



Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

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Friday 8th November 2024

Message from Mr Claxton

This week has been full of trips and visits! Year Five had an excellent day at Peterborough Cathedral and I loved hearing all of the learning that they were able to apply. Please discuss this with your children; they are Anglo-Saxon experts!

Our Year Four and Year Six children have had an excellent time on their residentials and as always really did our school proud. The staff have loved seeing the children in a different context and I am looking forward to hearing all of the stories that the children will undoubtedly bring back with them.

Next week, all parents are invited to Parents' Evening meetings with your child's teacher. Please ensure that you attend as it is vital that you know where your children are with their learning and how they can be supported further. It is a lovely time to celebrate your children's successes.

Lord, we are saddened at the thought of war, of the soldiers who must fight and all those people who are killed. We remember their sacrifice with great sadness. We thank them for what they did for us. Amen.

UPCOMING DATES

- 6th-8th November – Y6 Caythorpe Trip
- 7th-8th November – Y4 Grafham Trip
- 12th & 14th November – Parents evening – see email for details
- 25th November – Non-uniform day for colour donations – email to follow
- 26th November – FOSH Christmas movie night – see email for details
- 28th November – FOSH Christmas movie night – see email for details
- 6th December - Non-uniform day for tombola donations – details to follow
- 6th December – FOSH Christmas Fayre – details to follow
- 10th & 12th December – KS1 Nativity – details to follow
- 11th December – EYFS Nativity – details to follow
- 11th December – School Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day - details to follow

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Reception: 96.7%

Year One: 97.2%

Year Two: 95.1%

Year Three: 97.0%

Year Four: 96.1%

Year Five: 98.0%

Year Six: 96.7%

Holy family: 96.6%

School: 96.7%

Year to date: 96.7%

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:

Mark 12:38-44

Current Gospel value:

Justice

MASS DATES

- 15th November – Y6/Y1
- 22nd November – Y4/Y2
- 29th November – Y5/Y3
- 6th December – Whole School
- 13th December – Y6/Y1
- 20th December – Y4/Y2

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Mrs Mortimer and her husband who are expecting a child together. You are all in our prayers.



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The Friday Messenger

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

EYFS

In R.E. this week we have been learning about The Annunciation. The children learnt that Mary was visited by the Angel Gabriel and was given some surprising news: that she was going to have a very special baby! The children had fun acting out the scene and we discussed how Mary might have felt.

Year Two

The focus in RE this week was John the Baptist. We first found out about the annunciation of John the Baptist. After reading the scripture the children acted out the annunciation. We then went on to look at the birth of John the Baptist, we first looked at some art work that showed his birth and then read the scripture.

Year Three

In RE we have begun a new topic with the title Prophecy and Promise. Our first lesson was to find key features of the church. We watched a video showing us features in a church and then went to our chapel and identified the same features. The children enjoyed having the opportunity to look and ask questions about the different features.

Year Four

In RE we started our new topic of Prophecy and Promise. This week we focused on the word 'prophet' and used some characters from the Bible we have studied before, Abraham and Joseph, to work out the meaning of the word. The children created bubble maps for each character and wrote down examples of how the characters were prophets. We also looked at a new character, Elijah, and how he was a prophet.

Year Five

This week we started our Prophecy and Promise topic. We explored David's life and his shepherd leadership. We made notes about why we thought some people may be surprised that a shepherd was chosen to be king and what qualities he would have brought to the role. We designed posters illustrating David as a shepherd and David as a king, using words and phrases from Psalm 23 that describe God's guidance and protection which would have helped David as a leader. We then wrote personal reflections about how they can be shepherd-like leaders in their own lives.

Loving Jesus, let us be thankful for the bounty that you have given us. Help us to be mindful and be generous with our gifts to those in need. Amen

Our value for this month is:

Creation

Action!

Why not spend some time as a family over the holiday sharing the meaning behind Pope Francis' encyclical, Dilexit Nos, focusing on the importance of the love of the Sacred Heart.

