

Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

Friday 13th October 2023

*Together we live and learn; we
play and pray.*



Message from Mr Claxton

Our week started with a visit from Bishop Peter Collins and Dr Andy Stone (Director of Education for the Diocese of East Anglia). Both were incredibly impressed with our school, the children's reverence in mass and how hardworking the children displayed themselves to be. They also met with staff and governors and were pleased on the work that we are doing and how school is progressing. Well done to the children and thank you for your ongoing continued support. Pictures to follow next week!

We are looking forward to celebrating our harvest festival services next week and I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible. Please remember to bring in any donations if you are able. This will help those in need in our parish and local community.

Just a small reminder, that after half term, summer uniform should not be worn and that children should be in their normal school uniform.

Let us pray for the many people whose lives have been torn apart by conflict in Gaza and Israel. We remember especially those who have died, those who are grieving, the injured and those now without food, shelter or medical supplies. We pray also for those who have the power to bring peace. Amen

UPCOMING DATES

- 9th-13th Oct – Sponsored Reading Week – see email
- 20th Oct – Harvest Festival – see email
- 23rd-27th Oct – HALF TERM**
- 31st Oct – FOSH Clothing collection – see email
- 1st-3rd Nov – Y6 PGL Caythorpe residential trip
- 2nd -3rd Nov – Y4 Grafham Water residential trip
- 6th Nov – EYFS Vision Screening – see email
- 8th Nov – Individual School Photos – see email
- 9th Nov – FOSH Disco – see email
- 14th Nov – Flu Vaccinations – see email for e-consent link
- 14th Nov – Parents Evening – details to follow
- 16th Nov – Parents Evening – details to follow
- 16th Nov – Year 5 Trip to Peterborough Cathedral
- 20th Nov – Y3 Trip to Flag Fen
- 15th Dec – FOSH Christmas Fayre

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Reception: 93.9%

Year One: 91%

Year Two: 97.3%

Year Three: 94.6%

Year Four: 94%

Year Five: 94.3%

Year Six: 99.1%

School: 94.9%

Year to date: 95.7%

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 this 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

- 19th Oct - Years One & Five
- 1st Nov – All Saints Whole School Mass
- 9th Nov - Years Two & Four
- 16th Nov - Years Three & Six
- 23rd Nov - Years One & Five
- 30th Nov – Years Two & Four
- 7th Dec - Years Three & Six
- 14th Dec - Years One & Five



EYFS

This week we have been looking at the book *Monkey Puzzle* by Julia Donaldson. We have listened to the story, sequenced pictures and retelling the story using puppets and small world animals. Our sounds this week have been 'n' and 'i' and the children have been becoming more confident in recalling the sounds we have learnt in previous weeks. Well done Reception!

Year 1

In Year 1, we have been looking at different sets of instructions. We have then used these to help write our own instructions for cleaning our teeth. In maths, we have started our addition and subtraction topic by focusing on simple addition number sentences. In PE, the children really enjoyed playing different games using the parachute.

Year 2

In year two this week, we have been writing our own fairy tales about dragons. The children created fact files about how we celebrated the Queen's jubilee. Within Science the children used their knowledge of properties of materials to design a helmet for an egg so it did not break when it was dropped from a height. The class also started our new art unit and developed mark making techniques.

Year 3

Year 3 have been making their own paint this week. We foraged for soil, leaves and other natural ingredients then we mixed it with water to see what colours we could make. After we used a flour and water paste to add nutmeg, turmeric, coriander and paprika to make different colours. We are going to use this to make cave paintings like the Stone Age people.

Year 4

In Year 4 this week, the children have started to explore the addition and subtraction topic in Maths. They have worked with adding four-digit numbers with and without exchanging. In RE this week, Year 4 explored the story of Moses. They answered three key questions: How did God show that he loved Moses? How does God show that he loves you? How does God's love for you help you to make the right choices in your life? After we investigated these questions, the children performed a role-play of the story of Moses in small groups, using key vocabulary and portraying the emotions that would be happening at the time. In our English lessons, the children have been investigating the features of a non-chronological report and they have started to research and write about Egyptian Pharaohs.

Year 6

Our experiment to test whether *how* and *where* you store food has any effect on its rate of decay has produced some colourful results!



Both pieces of bread were dampened before they were placed in the bags. The one on the left was placed in a bright place; the one on the right was stored in a cupboard.

What conclusions can be made from these results?