



Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

Part of The Romero Catholic Academy

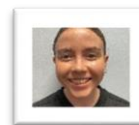
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Dear parents, children, staff and parishioners,

WELCOME BACK

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: **Miss Lucy Ward (Yr2) Schools Direct Trainee.**



A few lovely updates:

<p><i>Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Newman on their marriage to each other in August (Miss Edge)</i></p>	<p><i>Congratulations to Miss Gibson on the birth of her first child – Honour Rose. Mother and baby are doing very well.</i></p>
	

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 their first morning of school – the very best of luck!

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

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. The children have been exceptionally well behaved and learning focused considering the past year we have all had to endure and the disruption to our school. It has been such a wonderful first week back.

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 six years as an Academy. Our strategic aims this year will be linked to the Romero aims:



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 gate 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 Principals (Mrs Aldrich and Mrs Cakebread), Vice Principals (Mrs Stevenson and Mrs Ellis), Executive 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 Mrs Stevenson
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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.



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 neighbour's houses. We do want to keep good relations with our local community. Please refrain from using bad language also.

Lunchtimes – Romero Academy

Staggered lunchtimes will 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 / Year 3 12:00pm – 1:00pm
Year 4/Year 5/Year 6 12:15pm – 1:15pm

Please do consider putting your child back onto School Meals – they are really tasty and great value for money.



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****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.

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 Teal (Pastoral Team) will make a visit to the family home.

Inset Days (2021 – 2022) – CHANGES

The school will be closed on the following days for staff Inset Days:

Friday 22nd October 2021, Tuesday 4th January 2022, Friday 22nd July 2022, Monday 25th July 2022
for the Diamond Jubilee payback to staff.

School and Parish Masses

Next week, we will send 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 – hopefully there will be no changes.



Dates for your diary

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

Friday 24 th September	Blessing of School Year Mass - Church
Friday 1 st October	Class Assembly Rosary Year 4
Friday 8 th October	Mass of God's Word Year 2
Friday 15 th October	Year 4 Class Assembly Space Week

**** Next week, we will send out a full calendar with all the dates for the year ****

Please add these to your diary.



Arbor Communications

- Please download the APP and login to ensure you receive all emails/alerts/payments.
- We will continue to send an electronic copy of the newsletter home each Friday via Arbor. We do not print the newsletter – **please** make sure you register with Arbor to ensure you do not miss important communications from school.
- Letters – the vast majority of letters will not be printed and will be emailed to your Arbor account.
- **CASHLESS** – we are a cashless school and do not accept cash/cheques for school meals, trips, music lessons etc – please use the Arbor 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 white shirt and tie	Named royal blue school polo shirt with crest	Named white shirt and tie
Named royal blue school polo shirt with crest and grey skirt	Named royal blue cardigan or royal blue V neck jumper with school crest	Named grey shorts or trousers	Named royal blue V neck jumper with school logo
Black shoes/ sandals with backs on them (not boots)	Named grey skirt, pinafore or trousers (not fashion trousers see note below)	Black shoes/ sandals with backs on them (not trainers or shoes with a sports logo - not boots)	Grey socks, grey trousers (long or short)
White socks	White socks, grey tights, black shoes (not boots)	Grey socks	Black shoes (not trainers) or shoes with a sports logo - not boots)
Trousers Plain tailored to the ankle with no additional decorations.		Indoor PE Kit	
No tight-fitting trousers, legging type trousers or hipsters.		Named black shorts (no logo)	
Denim or corduroy is not permitted.		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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SACRED HEART NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Over the next few months, Sacred Heart are starting their journey to transform the play opportunities we provide to the children during their break and lunchtimes with the support of the Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL) programme.

OPAL is based on the idea that as well as learning through good teaching, your children also learn when they play, and as 20% of their time in school is playtime, we want to make sure that this amount of time (equivalent to 1.4 years of primary school) is as good as possible. Over the coming months, we will be collecting a lot of equipment to facilitate these play opportunities, but we need somewhere to store *it all*.



Do you know anyone that...

- could help us purchase a discounted shipping container or large storage shed?
- would sponsor the school to support the purchase of a storage solution?
- could build a storage facility for us at a good price?