<https://cafod.org.uk/pray/dilexit-nos-explained>



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EYFS

This week we have started reading a new book: The Jolly Postman. The children have been getting to know the story and the different fairy tale characters that appear in the book.

In Phonics we have been learning ff, ll, ss and j. We are continuing to practise our blending skills. In Maths we have been finding one more and one less than a number.

We have started learning our songs for our Nativity play - already! The children are enjoying singing and learning the actions.

Year 1

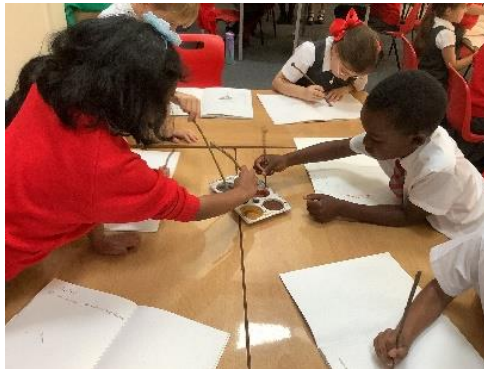
In Year One, the children have been writing their own version of 'Stanley's stick'. They have enjoyed creating their own magical sticks. In maths this week, the children have been learning number bonds to 10. In geography, the children have been learning about simple map symbols in preparation to draw their own maps.

Year 2

Year two this week have written some amazing fact files on crocodiles. After researching them, they used the features of a fact file to write about them. The children really enjoyed Science this week, they were exploring the properties of a variety of objects given to them and discussed why they were that property. Within Design and Technology, the children started a new topic of 'Moving monsters' and looked at levers.

Year 3

On the last day of last half term year three used sticks, natural spices, mud and charcoal to paint in the style of Stone Age people. They drew animals and a deer skull which Rozalia brought in to show us all. They found it hard but great fun.



Year 4

What an exciting week for Year Four! The children absolutely loved their trip to Grafham. They took part in so many different activities, from archery to rock climbing. Year Four were very brave and some children even reached the top of the high ropes and the climbing wall. Also this week, the children did a fantastic job of completing their non-chronological reports. Next week, we'll be starting to write our diary entries, discovering the tomb of Tutankhamun!



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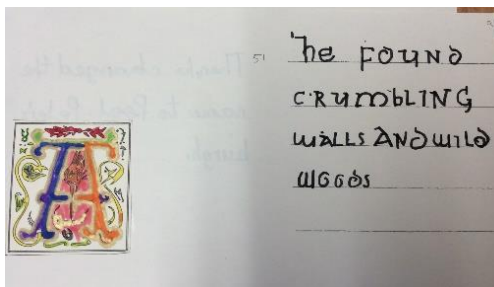
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Year 5

Year 5 thoroughly enjoyed their visit to Peterborough Cathedral on Tuesday where they investigated the Saxon origins of our cathedral. We found primary and secondary evidence of the Anglo-Saxons in Peterborough. We worked as archaeologists and investigated an Anglo-Saxon artefact called the Hedda Stone named after the bishop of the former abbey. We used our knowledge of the Saxons and what we could see of the stone to try and solve the mystery: what was its purpose? We also practised the skill of the Anglo-Saxon monks when we worked as scribes and illuminators to write out and illuminate the Anglo-Saxon Chronicles. The staff at the museum were very impressed with the children's knowledge and behaviour; they were fantastic ambassadors for Sacred Heart!



Holy Family

This week in the Holy Family, we have been learning how to research information and how to present that information in a non-chronological report. We have also been focussing on sentence writing and ensuring that we remember to punctuate them correctly.

We have been comparing the Stone Age with modern day and wondering how they lived in the Stone Age without electricity!

In RE we discussed that we can see all the amazing things that God has created even though we can't see Him. We compared this to the wind – we can't see the wind, but we can see the effects of it. We made kites to demonstrate this and had great fun flying them!

