms, you isolate and get them tested straight away. I know that with all of the media hype surrounding the football, this may seem a pointless ask, however, we as a school community, have a duty to protect each other. We would also like to be able to look back and say that, here at Sacred Heart, we really did all we could to allow all children to finish the year in the best way possible.

Although I haven't been physically in school this week, I have kept in contact virtually – *technology really is a wonderful thing, isn't it?! I have had many reports back from staff about the children's successes this week. A special thanks goes to our staff who have gone over and above, many of whom have taken on extra responsibilities this week and kept me in the loop so that I could still manage things from home. It really is true when they say, 'teamwork makes the dream work!' I look forward to seeing you all again next week!* 😊

We are still not able to fully open next week due to staff still in isolation, therefore, as detailed in my letter this morning, here are the details for next week. Please be aware, as you know, things change very, very rapidly, so I will inform you as soon as possible if circumstances change.

Year Group	Return Date
Nursery	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> July (continue with remote learning for 5 days)
Reception	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> July
Year 1	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> July
Year 2	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> July
Year 3	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> July
Year 4	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> July (continue with remote learning for 1 day)
Year 5	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> July
Year 6	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> July

## Attendance

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Attendance: 96.1% Overall (total attendance for the week for the whole school) Our school target for this year is 97%.							
N/A	N/A	96.1%	97.4%	96.8%	N/A	94.1%	N/A
House Point Winner		N/A – Rollover to next week					
Class Attendance Winner		Mrs Ellis / Miss Roberts (2E)					



## Holy Communion – Year 3

Over the next two weeks, the remainder of our wonderful Year Three children will be receiving their First Holy Communion, we have now had two of the four Masses. We are very much looking forward to celebrating with them and the children have been enjoying the preparations. Please continue to pray for our Year Three children as they prepare to receive Jesus through this sacrament for the first time.

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### New staff

We welcome Mr Brendan Woollams – our new I.T. apprentice who has joined our team. He will be working across Sacred Heart and St Gregory's.

We welcome Mr James Roberts – our new chef for our school, as part of the Romero Catering Team. He has replaced David in the kitchen and has been with us now for a few weeks, settling in. He has lots of ideas to make our meals even tastier than they are already. We welcome him to our team.



### September 2021 ~ Staffing Arrangements

A letter was sent to all parents last week confirming our staffing arrangements for September. We are looking forward to welcoming some new staff into our Sacred Heart family and building upon the work we have begun this year. We are mindful that, due to Covid, transition last year was not as we would have hoped; therefore, this year transition will take a priority and we have a range of ways for children to meet and work with their teacher ahead of September, as detailed in the letter that went out. As always, if you have any questions, worries or concerns, please do come and speak to a member of staff.

	<u>Nursery</u>	<u>Reception</u>	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>	<u>Year 4</u>	<u>Year 5</u>	<u>Year 6</u>
<b>Teacher</b>	Mrs Peters (Lead)	Miss Thomson	Mrs Pearman	Mrs Ellis Miss Ward (new)	Mrs Cakebread Miss Roberts	Miss Allport	Miss Patterson	Mrs S O'Malley
<b>PE Teacher: Miss Edge</b>		Mrs Rice Mrs Gaffney	Mrs Stanton	Miss Parry	Mrs O'Connor Mrs Cowley	Mr Finn	Mrs Severs	Mrs Aldrich Mrs Davies
<b>Support Staff</b>	Mrs Gibbons Miss Carpenter	Mrs Smith Mrs Seal	Miss McNulty Mrs Norman	Mrs Stokes Mrs Preston Miss Edwards	Mrs Kane Mrs Chitty	Miss Cole Mrs Hanlon	Miss Ashford Mr Spencer Mrs Ward	Mrs O'Malley Miss Ryan
<b>Leader of Learning</b>	Miss Thomson		Miss Parry		Miss Allport		Mrs Stevenson	
<b>Assistant Vice Principals</b>	Mrs Aldrich, Mrs Cakebread and Mrs Davies							
<b>Vice Principals</b>	Mrs Stevenson and Mrs Ellis							
<b>Executive Principal</b>	Mr Madia							

