



Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

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Friday 13th September 2024

Message from Mr Claxton

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2024-25. I have so enjoyed greeting you all on the gates and seeing all of your children happy, calm and settled in their classrooms. Welcome to all of our new families, too, both in EYFS and in Holy Family. I hope that we have a long and happy partnership working together for the benefit of your children.

The newsletter this year will look slightly different, merging the previous Friday Messenger so that everyone is handily in one place for you all.

Next week, your child will bring home a copy of our newly written Home-School Agreement. I asked that you spent some time reading through and discussing with your child, before both signing and returning to school. The leadership team has worked with children from across school to help draft this.

Heavenly Father, as we start our new academic year, we thank you for giving us the opportunity to be a part of the lives of our students; may they be mindful that their steps make an impact and their words carry power. Amen

UPCOMING DATES

3rd October – School Census Day-
special school menu

7th October - Flu Vaccinations

11th October – Global Day – more
details to follow

28th October – 1st November – HALF
TERM

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Reception: 100%

Year One: 98.3%

Year Two: 97.7%

Year Three: 96.0%

Year Four: 95.6%

Year Five: 99.6%

Year Six: 99.6%

School: 98.1%

Year to date: 92.4%

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 8:27-35

Current Gospel value:

Community & co-
operation

MASS DATES

20th September – Year 1 and Year 6

27th September – Year 3 and Year 5

4th October – Year 2 and Year 4

11th October - Year 1 and Year 6

18th October - Year 3 and Year 5

25th October - Year 2 and Year 4

First Holy Communion

If you wish your child is Year Three and above and you wish for the to make their first Holy Communion this academic year, please ensure that forms are submitted to the parish by **September 29th**.



The Friday Messenger

Our current unit: Creation and Covenant

Year Six: Judaism

<p>Year One In Year One, we have started our new unit 'Creation and Covenant'. We have listened to the Creation Story and we have begun to sequence what happened on each day.</p>	<p>Year Two Year two have started the new unit 'Creation and Covenant'. After looking at the difference between the old testament and the new testament we focussed on the story of Noah. We listened to the scripture and then acted out the story. We then looked at God's covenant to Noah.</p>
<p>Year Three In RE Year Three have been recalling and researching the biblical account of creation. They made some wonderful pictures depicting creation.</p>	<p>Year Four In RE, Year Four have started their topic of 'Creation and covenant'. We explored the story of Abraham and Sarah, and Abraham's covenant with God. The children were engaged with the role-play activity and finding evidence of the covenant in Genesis 15.</p>
<p>Year Five In RE, we have started our Creation and Covenants topic by recapping what we already know about Moses and the Ten Commandments. We ranked the Ten Commandments, saying which ones can have the most impact on our lives and community and why.</p>	<p>Year Six Year six have started the year with a short unit on Judaism. They have focussed on the Jewish holiday of Rosh Hashanah and the understanding that this is the celebration of a new year for Jewish people. We looked at what happens during this time and learnt that it is a time for reflection and expressing sorry for any sins. During the holiday, Jewish people celebrate with feasts that include apples dipped in honey to symbolise a sweet new year.</p>
<p><i>Dear Jesus, We praise you for your goodness and mercy and thank you for the example of cooperation in your life. You always worked with those around you. Help us listen to others to understand their perspective and do our part in group efforts. Amen</i></p>	
<p>Our value for this month is: Community and co-operation</p>	<p>Action! In this week's Gospel we heard about Jesus using simple words to bring hearing and speech to a man. Let us use our simple words to help build a kingdom of God in our own communities.</p>



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EYFS

The children have had a fantastic few days at school. They have settled really well and have enjoyed exploring the classroom and outdoor area. It has been lovely to see new friendships begin to form already and excellent listening from the newest members of Sacred Heart. Well done Reception!

Year 1

We have been so impressed with how quickly the Year One children have settled back into school. They have been super busy learning about our new book 'Beegu' and learning to use adjectives. The children have also been busy learning to locate England on a map of the UK.

Year 2

We have had a brilliant start to year two. The children have settled well, we have started our topics of 'Kings and Queens' in Theme and 'Healthy me' in Science. We have also enjoyed the start of our Art unit, looking at different mark making techniques.

Year 3

Year Three have had a great start to the year. They have begun to learn about the Stone Age in our topic. Our English is also linked with our topic. The children have been reading and recalling the book Stone Age Boy. They are going to be writing their own Stone Age stories.

Year 4

It has been a great start to the year for Year Four. They have started their topic of Ancient Egyptians, looking at some Egyptian art and creating a timeline in groups. In PE, the children have been showing off their gymnastic skills, creating routines to show the rest of the class. The children enjoyed their first DT lesson, where they tasted and described biscuits in preparation for creating their own. In English, we are preparing to retell the story of 'The Egyptian Cinderella' and in Maths, the children have impressed me with their knowledge of place value.

Year 5

Year Five have thoroughly enjoyed immersing themselves in the Anglo-Saxon tale of Beowulf and the hideous monster, Grendel. They have started their Science topic on Space and enjoyed making up their own mnemonics so they can remember the order of the planets. We have looked at space and futuristic art in our Art lessons and are looking forward to drawing and painting space scenes next week.

Year 6

It's been a fantastic start in Year 6 and the children have been working incredibly hard. We've loved getting started with our class novel, 'The 1000 Year Old Boy' and using this to sequence events in readiness for writing our diary entry in role as one of the characters. We have also shown off our incredible place value knowledge with our first maths unit and now have a great basis for our upcoming units. In Science, we began looking at our topic of classifying living things and how to use classification keys to support us with this.

Holy Family

We have had a great start to the year with our first two Hub children joining us this week. It has been lovely getting to know the children and they have been following our class routine amazingly! Well done!



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Pastoral

During Pastoral time with Mrs Stokes our children do a variety of activities. They really love being creative with the magnetix, and this elephant was one of the creations last week.

