



Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

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Friday 29th November 2024

Message from Mr Claxton

As I was preparing readings for Mass this week, I could not quite believe that we are coming to the end of the liturgical year. With Advent starting on Sunday, we move to a time of reflection and looking forwards, rooted in peace, love, joy and hope. I look forward to seeing many of you in our upcoming Advent service on Wednesday.

EYFS and Key Stage One have been busy rehearsing for their upcoming Nativity plays for families; thank you for your support with this! Also, our choir have been preparing for the upcoming concert at St John Fisher.

Thank you to all who came and supported our FOSH Christmas movie nights this week. We raised lots of money that goes back into supporting school and the children had a fantastic time!

We stay awake, watch and wait, for we do not know the hour or the day of your arrival. Come, Lord, bringer of hope.

UPCOMING DATES

- 4th December – Advent service 5pm – see email for details
- 6th December - Non-uniform day for tombola donations – see email for details
- 6th December – FOSH Christmas Fayre – see email for details
- 10th & 12th December – KS1 Nativity – see email for ticket booking info
- 11th December – EYFS Nativity – see email for ticket booking info
- 11th December – School Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day - see email for details
- 19th December – Whole school pantomime trip – see email for details
- 20th December – Last day of Autumn Term

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Reception: 85.1%

Year One: 91.4%

Year Two: 95.2%

Year Three: 98.7%

Year Four: 96.7%

Year Five: 97.6%

Year Six: 99%

Holy family: 88%

School: 92.5%

Year to date: 95.2%

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:

Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Current Gospel value:

Justice

MASS DATES

- 6th December – Whole School
- 13th December – Y6/Y1
- 20th December – Y4/Y2

Congratulations!

To Mrs Batchelor and her husband who are expecting a second child. You are all in our prayers!



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The Friday Messenger

Our current unit: Prophecy and Promise

EYFS

In RE this week, the children began to learn the different parts of the Advent wreath and what they symbolise. They made some lovely collages using tissue paper. Our rehearsals for the Nativity play have been going well, with the children enjoying being up on stage.

Year Two

Our focus in RE this week was the message that Isaiah gave in the Old Testament. After reading the scripture, the children discussed who it was about as well as finding out that Isaiah was talking about Jesus a long time before he was born. The children then completed some amazing art work, drawing what they thought of when they heard the scripture.

Year Three

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Year Five

Year Five have continued to explore David's shepherd-like leadership. We investigated the imagery in his Psalm 23 and thought about the meanings behind the images for David and ourselves. We worked in groups to discuss all the ways we serve others, following David's example, during Advent and how this helps our communities.

Year Six

To continue our learning on the importance of women in salvation history, this week we looked at the importance of Mary as the Mother of God. We compared the authorial focus of Luke's focus on Mary with Matthew's focus on Joseph before discussing how Luke's account of the Annunciation connects to the promises made in the Old Testament. Following this, we looked at a variety of artwork to see how they reflect the belief that Mary is the Mother of God and how she is portrayed by the artist.

Our value for this month is:

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Action!

At the start of Advent, let's think of how we can spread peace to all people and begin to put this into practice.



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EYFS - In phonics this week the children have been learning – sh, th, ng, nk and the tricky words 'she' and 'he'. It would be very useful to practise these at home. We have continued our work on The Gruffalo, focusing on rhyming pairs and caption writing. It has been great to see the children trying to use their phonics sounds in their writing.

Year 1- This week Year 2 have been rehearsing ready for the nativity. They have started a new English unit on instructions. The children enjoyed building Lego models and then giving instructions to their partner to show them how to make it. The children enjoyed going on a property hunt around school in Science this week. They went looking for different objects within school, thought about the material it was made from and then described its properties.

Year 2- This week Year 2 have been rehearsing ready for the nativity. They have started a new English unit on instructions. The children enjoyed building Lego models and then giving instructions to their partner to show them how to make it. The children enjoyed going on a property hunt around school in Science this week. They went looking for different objects within school, thought about the material it was made from and then described its properties.

Year 3 - In Maths Year Three have continued to learn about multiplication and division looking at sharing, grouping and multiples. In English they have been getting ready to write an adventure story using their imaginations. In PE they have been doing netball. The class are continuing to practise Christmas Carols ready for our carol singing at the end of term.

Year 4

Year Four have started their new writing topic of writing a letter home from the perspective of a Roman soldier. In Maths, we have been looking at multiples of 3 and 6, and how to use the related multiplication and division facts to solve problems. In Theme, we explored how and why the Romans invaded Britain. In DT, we created packaging for our biscuits in preparation for baking them.

Year 5

In PE we had lots of fun learning 1950s Rock n Roll styles of dance. We learnt the Hand Jive and had fun making up our own dance routines with it. It is a very energetic dance, so we were all exhausted at the end of the lesson! In Science we designed an investigation to find the best thermal insulating materials to keep drinks hot in a disposable cup which is important now while it is so cold outside!



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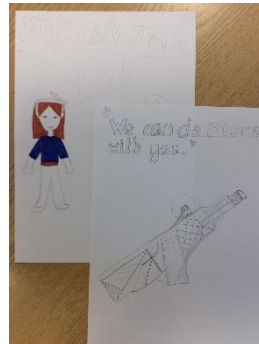
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Year 6

Year 6 were very excited to start their new theme topic – World War II. We spent a whole day immersed in history learning including listening to the initial broadcast where war was declared and thinking about how it would have felt during an air raid siren. We then watched an old clip showing what happened during evacuation and wrote a postcard home in role as an evacuee. The afternoon was spent understanding what propaganda was before having a go at creating our own. A brilliant day!



Holy Family

This week we have been learning how to use our number bonds to 10 to help us find number bonds to 100, as well as adding and subtracting 2-digit numbers. We have used our base ten apparatus to help us. We have been concentrating on sentence construction in English, ensuring that we are remembering to use capital letters, full stop, finger spaces and to keep our letters on the line. We have continued to look at the Laudato Si' and the difference we can make to the world around us by making some small, and some quite large, changes to our lives.