Current Year Group	Current teacher	New Year Group	Class Teacher September 2021	Current Year Group	Current teacher	New Year Group	Class Teacher September 2021
Reception	Classes being mixed	Year 1	Mrs Stanton	Reception	Classes being mixed	Year 1	Mrs Pearman
Year 1	Mrs Pearman	Year 2	Mrs Ellis Miss Ward	Year 1	Mrs Stanton Mrs Cowley	Year 2	Miss Parry
Year 2	Mrs Ellis Miss Roberts	Year 3	Mrs O'Connor Mrs Cowley	Year 2	Miss Parry	Year 3	Mrs Cakebread Miss Roberts
Year 3	Mrs Aldrich Mrs Drohan-Mills	Year 4	Miss Allport	Year 3	Mrs Cakebread Mrs O'Connor	Year 4	Mr Finn
Year 4	Mr Finn	Year 5	Mrs Severs Mrs Stevenson	Year 4	Miss Allport	Year 5	Miss Paterson
Year 5	Mrs Severs Mrs Stevenson	Year 6	Mrs O'Malley	Year 5	Miss Paterson Mrs Stevenson	Year 6	Mrs Aldrich Mrs Stevenson

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## Junior Maths Challenge Success

The Junior Maths Challenge is a national competition aimed at KS3 children (Years 7,8,9) that puts mathematical reasoning and problem solving to the test. For the third year running, we teamed up with other Romero Primary Schools and entered some of our Year 5 and 6 pupils who we thought would be up to the challenge. Prior to this, they took part in a teaching session with Mr Kirby (one of our Academy School Improvement Leads) and then were entered into the challenge. Last week, we received the result and we were delighted to learn that **Jacob** in Year 6 had been awarded a silver award, meaning that he scored over 57% in the competition. A huge congratulations to **Jacob** and to **Oyebola, Elaina, Lay, Cole, Mikolaj, Filip, Max, Balpreet and Maria** who were highly commended for their attempt.



## Tasty Cornish Pasties

On Thursday, Year 5 enjoyed a food tech lesson making Cornish pasties as part of their Victorian topic. They learnt about the history of the Cornish pasty, prepared and chopped all the ingredients, then using pastry, made the pasty shape. Once they were cooked, the children enjoyed tasting them. Thank you to our Romero Catering Team, especially Jane.



## Achievement Awards – Summer Term

We are pleased to be able to share our Achievement Awards for the Summer Term. Mrs O'Meara will email you all separately if your child has been chosen. As a heads up, here are the dates and times for your diaries. We will send out a link to TEAMS, as they will be presented remotely again.

Time	Led by Mr Madia	Led by Mrs Stevenson
<b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July</b>		
9:00am	Year 3	Year N
9:30am	Year 2	Year R
<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July</b>		
9:00am	Year 6	
9:30am	Year 5	
10:00am	Year 4	
10:30am	Year 1	



## Parent/Carer Survey ~ Your Voice Matters – Final Plea!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Here at Sacred Heart, 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 fourth annual survey to parents/carers across all eight schools within The Romero Catholic Academy. It will close on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/RomeroSurvey2021>

Through this survey, we would like to know what you think is working well and what you would like us to improve. We have some additional aspects in light of the current climate and we thank you for your patience as we have navigated the last ten months. 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 would 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. As always, 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. We will also include the FAQs on the website – [www.romeromac.com](http://www.romeromac.com)

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## School Nurse Information – Toileting and Sleep Support Training Available

School Nursing are running FREE virtual health information sessions via Event Brite running until August 2021 for parents/carers. This will include sessions around managing toileting and sleep. See below for booking information:

Name of Session	Date and Time of Session	Booking Link
Sleep Information Session	09/07/2021 @ 10am	<a href="#">Click Here</a>
Toileting Information Session	19/07/2021 @ 1pm	<a href="#">Click Here</a>
Toileting Information Session	11/08/2021 @ 2pm	<a href="#">Click Here</a>
Sleep Information Session	20/08/2021 @ 1pm	<a href="#">Click Here</a>