If you can have any ideas or suggestions to support with our storage dilemma, please email Mrs Newman on s.newman@romeromac.com

	EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Monday	X Indoor Gymnastics						X Playground Bikeability Starts 2 nd Sep
Tuesday					X Indoor Speed Stacking	X Indoor Indoor Athletics	
Wednesday							X Indoor Indoor Athletics
Thursday		X Playground Games AND Healthy Eating & Lifestyle		X Indoor Dance		X Indoor Dance	
Friday			X Indoor Mag. 7 AND Playground Healthy Eating & Lifestyle				

Yellow = Indoor Blue = Playground Green = Field

Autumn 1 P.E

All Arbor messages have now been sent out with all the information you'll need to know about your child's P.E for next half term. Please read this information carefully so that you know what your child will be learning about, and when they need to come to school in their P.E kit.

How can I see what my child is learning in P.E?

For P.E we use a website called Padlet to document the children's learning and sporting successes. Padlet is free to access but can only be accessed with the link or QR code.

We have sent out links to all the different year groups Padlet pages were included, these are also listed below. Next week, your child will also come home with a paper version of the codes that you can attach e.g. to your fridge for easy access.

Top tip: If you are swapping between different Padlet pages, close the Padlet page before going to the next one. Otherwise, it will keep taking you to the same Padlet page regardless of which QR code you scan.

Please scan the QR code or click on the link for your year group's Padlet!	<p>QR code for EYFS</p> <p>https://padlet.com/mtaggart4/rdmndub8b4o2qco7</p>	<p>QR code for Year 1</p> <p>https://padlet.com/mtaggart4/39jlm3ppwhby7s</p>	<p>QR code for Year 2</p> <p>https://padlet.com/mtaggart4/viorh6od6s5beh6</p>
	<p>QR code for Year 3</p> <p>https://padlet.com/mtaggart4/zohkamywcalakbn2</p>	<p>QR code for Year 4</p> <p>https://padlet.com/mtaggart4/b5b1ad7pi0q26ot9</p>	<p>QR code for Year 5</p> <p>https://padlet.com/mtaggart4/g6ed4dhlfbqo55m</p>

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Junior Duke

Thank you to everyone who has signed up for the Junior Duke programme this year, we have 61 sign ups this year which is fantastic 😊 An Arbor will shortly be sent out with information of how to pay (if you haven't already). **The deadline for payment is Wednesday 15th September.** Following this, all the participant numbers will be sent off to Junior Duke HQ. Books should arrive just before October half term. Mrs Newman will be in touch when books have arrived about the finer details of the award scheme.



Giselle

We are excited to announce that we have been able to secure tickets for years 5 and 6 to go see the ballet Giselle at the Royal Opera House in London on November 5th. This is a fantastic opportunity to watch a professional ballet in the famous setting of the Royal Opera House. We have secured heavily discounted tickets as well as a travel grant, meaning that we're able to put on this trip for an extremely low price.



ROYAL
OPERA
HOUSE

Giselle is Peter Wright's acclaimed production of the greatest of all Romantic ballets. It is superbly atmospheric in its telling of Marius Petipa's classic tale of love, betrayal and the supernatural. We will be sending out more information via Arbor to years 5 and 6 shortly.

Active Travel to School

As we start a new academic year, we want to continue to promote active travel to and from school. Not only is it great for both you and your children's health but it also helps to reduce the traffic and pollution around our school. The bike and scooter storage are now open for use again, this can be found on the playground by the gates. Please feel free to store your child's bike/scooter here throughout the day (helmets/roller blades can be kept inside throughout the day).

If you live further away from school, the church car park remains a place you can park in and walk/roll into school from there. The children will continue to record how they travel to school via our travel tracker and work towards earning their active travel badges each month.

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 across The Romero Academy. 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).

New Reception Children and Nursery Children

We are really excited to welcome our 60 new Reception children (9:30am) on Monday 13th September.

Our 31 Nursery children will be starting on Monday 20th September (8:30am/12:30pm).



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I am learning about...

As we enter the new school year, the children will be studying revised 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	London's Burning: The Great Fire of London
Year 3 Theme	Walk Like an Egyptian: The Ancient Egyptians
Year 4 Theme	It's all Greek to Me! The Ancient Greeks
Year 5 Theme	Chop & Change: The Tudors



Class Saints

Mrs Severs' and Mrs Stevenson's class have been learning about their class saint, St Francis of Assisi. They used cutting, mixing and blending skills. They also wrote a detailed fact file about St Francis.

