



Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

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ADVENT

Dear parents, children, staff and parishioners,

During December, we journey into Advent as we begin a new church year: "Slow down; Be ready."

Advent is a time of waiting. It is a time of hope, joy, love and great excitement. It is a time to pray for peace. We hope that this Advent reflection brings you a little bit of peace, a splash of joy and a feeling of love. We hope it allows you to stop and be still and to focus on what is really important at this special time of year.

We are heading quickly towards Christmas and there is a real buzz around school! We are so excited to be bringing the Christmas spirit alive for the children, creating memories and joy throughout Advent and Christmastide.

Thank you to parents who were able to join us for prayer times this morning. All the classrooms were decorated beautifully and the children were incredibly reverent and thoughtful about how they are preparing for Advent. A special well done to the parents who joined in with the singing and the actions!

Please read to the very end of the newsletter for details of our upcoming Christmas events and to find out more about our new playtime initiative.

We wish our Year 6 children a memorable and blessed Confirmation day tomorrow, when they will receive the holy sacrament from Bishop Kenney.

No WOW certificates or house point results this week							
PE Days – New days for Autumn 2							
N/A	Thursday	Monday	Thursday	Wednesday	Tuesday	Tuesday Thursday	Friday
Attendance: 96% Overall (total attendance for the week for the whole school) Our school target for this year is 97%.							
76.9%	95.3%	95.1%	95.2%	97.1%	97.9%	96.9%	94.6%
Class Attendance Winner		Year 3G Mrs Cakebread & Miss Roberts					

Recruitment

Mrs Pearman will be starting her maternity leave in January and we wish her all the luck in the world as she prepares to welcome her new arrival. We have recruited Siobhan Reilly to teach Mrs Pearman's Year 1 class and we look forward to welcoming her to our Sacred Heart staff team after Christmas.



Festive Film Night Wednesday 8th December

We are offering to give you a little bit of shopping time or time of peace for wrapping on Wednesday 8th December. Children are invited to stay behind straight after school to watch a Christmas film with hot chocolate and biscuits. The cost is £2.50 per child and children will need to be collected from their classrooms promptly at 5.15pm. Please return the reply slip with payment and return by Tuesday 7th December.

Nativity Plays

Tickets for our Nativity Plays are available now to book on Arbor for parents in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 & Year 2. We are limiting numbers for each performance to ensure we keep everyone safe. Therefore, you will only be allowed to book 2 tickets per family per show, so we recommend you book quickly to avoid disappointment. Children under 3 years old can sit on your lap and will not be counted as a ticket. We will also be recording the performances so you can watch them at home with all your families. There will be no charge for tickets, but we will be selling programmes and raffle tickets at each performance (£1 each).

**** You can only book tickets by logging into Arbor and booking your places under trips – please do not come into the office for tickets ****

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Sacred Heart Present ...

One Night One Moment

Wednesday 15th December
6.30pm
at Sacred Heart Church

A Key Stage Two
Carol Service

Join us as we lead you through prayer and song, to help you pause & reflect upon that one night, that one moment when everything changed; the night when Christ entered the world.

Nursery/Reception Nativity Plays

Reception supported by Nursery will be sharing their Nativity "We're going on a baby hunt" on Tuesday 7th December at 9:30am and Wednesday 8th December at 1:30pm.

Year 1/Year 2 Nativity Plays

Year 2 supported by Year 1 will be sharing their Nativity "The Inn-Spectors" on Tuesday 7th December at 5:30pm and Wednesday 8th December at 9.30am.

Carol Service Wednesday 15th December 6.30pm – Sacred Heart Church

All children in KS2 (Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6) will be taking an active part in our annual Carol Service "One Night; One Moment." We want all the children to be present to share with us the real meaning of Christmas and the staff are working hard to make this is a very special reflection as we journey towards Christmas and the birth of Jesus. Please put this date in your diary. It is an expectation that all children attend. If in exceptional circumstances your child is unable to attend, we request this in writing please.