## Transition 2021

As previously mentioned in my letter to you all last week, I wanted to write to you to outline our approach to transition for Years R – 5 during the latter part of the summer term and in light of COVID-19 restrictions. As social distancing measures are being kept in place until 1<sup>st</sup> July, we have decided to go ahead with an in-school transition approach which enables all children to get to know their new class teacher and teaching assistant. An overview of the suggested programme is outlined below, culminating in the children spending a whole morning with their new class teacher on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July. I have moved this date a week later due to our issues we have faced this week.

Transition Ideas
<b>Teacher &amp; TA Visits</b> – New Teachers/TAs to visit the children in their current classes to hear readers/take groups and build relationships.
<b>Story Time Swap</b> – Teachers and TAs to move to their new classrooms and read a story to their new classes.
<b>Letter To My New Teacher</b> – Children write a letter to their new teacher telling them about themselves.
<b>Transition Morning – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July</b> - Children will spend a morning with their new class teacher and support staff.

For children moving to a secondary school (Year 6 to 7), all Coventry secondaries are running their transition events online and not doing their usual day on site visits. Therefore, children will remain at Sacred Heart on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July. We are continuing to liaise with secondary teachers to pass on information and doing work with the children to explain what secondary looks like and what it will mean for them. The class teachers in Year 6 have been meeting each secondary school and passing on important information about each child.

## Sacred Heart Catholic Primary Laptop Programme

**DOES YOUR CHILD REQUIRE A LAPTOP TO SUPPORT WITH HOME LEARNING?**

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Log onto [www.tech4learners.co.uk](http://www.tech4learners.co.uk)  
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If you require assistance or have any questions then please email [tech4learners@freedomtech.co.uk](mailto:tech4learners@freedomtech.co.uk) or call 0203 857 5632


**FREEDOM TECHNOLOGY**

This year has already shown how much easier home learning is when students have access to the right technology. We know that this is not always easy and many families have had to share devices between siblings or use technology that is not fit for purpose.

It is clear that learning and the way we teach will not return to exactly as it was before Covid-19. We are therefore introducing a scheme to help families purchase a high quality device with outstanding warranty cover at less than High Street prices.

As an Academy we want to improve our pupils access to technology that will assist with their home learning. This new scheme is aimed at achieving this objective and help us to enhance the learning experience for our pupils.







## NEW PE HOODIES FOR OUTSIDE PE

We have now arranged for Sacred Heart School Hoodies to be available for when we move into the colder Autumn and Winter months. The hoodies will be in navy blue with the school logo embroidered on the front and the school's name printed on the back. These will be perfect for PE lessons outdoors and look smart when they wear their PE Kits into school on their PE days; the hoodies are available for £15 and are available from Andy Blair's School Wear shop or to order online from August 2021.

Sizes: Age 3/4    5/6    7/8    9/11    12/13  
          adult small,    adult medium.

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## Cardinal Wiseman – Virtual Tour



Introducing our partner Secondary School - Cardinal Wiseman 

Over the last couple of years, Cardinal Wiseman has undergone quite a transformation. New classrooms, new facilities and a new leadership team. Unfortunately, due to Covid, for the second year running they have been unable to open their doors to show all of us the new environment they have been working hard to build.

However, they have managed to put together a wonderful virtual tour. So, sit back, relax and discover #whywiseman. A thriving secondary school with a new environment and a new lease of life.

[Watch their Virtual Tour Here.](#)

Here at Sacred Heart, we look forward to continuing to build upon our relationship with them & helping many more of our children continue their Romero education by selecting Cardinal Wiseman as a secondary school of choice!

## Sports Day Plans

Please read the following information as there will be some changes to next week's P.E as we try to re-arrange sports day plans. A separate email will be sent out to each year group with all the information.

