



Thank you to everyone who came along to our lovely Mass yesterday. The Year 6 children led it so well, the Year 5 sang so beautifully and the Year 1 children, who have been looking at the different aspects of the mass in their RE lessons were so very well behaved, especially since it was their very first time in Mass.

Eric, our Community Police Officer, led a parental workshop about online safety today. Thank you to everyone who came along and I hope that you found it beneficial. It is more important than ever, that parents know what their children are up to online, through texting and talking. The message is that children do not always know who they are talking to. It may be a friend of a friend, but it may not be.

For more information about what is happening in the Holy Family Parish please follow this link: <https://sacredheart.bhcet.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/15th-January-2023.pdf>



Please park considerately. We have parents parking on double yellow lines and on the pavement directly outside of school. This could cause a terrible accident. Leave the pavement, which is already quite narrow and the double yellow lines, clear so that children can leave school safely.

Strike Action

As you may have heard, the NEU Teachers Union has chosen four dates on which they are to strike. At present, school is open as normal, unless I am made aware that teachers will be striking. I will be updating you as and when I have the necessary information. Possible strike dates are:

- Wednesday 1 February 2023
- Tuesday 28 February 2023
- Wednesday 15 March 2023
- Thursday 16 March 2023

Please note that this dispute is not with Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School, the Trust or any school within the Trust. This industrial action is in relation to the NEU's dispute with the government over the nationally agreed pay rises when considering the pressures faced by staff with the increased cost of living, which we are all experiencing.

We will endeavour to keep school open and will confirm if there are any changes in advance of Wednesday 1st February 2023.

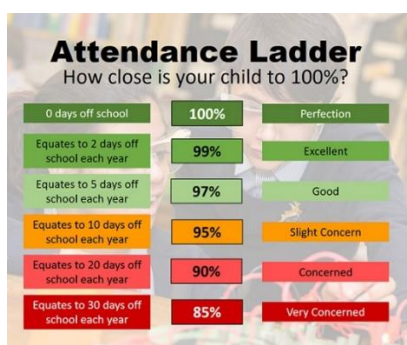
Parent Association

Do you want to be more involved with Sacred Heart School? Are you enthusiastic and want to devote some of your time to making Sacred Heart even better than it is? I would love to set up a strong and active Parent Association who can work alongside school to organise events, accompany school on trips and generally volunteer in school with reading etc. when time allows. Our first meeting will take place on Friday 3rd February at 2pm in the staff room. Come along, have a cup of coffee and meet other parents who would like to be part of this new venture.

Unwanted Christmas Gifts

Did you get a bottle of wine that you don't drink? A smelly gift set or even some socks and a mug? Many of us will have received gifts that we are very appreciative of but know that they will sit at the back of the cupboard until we have that 'tidy up' we promise ourselves every week. If that is the case, please consider donating them to school. We can use them as raffle prizes for the many events we hold across the year. Not only will it make you feel better (that you have actually tidied something up this weekend) but you may even be lucky enough to win it back! Joking aside, I know that we always are asking for things around Christmas and Summer so to alleviate that pressure, please donate any unwanted gifts that you think we could use at one of our many events. Please drop them at the school office or hand them to a member of staff on the gates.

ATTENDANCE



We love your child and want to see them everyday!

Your child attending school is very important for their education, social skills and mental health, so if your child's attendance falls below 95% you will receive a phone call from Mrs McNamara, our lovely Parental Support Adviser. This is to support you and remove any barriers that you may have in getting your child to school.

If you look at the ladder 95% means that of the 190 days your child should attend school, they have missed 10 days.

Holidays during term time, are unauthorised except in exceptional circumstances; this is town wide so please do not think it is only our school who do not authorise holidays.

This week, our overall attendance was 94.7%, our aim is 97% every week. Well done to Class 14 who had the best attendance this week with 99.3%

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

Virtue

Well done to all of the children who were awarded the Virtue Award this week. We looked at Respect last week and these were chosen for showing respect to others and also belongings. The hot chocolate had a lot of squirty cream on this week since I was put in charge of it!



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 24 th January	School Nurse coming into school to work with Year 6 children – Well-Being and Transition.
Thursday 26 th January	School Nurse drop-in session 2pm. All welcome
Friday 27 th January	Final date for admissions policy consultation – please see website for further details. Holocaust Memorial Day
Thursday 2nd February	Parish Mass in school. 9.15am Year 3 to attend.
Friday 3 rd February	First Parent Association Meeting 2pm in school.
Monday 6 th February	Year 1 Stranger Danger training, part 1.
Tuesday 7th February	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 8 th February	Year 4 – Year 6 Choir singing for the mayoress – details to follow.
Sunday 12th February	First Holy Communion Preparation: 9am St Joseph's and St Patrick's, 10am St John Vianney.
Monday 13 th February	Year 1 Stranger Danger training, part 2.
Thursday 16th February	Parish Mass in school. 9.15am Year 4 to attend.
Friday 17 th February	School closes for half term.
Monday 27 th February	School reopens at 8.30am.
Sunday 12th 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 2nd 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 13th May	Children to make their First Holy Communion: 10am St John Vianney, 12pm St Joseph's and 2pm St Patrick's.

Items in red are new this week.

Thank you for your continued support.

Headteacher