We hope you will be able to join us at Sacred Heart Church - it has been two years since we have been able to share our Carol Service with you and WE CAN NOT WAIT!

Spelling Shed and Timestables Rockstars

<u>Spelling Shed</u>		<u>Times Tables Rockstars</u>	
The King Bees and Queen Bees for this week are:		Our top Rockstars are:	
Class 1C	Darius A		
Class 1D	Gerald A		
Class 2E	Jacqueline-Maria C	Class 2E	Somkenechukwu A
Class 2F	Ben R	Class 2F	Ben R
Class 3G	Igor B	Class 3G	Isabel O
Class 3H	Daniel W	Class 3H	Jordan B
Class 4I	Elvin K	Class 4I	Chukwudubem A
Class 4J	Kurian G	Class 4J	Edlin S
Class 5K	Akshaya S	Class 5K	Akshaya S
Class 5L	Noel M	Class 5L	Noel M
Class 6M	-	Class 6M	Emmanuel A
Class 6N	Ariel G	Class 6N	Ariel G

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 and Times Tables Rockstars account and get practising those spellings and tables.



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Arrangements for Confirmation with Bishop Kenney

We are very excited to celebrate our forthcoming Confirmation with our Year 6 children on Saturday 4th December.

This Year, we have been asked to reduce the numbers of children at any one Mass, therefore, as previously communicated, there will be two Sacramental Masses: Mrs O'Malley's Class at 10:30am and Mrs Aldrich's Class at 1:30pm.

The children have worked so hard under careful guidance and partnership of parents and staff in preparing for this special step in their Journey of Faith. The Journey of Faith folders are looking absolutely beautiful and are a wonderful keepsake of your child's journey so far!

Confirmation is a family celebration, and we understand that some family members may not be familiar with being in a church. Last year, the service was wonderful, despite having COVID restrictions in place – here are a few reminders:

- Please park in the school - we will be opening up the playground
- Please can all members of the congregation **turn off mobile phones**, refrain from **chewing gum** in the Church or **leaving for a cigarette break!**
- Confirmandi and Sponsor to go directly to the Church hall to collect the Confirmation card, then both take their designated seat in Church
- Please refrain from talking during the service
- Please stay in Church until the **end** of the last hymn
- There must be **no flash photography** or **videoing** during the Mass – Church is a Holy place, and it is not appropriate, as it is a solemn and reverent occasion – there will be a professional photographer to do individual and family photographs if required



All staff will be wearing ID badges so they are clearly identified, and we will be available to guide or give support where needed on the day. Please note the Church Hall will be locked during the service. We need a CHOIR! Please join us at 10am in the choir area in non-uniform. Thank you for your support.



Jingle Jog

This week, your child has come home with a printed version of the poster and sponsor sheet. Due to the success of the event last year, we will be holding the Jingle Bell Jog fundraiser again this year in the last week of term.

The aim of the Jingle Bell Jog is for the children to enjoy a festive run as well as raising money for local charities and our school fund.

Please see below for the day of each year group's Jingle Bell Jog:

- Monday 13th December – Year 1 and Year 6
- Tuesday 14th December – Years 4 & 5
- Wednesday 15th December – Year 3
- Thursday 16th December – Reception and Year 2

Please send your child into school wearing festive wear and running trainers on their day. They could wear anything from a Christmas jumper, to a Santa outfit to glitter in their hair.

Sponsorship money and forms can be sent in anytime between now and the end of term.

Thank you for your continued support
we truly appreciate it!

THANK YOU!

We raised a massive £403.00 on Break the Rules day this week! The children really went to town with their hairstyles, painted nails and non-uniform and had a great day in school.

