

# Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023

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## Message from Mr Claxton

This week we had a visitor from the Maths Hub to see some of our maths provision in school. We are going to be working with them on continuing to develop our already strong maths teaching. When I was walking through classes, it was so pleasing to see children readily using the concrete resources to support their mathematical understanding but also use their mathematical vocabulary in their reasoning and application.

On Monday we will welcome Bishop Peter Collins to Sacred Heart for the first time. We look forward to celebrating mass with him and then giving him a tour of our school. We will get lots of pictures to share with you of his visit.

This week, we formally welcomed our EYFS children into school with a beautiful welcome ceremony. Thank you to our excellent Year Six buddies for supporting our youngest children and welcoming them to our Sacred Heart family. We look forward to seeing what you all achieve over the next seven years with us!

*O my Lord Jesus, low as I am in Your all-holy sight, I am strong in You, strong through Your Immaculate Mother, through Your saints and thus I can do much for the Church, for the world, for all I love. Amen*

## UPCOMING DATES

9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> Oct – Sponsored Reading Week – see email  
11<sup>th</sup> Oct – EYFS Tapestry Parent Workshop - 2.50pm  
20<sup>th</sup> Oct – Harvest Festival – see email

### 23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> Oct – HALF TERM

31<sup>st</sup> Oct – FOSH Clothing collection – details to follow  
1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Nov – Y6 PGL Caythorpe residential trip  
2<sup>nd</sup> -3<sup>rd</sup> Nov – Y4 Grafham Water residential trip  
8<sup>th</sup> Nov – Individual School Photos – details to follow  
9<sup>th</sup> Nov – FOSH Disco – see email  
14<sup>th</sup> Nov – Flu Vaccinations – see email for e-consent link  
16<sup>th</sup> Nov – Year 5 Trip to Peterborough Cathedral  
20<sup>th</sup> Nov – Y3 Trip to Flag Fen  
15<sup>th</sup> Dec – FOSH Christmas Fayre

## WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Reception: 91.7%

Year One: 95.3%

Year Two: 96.7%

Year Three: 99.6%

Year Four: 96.7%

Year Five: 96.3%

Year Six: 99.1%

School: 96.5%

Year to date: 95.9%

**Our school attendance target is 96%. We want every child to reach their full potential at school and maintaining good levels of attendance is vital in this. Thank you for your continued support with this!**

A reminder that our attendance policy is available on our school website and can be found here:

<https://www.sacredheartprimary.org.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=2659&type=pdf>

**Next week's gospel:**

**Matthew 21: 33-43**

### **Reading challenge!**

Don't forget that next week is our sponsored read! Let's get stuck into books and really help develop our love of reading and raise lots of money for new books for school!

## MASS DATES

9<sup>th</sup> Oct - Whole School Mass – Bishop Peter visiting

19<sup>th</sup> Oct - Years One & Five

1<sup>st</sup> Nov – All Saints Whole School Mass

9<sup>th</sup> Nov - Years Two & Four

16<sup>th</sup> Nov - Years Three & Six

23<sup>rd</sup> Nov - Years One & Five

30<sup>th</sup> Nov – Years Two & Four

7<sup>th</sup> Dec - Years Three & Six

14<sup>th</sup> Dec - Years One & Five



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## **EYFS**

This week in EYFS, we have been learning the sounds 't' and 'p' and practising the sounds 's' and 'a'. The children have done really well to remember these. See if they can show you the actions which go with the sounds! In R.E. we have been learning about family and have discussed what happens during a baptism ceremony. In English we have enjoyed reading *Monkey Puzzle* by Julia Donaldson. On Wednesday we celebrated our Welcome Ceremony with our Year 6 buddies which was a really special occasion.

## **Year 1**

This week in Year 1, we have been creating some art work using 2d shapes. The children had to draw round different shapes, overlapping them to create a design. They all worked really hard and have created some lovely pieces of artwork.



## **Year 2**

This week year 2 have enjoyed finishing off their ferris wheels and then deciding which were the difficult parts to make. Within Theme, the children found out about Queen Elizabeth II and wrote a biography about her. In science we looked at the properties of materials and explained what a bicycle helmet was made of and why those materials were the best to use.

## **Year 3**

This week Year 3 have been very busy. In science they learnt about how sedimentary rocks got their layers by making sedimentary sandwiches. The 3 different types of bread and the fillings represented different things and then we squashed it down to get the layers. They enjoyed it but strangely were sad not to be allowed to eat it!

In English we have started writing character descriptions and using lots of adjectives to describe. In topic we have been researching and presenting our own information about the Stone Age life.

## **Year 4**

This week in Year 4, we were concentrating on rounding in Mathematics to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000. The children finished their excellent pieces of narrative writing, creating some lovely stories. In RE, we discussed the story of Joseph and his relation to our previous story of Abraham. We were able to identify how God reveals his love for mankind. In our lessons on Ancient Egypt, we learnt about the Egyptian religion and some of the gods they worshipped.

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## **Year 5**

In Design and Technology this week Year Five started their pop-up book project. They investigated mechanisms used in pop-up books and pop-up greetings cards. The children are going to make their own pop-up story book of the Anglo-Saxon legend, Beowulf. This week they chose which part of the legend they would like to cover and then drew out the pages, wrote captions and specified the mechanisms they will use and the resulting movement they want to achieve.

## **Year 6**

In Science, our current topic is *Classifying Living Things*. As part of this, we are learning about microorganisms such as mould. We have devised an experiment to test whether the place where you store food and how you store it has any impact on the rate of decay. We will report our findings next week – please watch this space!