

Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School



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

Friday 16th February 2024

Message from Mr Claxton

I can't quite believe that next week is half term already, which means we are half way through the school year! What a busy time it has been.

We have been doing lots of work over the last fortnight around phonics and early reading and we have invested lots of new phonetically decodable reading books for EYFS, Year One and other children who need them throughout the school. Can I please ask that children and families take real care of these books; they cost a lot of money!

This week we have started our Lenten journey and welcomed Fr Seelan to celebrate a whole-school mass on Ash Wednesday. All of the children and staff received the ashes and I know that children are working hard to pray, act and give during this period.

Father, As I enter another week of my Lenten journey, guide me to the path that leads to you. Fill my heart with gratitude, patience, strength, and peace as I strive to become the best version of myself. Amen

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Reception: 98.0%

Year One: 95.0%

Year Two: 94.6%

Year Three: 94.4%

Year Four: 97.6%

Year Five: 98.3%

Year Six: 88.7%

School: 95.2%

Year to date: 96.2%

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:

Mark 1:12-15

Remember to read lots of half term and continue to learn your times tables!

UPCOMING DATES

19th – 23rd February – HALF TERM

26th February – Caythorpe info evening 3.30pm (current Y5)

27th February – Circus Skills – all classes

27th February – Grafham Water info evening 3.30pm (current Y3)

28th February – FOSH Clothing collection 8.30am – see email

29th February – 14th March – Lent Walks – see email for class dates

5th March – Visit from Wood Green Animal community team – all classes

5th March – Parents Evening – booking email sent on 5th Feb

7th March – Parents Evening – booking email sent on 5th Feb

12th March – Year 1 class trip – see email

21st March – Year 2 class trip - see email

22nd March – CAFOD Club "Alternative Rules" Day – see email

28th March – Last Day of Term

MASS DATES

29th February - Years Three & Six

7th March - Years Two & Four

14th March - Years Three & Six

21st March - Years One & Five

27th March – Station of The Cross Service at St Oswald's – 5.30pm



EYFS

In Reception this week we have been learning about Shrove Tuesday. The children wrote some fantastic lists of what we need to use to make pancakes and enjoyed making playdoh pancakes as well. They are becoming more and more confident in using their phonics sounds to write simple words. On Wednesday we were lucky enough to have Father Seelan come to our classroom to distribute the ashes and we have also been learning the words of the Glory Be prayer.

Year 1

This week in Year 1, the children have been busy designing and building their own windmills. They had to cut out the template's carefully and accurately to then assemble the structure and the wind turbine. They all worked incredibly hard and have created some fantastic windmills.

Year 2

Year two have enjoyed collaging in English, they started off by drawing an outline of one of the women they have been learning about and then cut up paper to create a collage. The children also worked really hard on their stories in English, they wrote a story of Katherine who was a mathematician and worked for NASA. Within Maths the children enjoyed learning about odd and even, they learnt why a number is odd or even and explained why.

Year 3

Year three have been finishing their work on castles by completing the castle models and then writing non-chronological reports about all the different types of castles and their features. In Science the children devised their own magnet experiment to show their increased understanding.



Year 4

Year Four have started their work on mystery narratives, using senses, similes and metaphors to show, not tell, the reader what is happening in the story. Year Four have also started building their catapults in DT. Using hacksaws, the children cut out their wood pieces, ready for construction. In maths, we have begun our topic on length and perimeter.





Year 5

Year Five have worked hard on mastering new methods for multiplication in Maths this week. They have practised short multiplication and long multiplication. We will be working hard after half term to make sure we are all confident with these strategies. In DT we have continued with our Bridges topic and have worked on making spaghetti truss bridges and learnt how different shapes can help improve strength. We also worked in groups in History to make the case for the greatest invention of the Industrial Revolution. There are many to choose from including the steam engine, typewriter, telephone, streetlights and the flushing toilet!

Year 6

Having learnt about Darwin and his theory of evolution in a previous Science lesson, this week we carried out an experiment to show how animals evolve over time to adapt to their surroundings. Using chopsticks, pegs and tweezers to represent bird beaks, we observed which 'beak' was most suitable for picking up different kinds of 'seeds'.