Pupil Leadership

Here at Sacred Heart, we are keen to grow leaders of the future and want to involve the children in our decision making as much as possible – it is their school after all! We cannot wait to implement our **pupil leadership** structure again leading roles of House Captain, Vice-Captain and School Council.



And finally, we have two exciting positions available for our Year 6 children to undertake. We are looking to recruit our next **Head Boy and Head Girl**. Those who wish to be considered will

write a manifesto and deliver this to the children within school. We will then host a school voting week where each child will vote for who they wish to be elected as Head Boy and Head Girl and represent our school and vocalise the children's thoughts. This is a very exciting time for us as we hope that these initiatives will help develop confidence and independence within the children who apply and also give a voice to the rest of the children at school so that we can make changes for the better.

Secondary Admissions – Cardinal Wiseman Catholic Secondary School

Parents/ carers of pupils in Year 6 are carefully choosing a secondary school for September 2022. If you are considering a Secondary school for your child, please click on the link to access our website:

<https://cardinalwiseman.coventry.sch.uk/chooseWiseman> to find out how your child can continue their journey of learning at Cardinal Wiseman Catholic Secondary school.

Cardinal Wiseman is a rapidly improving school (Ofsted May 2019). We warmly welcome you to consider our school as a place for your child in Year 7; we know that God has a vocation and plan for each pupil and know that our school community will be blessed by the presence of the new pupils that join us in September 2022.

We warmly welcome you to join us for the forthcoming Open Evening on **Tuesday 21st September at 6pm**. There will be a formal presentation to families by Mr Everett at **6pm** and a repeat at **6.45pm** in our state-of-the-art hall, along with tours around the classrooms and facilities on offer.

CARDINAL WISEMAN CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL
OPEN EVENING

Are you in Year 6 (or 4/5) looking for the perfect Secondary school for you?
Join us on **Tuesday 21st September** and see what opportunities await you at Cardinal Wiseman.
Mr Everett, Principal will give a presentation in our state of the art hall at 6 pm and 6.45 pm.
Pupils and staff look forward to showing you around our school!

Expression of interest
Click here <https://cardinalwiseman.coventry.sch.uk/chooseWiseman>
to access our brochure in attending.

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Please be advised that for pupils who are in Year 7 for the 2022- 2023 academic year, free bus passes will be available for eligible pupils for their first year attending Cardinal Wiseman. Eligible pupils are children who meet all three criteria:

- 1) On the application form Cardinal Wiseman was their **first choice as a secondary school**.
- 2) Pupil has attended one of the partnered Catholic **primary** schools within **Romero**.
- 3) The pupil has a home address which is **2 miles or more** from the school.

Please continue to join us online via our website and social media, to find out more about our dynamic and ambitious Catholic Secondary school, led by Mr Everett, Principal.

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Flu Nasal Spray

The Flu consent link has gone out today via Arbor. Please can you complete this as soon as possible. These will take place on 29th September 2021 and consent has to be given by 20th September 2021. Thank you.

Week at a Glance – CHANGES DUE TO ERRORS WITH RECEPTION TIMES

Date	Time	Activity
Value and Virtue – Eloquent and Truthful		
Monday 13 th Sept	9:30am – 11:00am All Day	Reception children start (collect at 11:00am) Guitar Lessons
Tuesday 14 th Sept	9:00am – 12:00pm Morning All Day	Reception children – (collection at 12:00pm) Helen Quinn (CSEL/CEO) visiting Sacred Heart Guitar, Piano and Violin Lessons
Wednesday 15 th Sept	9:00am – 1:00pm All Day All Day	Reception children (stay for lunch – collection at 1:00pm) Day of the Dot – Growth Mindset Project Year 5 to Alton Castle
Thursday 16 th Sept Year 5 to mass	9:00am – 1:00pm 9:00am All Day	Reception children (stay for lunch – collection at 1:00pm) CAFOD Assembly “Go Green.” Year 5 at Alton Castle
Friday 17 th Sept	All Day 9:00am Morning Morning All Day	Reception children full time (collection at 3:10pm) No Class Assembly this week – Worker of the Week only (invitation) Drum Lessons Nursery Stay & Play Sessions Year 5 at Alton Castle

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Mr P Madia
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	Miss Parry	m.parry@romeromac.com
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	Miss Paterson	h.paterson@romeromac.com
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	Mrs Aldrich	h.aldrich@romeromac.com
PE/Sport	Mrs Newman (Miss Edge)	s.newman@romeromac.com

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