**Monday 5th July** - Sports day for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

**Tuesday 6th July** - Sports day for Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July** - Sports day for Year 6

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July** - Whole school Teams assembly winning house assembly – (children to come into school dressed in their house colours).

Due to the turbulence, we've gone through in the last week, we will be adapting sports day to be one year group at a time. Within their 'sports day' they will have a 90min slot for their year group. **There are NO parent picnics.**

**Please ensure that your child wears sports appropriate clothes in their house colour on their sports day. So that's Monday (Year R, 1 and 2), and then Tuesday (Year 3, 4 and 5) and Monday 12<sup>th</sup> for Year 6.**

Unfortunately, there will now be no live streaming of these events due to logistical issues. We will take plenty of pictures though and post these on the children's Padlet pages and school Facebook page for you to see.

## Other updates for next week:

- Year 6 Swimming will resume on Thursday 8th July as normal.
- All Premier Education clubs, Irish Dancing and school run Netball and Thursday football will resume from Monday 5th July.
- There will be no normal P.E lessons Mon-Weds, just their sports day slots.
- Year 4 and 5 will have cricket as normal on Thursday 8th July.
- EYFS will have P.E as normal on Friday 9th July.
- There will be no Year 2 P.E on Friday 9th July.

## It's Coming Home!

Football Fever has well and truly swept the school and if you are a football fan, we hope that you have been enjoying the Euros too! I'm sure that this has been made that little bit more enjoyable what with England securing their place in the Quarter Finals on Saturday. Here's wishing all of the team a huge Good Luck in their game against the Ukraine on Saturday – Come on England!



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## Week at a glance

Date	Time	Activity
<b>Value and Virtue – Faith-Filled and Hopeful</b>		
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Morning All Day	Guitar Lessons EYFS/Year1/Year 2 Sports Day (suitable clothes in your house colour please)
	All Day	Year 6 exit interviews with our LAC Committee
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Morning	Guitar, Piano and Violin Lessons
	Morning	Reception and Year 6 – Heights and Weights (NHS)
	All Day All Day	Year 3/4/5 Sports Day (suitable clothes in your house colour please) Year 6 exit interviews with our LAC Committee
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	6:30pm	Year 3 First Holy Communion (Group 3)- Sacred Heart Church
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	9:00am	Virtual Mass with Father Tony (Sacred Heart Parish)
	Morning	Year 6 Swimming Lessons (Alan Higgs)
	All Day	Chance to Shine Cricket (Yr5 AM / Yr4 PM)
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	9:00am	Virtual Celebration Assembly (invitation only) – Workers of the Week
	All Day	Year 6 Leavers Trip – Go Ape (Coombe Abbey)
	Morning	Drumming Lessons
	Morning	One Life Summer Live Stream Retreat

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Mr P Madia  
Executive Principal



Something Greater is a project that will help our parish reach out to family, friends, and our local community and invite them to an **online gathering** on 8<sup>th</sup> July at 7.00 p.m. We know so many who have asked questions about faith over the last year, those who have not realised that our churches are open, and those who are anxious about coming back to church. This will help us extend a hand of friendship and welcome everyone to church. We are going to do this together and here are three ways you can help.

1. **Pray** that the Holy Spirit will touch open hearts of the people in our area to welcome an invitation to come to church in person.
2. **Invite** as many people as you can to sign up and come along to the online gathering on **Thursday evening 8<sup>th</sup> July** by emailing the parish at [sacredheart.covty@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sacredheart.covty@rcaob.org.uk) and on the morning of July 8<sup>th</sup> we will email out the Zoom code for the gathering. (Your email addresses will not be visible to anyone else)
3. **Welcome every person who comes to church in the coming weeks** who might be nervous, returning, or new to the Catholic Church. When you're arriving for Mass if you spot someone you don't know, or who is just returning then say hello to them and make them feel very welcome. **And during Mass if you see someone who is new, or just returning then when we leave Mass make a "bee-line" for them and say hello to them and make them welcome.**
4. And don't forget to sign up for the online gathering yourself!

God bless,

Fr. Tony.

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