



Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

Together we live and learn; we play and pray

Friday 27th September 2024

Message from Mr Claxton

What an unexpected end to the week that we have had! I apologise for the sudden closure to certain classrooms, but know that you understand and support my decisions to keep the children safe. Lots of work has been undertaken today and more is scheduled for the weekend. It is our plan to be open to all children on Monday and I will communicate with you on Sunday to confirm this.

A group of our children were lucky enough to attend the diocesan school's Mass at St John the Baptist Cathedral in Norwich. I know that this is a really valued experience and the children had an excellent time and got to meet other children from our diocesan family.

With October coming, we are inviting children to bring their own rosary sets to pray the rosary each day in October.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen

UPCOMING DATES

- 2nd October – Welcome ceremony – Reception & Y6 – see email
- 3rd October – School Census Day - special school menu - see email
- 7th October - Flu Vaccinations – see e-consent information email
- 16th October – Individual & Sibling school photographs – see email
- 16th October – EYFS Tapestry workshop – see email
- 24th October – FOSH Autumn Discos – details to follow
- 28th October – 1st November – HALF TERM
- 6th November – FOSH Clothing collection – details to follow
- 26th November – FOSH Christmas movie night – details to follow
- 28th November – FOSH Christmas movie night – details to follow
- 6th December – FOSH Christmas Fayre – details to follow

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Reception: 98%

Year One: 97.5%

Year Two: 96.4%

Year Three: 99.6%

Year Four: 100%

Year Five: 98%

Year Six: 96.6%

School: 97.9%

Year to date: 97.3%

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 9:38-43,45,47-48

Current Gospel value:

Community & co-operation

MASS DATES

- 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 them to make their first Holy Communion this academic year, please ensure that forms are submitted to the parish by **September 29th**.



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The Friday Messenger

Our current unit: Creation and Covenant Year Six: The Kingdom of God

EYFS

In RE, Reception have been listening to the Creation Story and have created a piece of class artwork where they have drawn something God created. The children have also continued to practice making the sign of the cross and are beginning to learn our daily prayers.

Year One

In RE, Year One have continued to learn about the Creation Story. The children explored outside to see what God had created and how they knew God was with them. The children then went to the Chapel where they explored how they knew God was with them.

Year Two

Our focus in RE this week has been Stewardship. We started with thinking about what Stewardship meant and what we could do to follow it. We then thought about God's world and what we can do to look after God's world linking it back to his covenant to Noah.

Year Three

In RE Year Three have been thinking more about creation and how we have a responsibility to care for the world. We read an extract from the letter Pope Francis sent to the world and we responded by making a pledge to look after the world and then wrote our own letters to Pope Francis to tell him what we were doing.

Year Four

In RE this week, Year Four explored how Abraham is seen as the model of prayer. We read and discussed the scripture of Abraham praying to God to spare the people of Sodom (Genesis 18:22-33) and how he used intercession in his prayers. The children used the concept of intercession to create their own prayers for other people, whether it be friends and family, or people in need. In our second lesson, we looked at how the story of Abraham and Isaac is relevant to our lives today. We read the scripture and discussed the question: What would you sacrifice for God?

Year Five

This week we explored the meaning of specific Commandments in more depth. The children worked in small groups and each group was assigned a specific Commandment to explore. We discussed what the commandment meant for us and what might be the consequences of breaking this Commandment as well as how we can live out this Commandment in our school and community. Each group then devised a drama sketch showing a scenario when either the commandment is followed or broken.

Year Six

This week we began our new topic, 'Kingdom of God', by looking at the values of the kingdom and considering what questions we had about this upcoming topic. After discussing the values, children chose the three they felt were most important and incorporated these into their own prayer. We then explored the meaning of the Kingdom of God further by looking at parables in scriptures and gaining insight from these.

Loving Jesus, thank you our week together. Help us to make small changes to ourselves so that we can grow in your love. Amen

Our value for this month is:

Community and co-operation

Action!

In this week's Gospel we heard about true greatness; what characteristics do you think make someone truly great?



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EYFS

This week has been the children's first full week with everyone together and they have enjoyed spending time with their new classmates. In English we have begun to look at the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears, which the children have retold using props, masks and pictures. They really enjoyed getting into character, especially using Daddy Bear's big booming voice! In Maths we have been sorting objects into different groups and explaining our methods e.g. by size, colour or shape.

Year 1

This week in Year One, the children have finished publishing their character descriptions of Beegu. We have been really impressed with the children's sentences and handwriting. In maths, the children have been learning to find 1 more and 1 less of numbers up to 10. In Geography, we have continued to look at where we live and we have focused on labelling a map of Peterborough.

Year 2

This week the children have been learning about Katherine of Aragon, they found out who she was and then asked her questions through hot seating. The children enjoyed computing this week, they were designing robots and thinking about it's input and output. Within Science, year two enjoyed investigating different exercises. They tried out different exercises and decided how it helped their bodies.

Year 3

Year Three have finished writing their Stone Age boy story and are now writing it up neatly. In Science we made sedimentary sandwiches to represent all the layers in sedimentary rocks. The children loved this lesson but were strangely upset not to eat them! They included biscuit paste, lettuce and 3 types of bread!

Year 4

In Year Four this week, the children have been writing and publishing their own Egyptian Cinderella retellings. They have included lots of speech and used expanded noun phrases to describe the setting and characters. In our theme lesson, Year Four explored how the daily lives of the rich and poor in Ancient Egypt and used a Venn diagram to compare the two. In PE, the children used benches and agility tables to perfect their balances and create routines.

Year 5

This week Year Five have been writing their own Beowulf versus the Monster narratives. We have been working hard to create atmosphere and include lots of description and action. We are looking forward to sharing them with Year Six but hope they are not too scared by them! In Science we have been learning about how the planets move in the Solar System and all about the early astronomers and scientists who helped us to understand our Solar System as we do now. We have been working hard on refining our attacking skills in handball in PE. We are confident with the rules now so we have been able to play larger house v house games in lessons.



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Year 6

Year 6 have worked incredibly hard this week showing off all that they have learnt in previous years in readiness for some of the year 6 topics that are coming up. Having finished their diary entries in English, where they wrote in character as Aidan from our class novel, 'The 1000 Year Old Boy', the children have now published these in readiness to share with our audience: the Year 5 class.

Holy Family

In the Holy Family this week we have joined in with assembly, eaten lunch in the hall and had PE lessons with the mainstream classes. It has been really wonderful to see the children making new friends at playtimes and lunchtime and becoming part of the whole school.