



Sacred Heart RC Primary School



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Dear Parents,

Welcome back into the Autumn term! It is lovely to see the children so happy and enthusiastic once again. Even after a short time in their new class, the children are already very settled and happy.

Here are just a few points to remember this year.

Uniform

The children are all looking very smart in their school uniforms. Please ensure that **all** items of uniform are labelled clearly with your child's name. It can be a very difficult task reuniting jumpers to their owners at the end of the day without names in and equally frustrating for parents when they have purchased brand new uniform at the start of the school year when they go missing. As in line with our uniform policy, children **are not** permitted to wear earrings of any description. If your child is wearing earrings, please remove them, for their own safety.

PE Kits

We will be doing indoor PE and Dance on a Wednesday during the Autumn term. The children will not require any additional kit for this. A PE kit will not be required until **January** when the children participate in gymnastics and outdoor games. This consists of a white t-shirt, black shorts and daps/plimsolls. All of these items should be clearly named. PE kits should be sent to school in a named **gym bag** – these will stay in class and get sent home at the end of each half term.

Attendance and Punctuality

Please ensure that your child is at school by 8.55am every day. The class register is taken at this time, as lessons start promptly after. It is vital that they do not miss any of their lessons through late attendance, as this can have a huge impact on their learning.

The school day ends at 3.15pm. Please ensure that you are at school by this time to collect your child. If you are running late, or if somebody else is collecting your child, please telephone the school to inform us. After 3.20pm, children who have not yet been collected will be taken down to the office to wait for you there. When you arrive, you will be asked to sign out your child. Sickness and urgent medical appointments are the only reasons why your child should be absent from school. If they are too sick to attend, please call and inform the school office before 10am. Holidays must not be taken during term time and will not be authorised.





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Reading

Very soon your child will receive a reading book and reading record. We begin by sending home a familiar text which your child will read during guided reading to help develop comprehension, fluency, expression and further consolidation of phonics. The children will then build up to taking home an additional ‘free choice’ book which they choose themselves and will be of an appropriate level. Your child will certainly benefit from reading to you regularly at home. We ask that your child’s book bag is in school from a **Wednesday** to enable us to change their books.

Homework

Homework folders will be **given out on a Thursday** and **collected** in on the following **Wednesday**. Please support your child to complete their homework and return it on the appropriate day.

Lunch Boxes & birthdays

Please support our Healthy Eating Policy when sending your child to school with a packed lunch. In addition, due to our healthy eating policy we no longer accept sweets/ chocolates/ cakes to be given out on birthdays; however your child is able to wear their own clothes on their birthdays as a celebration.

Topics

Our main topic this half term will be ‘What Makes Me Special’. Please send a photo of when your child was a baby to school to contribute to our display relating to our topic.

Water Bottles

We have purchased a water bottle for all the children. This supports our Healthy Eating Policy and also ensures that your child has access to fresh, cold water in their own drinks container throughout the day. We are asking new parents for a contribution of £1 towards your child’s water bottle. The bottles will stay at school and be washed thoroughly and refilled daily by staff.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to speak to any member of staff, or make an appointment with Miss McEvoy or Mrs Walker.

We look forward to another successful school year.

Yours sincerely





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