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Advent & Christmas Key Dates

Please put these dates in your diary – there are a number of events that are open to parents and carers as we get ready during Advent.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6 th – 10 th December 2nd Week of Advent		9:30am Nursery/Reception Nativity "We're going on a Baby hunt" 5:30pm Year 1/2 Nativity "The Inn-spectors"	9:30am Year 1/2 Nativity "The Inn-spectors" 1:45pm Nursery/Reception Nativity "We're going on a Baby hunt" 3:15pm Festive Film Night Christmas Shopping time for parents	10am Year 5 Reconciliation Service (Year 4 will have their Reconciliation Service after Christmas)	Years R/1/2/3/4/5 to Belgrade Theatre to see Beauty and the Beast Pantomime Christmas Jumper Day Children can bring in £1 for Save the Children Charity Christmas Jumpers to be worn over uniform
13 th – 16 th December 3rd Week of Advent	9:00am Years 5/6 Achievement Awards (invitations from teachers) 9:00am Reception Achievement Awards (invitations from teachers) 9:30am Nursery Achievement Awards (invitations from teachers) 3:00pm Nursery PM Achievement Awards (invitations from teachers)	9:00am Year 3/4 Achievement Awards (invitations from teachers) Father Christmas visiting Nursery / Reception / Year 1 / Year 2 (for children only) Christmas Dinner – all children can wear a festive hat/hair bands etc.	9am Year 1/2 Achievement Awards (invitations from teachers) 6.30pm Carol Service One Night; One Moment for all children in Year 3/4/5/6 to attend and lead. Sacred Heart Church		3.15pm finish for Christmas Holidays (school closes)

Week at a glance

Date	Time	Activity
Value and Virtue – Learned and Wise		
Saturday 4 th December	10.30am 1:30pm	Confirmation for Mrs O'Malley's class Confirmation for Mrs Aldrich's class
Sunday 5 th December	10.30am	Second Sunday of Advent - Mass at Sacred Heart
Monday 6 th December	All Day All Day All Day	Guitar Lessons Dress rehearsals for Christmas plays Year 3 – Cycling – Bring in helmet and wear PE kit
Tuesday 7 th December	All Day 9.00am Letter sent out 5.30pm	Guitar, Piano and Violin Lessons Nursery and Reception Nativity performance – advance tickets only Year 6 leave for Dol y Moch KS1 Nativity performance – advance tickets only
Wednesday 8 th December	9.30am 1.30pm 5.30pm	KS1 Nativity performance – advance tickets only Nursery and Reception Nativity performance – advance tickets only Festive Film Night – tickets must be bought in advance to reserve a space
Thursday 9 th December	9:00am	Year 5 Reconciliation in church after Mass
Friday 10 th December	9:00am	Pantomime at the Belgrade Theatre
Saturday 11 th December	Letter sent out	Year 6 return from Dol y Moch
Sunday 12 th December	10:30am	Third Sunday of Advent - Mass at Sacred Heart

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

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Sacred Heart School Christmas Trail

We will be holding our popular Christmas trail around the local area again this advent. Christmas themed letters will be displayed in house windows and these will be marked on a map. The trail will run from **Friday 10th December - Wednesday 15th December** so that you can complete it at your own pace. Once you have collected all the letters and identified the phrase please email e.cakebread@romeromac.com and you will be entered into a prize draw. We will announce the **lucky winner on Friday 17th December** and the chocolate hamper will be given out during step into Christmas on the last day. Please give your **£1** to your class teacher who will then give you a map and instructions.



Sacred Heart School Christmas Doorstep Surprise

After the huge success of last year our wonderful staff are looking forward to spreading lots of Christmas joy again this Advent. During the final week of term, there is a team of Christmas Elves ready to give your children a doorstep surprise between 3.30pm - 6.00pm. Please note that we have limited availability therefore book early by calling the office on 024 7645 3314, giving the details below. Each visit will cost £2.50 and you can choose to add on some Christmas-y treats. All money to be sent into school in a named envelope by **Friday 3rd December.**

1. Your Name
2. Address
3. Child's name(s) (for visiting elf)
4. Chosen date **Thursday 9th or Friday 10th December**
5. Number of hot chocolate cones (£1 each) if required
6. Number of sweet cones (£1.50 each) if required
7. Number of reindeer dust (£1.50 each) if required



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