



School closes today for the half term break. We reopen on Monday 27th February at 8.30am (7.45am for Breakfast Club children).

I can't believe that we are breaking up today for half term. It only seems two minutes ago we had returned from the Christmas holidays. We do see the changes though from Christmas time – the mornings are not so dark and the evenings are light when the children leave school. Spring is finally on its way!



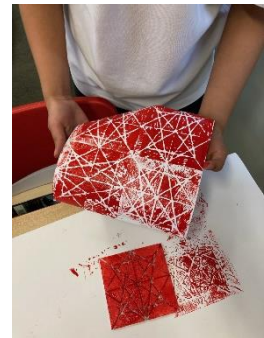
A busy week in school with the school council hosting a meeting at our school and other schools were invited to come along. Some of our Year 6 pupils

represented the school at the School Games Basketball event – and came third! Well done to those children!! Class 6 were very excited to go to English Martyrs to take part in some PE and English activities and our Eco Committee met and have produced posters to try and persuade more of us to walk to school. Our Year 6 children have loved their art lessons this half term, so much so they



wanted it to be part of the newsletter!

They designed stencils out of foam, used rollers and paint to create repeated patterns – all linked to their Ancient Islam topic. That doesn't include all the other wonderful work going on in school including our celebration assembly and our Class 12 open afternoon.



Celebration Assembly

Well done to all of the children who were rewarded in our Celebration Assembly yesterday. The Star Readers have excelled this half term and the teachers and myself are very proud of them. They received a token for the



Book Vending Machine, all were very excited. Star Writer awards and Headteacher awards were also presented to a child from each class and attendance certificates and prizes were given out too! Well done to everyone who received an award, for those who didn't, they can work towards one next half term. It's never too late!





Holy Family Parish News

Next week, during half term, is Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. For details of mass times please look at the Parish newsletter on our website. Our next mass, in school, will be Thursday 9th March at 9.15am. The Year 4 pupils will be leading it. For more information about what is happening in the Holy Family Parish please follow this link: <https://sacredheart.bhcet.org.uk/parish/>

Strike

At present, school is open as normal to the majority of pupils.

The classes that were closed to pupils at the beginning of February will be closed again to pupils.

Strike dates are:

Tuesday 28 February 2023

Wednesday 15 March 2023

Thursday 16 March 2023

After School Clubs

Thank you for returning the letters for the afterschool clubs. Children, who have applied, have received a letter to confirm the club selected and when this will start. Please do not send them to any club without receiving the confirmation letter as they have proved very popular and children may not start their group until after the Easter holidays.

Unwanted Christmas Gifts

We are still accepting any unwanted Christmas gifts. Please hand them into the school office or give to a member of staff on the gate on a morning or at the end of the school day.

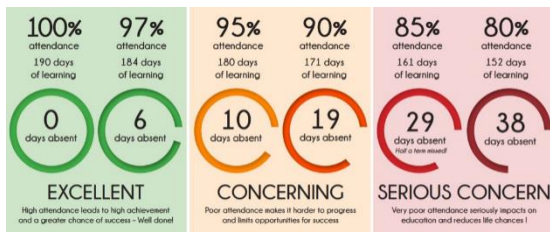
World Book Day

On Thursday 2nd March we will be celebrating World Book Day. Last year we based it around the book, The Word Collector and children came to school dressed as a word. This year our book is 'Happy' by Nicola Edwards. This means children can wear any clothes they wish, that make them **happy!**

Virtue Wednesday

Well done to all the children who received certificates this week for Honesty and Confidence. We joined the previous week's virtue to this week's so it was double hot chocolate time this week!





ATTENDANCE

This week, our overall attendance was 95.3%. Well done, this is an increase on last week! But remember, our aim is 97% every week.

Well done to Class 1 who had the best attendance this week with 99.4%.

Mrs McNamara is getting in touch with parents if their child's attendance falls below 90% as the child is classed as a persistent

absentee. She is only doing her job so please see it as a supportive role, we are making you aware of your child's attendance. Remember our aim, for each child, is 96%.

Please remember to telephone the school office by 9.15am each day your child is absent. Any unexplained absences are recorded as 'unauthorised'.

Vacancy – Lunchtime Supervisor

If you know of anyone who would be interested in working in our school as a Lunchtime Supervisor, please direct them to our school website for further information:

<https://bhcet.org.uk/vacancies>

Farewell

Today we said, 'Goodbye' to one of our teaching assistants, Miss Jones. She has worked at Sacred Heart for 7 years but sadly today she said goodbye and will start her new job after half term. We wish her good luck in her next chapter of adventure. Goodbye and Good Luck!



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Friday 17 th February	School closes for half term.
Monday 27 th February	School reopens at 8.30am.
Tuesday 28 th February	Strike Day – school is open but closed to the classes that were closed at the beginning of February. Please see Dojo.
Thursday 2nd March	World Book Day – non uniform, wear clothes that make you 'happy'.
Sunday 12 th March	First Holy Communion Preparation: 9am St Joseph's and St Patrick's, 10am St John Vianney.
W/B 27 th March	Parent Consultation Evenings
Friday 31 st March	School closes for the Easter holidays.
Sunday 2 nd April	First Holy Communion Preparation: 9am St Joseph's and St Patrick's, 10am St John Vianney.
Monday 17 th April	School reopens at 8.30am.
Saturday 13 th May	Children to make their First Holy Communion: 10am St John Vianney, 12pm St Joseph's and 2pm St Patrick's.
Thursday 29th June	Year 6 Diocesan Youth Festival
Wednesday 5th July	KS2 Sports Day all day - Grayfields

Items in red are new this week.

Thank you for your continued support.

Headteacher



Ash Wednesday

Wednesday 27th February 2023.

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent. Its official name is 'Day of Ashes', so called because of the practice of rubbing ashes on one's forehead in the sign of a cross.