



Sacred Heart RC Primary School
'Where Every Heart is Sacred'
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Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had a great start to the year and I can't tell you how wonderful it feels to be moving forward and watching the children make progress every day. This time last year things were very different and it was a struggle to get through the day at all without sending classes home to isolate and disrupting learning and school development.

At school we continue to apply safety measures to reduce the spread of Covid 19 and we are staying highly vigilant because we know there is still a significant risk to our community. Please could I ask parents and carers to support us with this and not gather at the entrance of the buildings when children are leaving school. The teachers would like the children to leave safely and if parents are gathering at the door it is difficult for a reasonable distance to be maintained and also to release children to parents safely. Thank you for supporting us with such a positive start. I'm hoping this year will be one to remember for all the right reasons.

I hope you've had chance to speak to our new Admin Officer, Miss Tennant. She has recently joined the school staffing team and will be working alongside Mrs Warner in the school office. Miss Tennant is already getting to know lots of children and families and has made a wonderful start in her new role. We are all very happy she has joined us.

Our breakfast club is up and running for children age 5 and over. You can book online via the school website. After school clubs will resume on Monday and activities this term are as follows:

Monday – Class 1, 2 and 3 Multisports

Tuesday – Class 4, 5 and 6 Football

Thursday – Class 7, 8 and 9 Hockey

You can book a place via the school website. Places are limited so book early!

Have a lovely weekend and God bless, Mrs Walker

Playground Development

You will have noticed some changes on our school playground as we are working to create more natural spaces and increase opportunities for physical development and mental wellbeing. The children are really enjoying the area which is already complete. Over the next year, we hope to develop the grounds even further so that the children can extend their learning from the classroom into their play time. We want to improve the quality of play and also support the children so that their playtime is creative, collaborative, imaginative and social. This isn't something that happens overnight but it is a process of development over time. I'll keep you updated on our progress.





Super Stars of the Fortnight



Week 1

Class 1 Fakeehah – Excellent efforts every day.

Aaron – Super special smiling.

Class 2 All Year 1 - A wonderful start in KS1. **All Year 2 -** Always friendly and caring to your younger peers.

Class 3 Ella and Maya – Wonderful examples to others.

Class 4 Alyssa - Accelerated Reader superstar.

Kian – Remarkable reading aloud.

Class 5 Amelia - Superb start to the school year.

Dubem - Wonderful attitude.

Class 6 Cindy – Settling in superbly. **Destiny** – Wonderful contributions to lessons.

Class 7 Denis - Brilliant STAR assessment. **Evan** - Thoughtful contributions to class discussions.

Class 8 All Year 6 - Super start to the year. **Iyanu** – Excellent engagement in lessons.

Class 9 Izzy – Marvellous maths. **Saad** - Excellent start to life in Year 6

Week 2

Reception Layla-Rae – Settling in beautifully.

Dhakshan – Super smiling.

Class 1 Emmanuel – Excellent English. **Jeremy** – Super maths

Class 2 Imade – Interesting questioning skills. **Praise** -Super manners.

Class 3 Levi - Super R.E. and science knowledge.

Isla – Excellent writing.

Class 4 Covenant - Fantastic up-levelled sentences.

Mufaro – Impressive RE knowledge.

Class 5 Lindi - Superb role model. **Harry** - Great attitude.

Class 6 Yoel – Wonderful maths. **Elise** – Amazing literacy.

Class 7 Kai - Super listening. **Gracie** - Great knowledge of current affairs.

Class 8 Frank – Super singing. **Annabelle** - Marvellous maths

Class 9 Lacey – Marvellous maths. **Lily** - Amazing literacy.

Welcome to our new Reception class of 2021



Our wonderful Reception children have settled into school routines so quickly. We are so proud of them.

Attendance

Attendance winners this week are Reception and Class 6 with 99.8%

Reception – 99.8%

Class 1 - 98.2%

Class 2 – 99.1%

Class 3 – 98.7%

Class 4 – 94.1%

Class 5 – 98.1%

Class 6 – 99.8%

Class 7 – 95.9%

Class 8 – 98%

Class 9 - 96.7%

Lunch Menu 20.09.21

Meat Free Monday – Vegetable pizza slices. Vegan sausage roll, pasta & sauce. Jacket wedges/beans. Smoothies.

Traditional Tuesday – Homemade curry, rice and sweetcorn. Sweet chilli chicken. Sandwich selection. Jelly & fruit.

World Food Wednesday – Shepard's pie. Sweet chilli stir fry noodles, broccoli, green beans. Sandwich selection. Artic roll & fruit.

Thursday Favourites – Baked sausage with Yorkshire pudding and gravy. Quorn sausage. Mash potatoes, carrots. Fruit sorbet.

Fish Friday- Tempura fish fillet with chips and peas. Omelette. Jacket potato selection. Homemade biscuit.



IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

ALL SAINTS (celebrated Sunday 31 October)

We celebrate the lives of special and ordinary people who have responded to God's invitation to love.

THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS)

(2 November)

Today and throughout the rest of November we pray for those who have died.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. Amen.

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

(21 November)

ADVENT

(Begins 28 November)

Advent means 'coming'. We think of the coming of Jesus when he was born but we also think of his promise that he would come again at the end of time. It is a time of waiting and preparing. It is only in the last week of Advent that we focus upon the events to be celebrated at Christmas.

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

(8 December)

This feast marks the first stage of the existence of Mary, the mother of Jesus.

She was 'full of grace' from the very beginning and co-operated with God throughout her life.

CHRISTMAS DAY, THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

(25 December)

On this day we begin our celebration of the birth of Christ.

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

(26 December)



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AUTUMN TERM 2021

This term we will be studying the three themes of Domestic Church (Family), Baptism and Confirmation (Belonging) and Advent and Christmas (Loving). Each class will approach the themes through different topics. The children will also spend a week studying Judaism.

DOMESTIC CHURCH - FAMILY

Early Years MYSELF - God knows and loves each one

Years 1 & 2 - BEGINNINGS - God is present in every beginning

Years 3 & 4 - PEOPLE - The family of God in Scripture

Years 5 & 6 - LOVING - God who never stops loving

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Make a collage using family photographs of all the significant family members—grandparents, parents, children, aunts, uncles etc. who show God's love.

JUDAISM

BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION - BELONGING

Early Years WELCOME - Baptism: a welcome to God's family

Years 1 & 2 - SIGNS AND SYMBOLS - Signs and symbols in Baptism

Years 3 & 4 - CALLED - CONFIRMATION: a call to witness

Years 5 & 6 - VOCATION AND COMMITMENT - The vocation of priesthood and religious life

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Talk to someone who has been to a Baptism and/or Confirmation about their memories of this celebration.

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS - LOVING

Early Years BIRTHDAY - Looking forward to Jesus' birthday

Years 1 & 2 - PREPARATIONS - Advent: preparing to celebrate Christmas

Years 3 & 4 - GIFT - God's gift of love and friendship in Jesus

Years 5 & 6 - EXPECTATIONS - Jesus born to show God to the world

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Discuss with the children how your family welcomes visitors to your home. Find out about some Christian symbols for Advent e.g. Advent wreath, calendar, Jesse tree. Use the CAFOD or Missio websites to get a religious Advent calendar.

