



There is never a quiet week in Sacred Heart any more. Class 13 are having an amazing time at St John in the Vale, I am sure that you are following them on Dojo as I am. The videos are wonderful and it's looking like the sun is shining. Year 3 have completed their Pedestrian Training, The KS2 team that went to the Cross Country at English Martyrs on Wednesday had a wonderful time and 25 of them came in the top 9 children in their races. Next is the town final at High Tunstall. A few of the girls' football team went to Grayfields to take part in a tournament with other schools from across the town and some of



our Year 1 children started our brand-new multi-skills after school club!



### **CAFOD Family Fast Day**

Next Friday (7<sup>th</sup> October) is CAFOD Family Fast Day and Year 1 and Year 2 children will be leading a Harvest Festival Liturgical Service, here in school at 9.30am. You are very welcome to come along and join in this special service. Next week, (week beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> October), we will be collecting items of food that will be donated to the Hartlepool Foodbank. Items you can donate include: tins of soup, beans etc, packets of food rice, pasta etc, breakfast cereal, long-life milk etc.

Thank you to all of those children who have donated so far to our appeal. We had a visit from our youngest contributor today who wanted to donate, despite not attending our school – yet!

### **First Holy Communion**

Canon Paul has held the first meeting for parents of children who wish to make their First Holy Communion this academic year. Please keep these children in your prayers as they begin this very important sacramental journey.

Further information about what is happening in the Holy Family Parish can be found here: <https://sacredheart.bhcet.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/2nd-October-2022.pdf>

### **Open Events**

We are aware that many of you have not been into school to see where your child spends over half of their waking day due to COVID. We would like to invite you to come and visit your child's classroom and look at the work that your child has produced in the past 4 weeks.

Nursery would like to invite parents in on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 8.30am – 9.00am **OR** 2.30pm-3.00pm

Reception, Year 5 and Year 6 invite parents in from 2pm on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October.

Year 3 and Year 4 are inviting parents in from 2pm on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October.

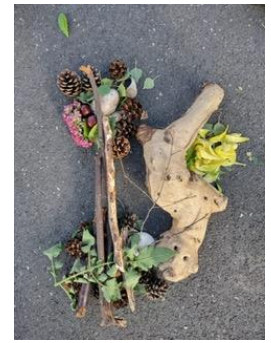
Teas and coffees will be available in the main hall until 2.30pm then you will be taken to your child's classroom at 2.30pm.

When you have had a look around and seen their work you are very welcome to take your child home with you.

Year 1 and Year 2 are inviting parents in from 8.15am on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October. Parents to come into school with their child, spend time in their classroom then parents leave at 8.45am.

## Year 2 Art and Design

Our Year 2 children have been studying the artist Andy Goldsworthy who is a nature artist. The children have produced their own work in his style. Further photos are available on our website:



## Virtue Wednesday

Well done to the children who were chosen for our Virtue Wednesday hot chocolate. This week we were looking at the Virtue **respect**. These children had been chosen for demonstrating showing respect in all that they have done and said, this week. More photos of the hot chocolate can be found on our website:

<https://sacredheart.bhcet.org.uk/latest-news/>



## PE Kit

Has your child grown out of the PE kit? If so and you don't have a younger relative to pass it onto, please donate it to school. We are always looking for spare PE kits in case children forget to wear theirs on PE days.

Just to clarify; when your child has their PE lessons they come into school in their PE kits.

This kit comprises of:

- black shorts;
- leggings or
- tracksuit bottoms;
- red PE T-shirt or plain red T-shirt.

They should wear their **school jumper** or **cardigan** on top of their PE kit or, alternatively, school hoodies can be purchased from Elizabeth's Embroidery.

## After school PE clubs

For children who attend the gymnastics, tennis, netball, football and multi-skills after school clubs, they need to come to school in their school uniform and bring their PE kit in a bag, which they will change into at the end of the school day. Please do not send anything into school other than their school PE kit.

If they have a PE lesson that day, they come to school in their PE kit.

## Christmas Card Design

Over the next couple of weeks your child will bring home a Christmas card design that you are able to have printed professionally into a Christmas card, wrapping paper etc for you to purchase. Please complete the parent information and return it to school before 14<sup>th</sup> October. The items need to be paid for on Scopay before you return the form, otherwise your items will not be ordered. Children will bring these home as and when they are completed in their class so please do not worry if one of your children bring it home earlier than another child in a different class. Teachers will fit the activity in when they have time in the week.





## ATTENDANCE

Attendance this week is 92.9%. Well done to Class 9 whose attendance was the best in the school with 99.3%.

Your child attending school is the single most important factor in their education. Going to school is directly linked to improved exam performance which should in

turn lead to further learning opportunities and better job prospects. As well as this, going to school helps to develop: friendships, social skills, team values, life skills, cultural awareness and other opportunities.

If you choose to take holidays during term time, these will be unauthorised and, as you can see from the table, taking 2 weeks for a holiday will drop your child's attendance to 95%. **The national average for attendance is 96%**. Anything below this is classed as the child being at risk of being a persistent absentee and you will receive letters from the attendance team to inform you of this. Mrs McNamara, the Parent Support Advisor will contact you if your child is at risk of going below 96% so please do not be upset if you are contacted to discuss your child's attendance.

| Days off school add up to lost learning!!  |                                       |                                    |  |   |  |                                    |
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| 190 SCHOOL DAYS EACH ACADEMIC YEAR   |                                       |                                    |  |   |  |                                    |
| Which means there are 175 NON school days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments |                                       |                                    |  |   |  |                                    |
| 365<br>DAYS<br>IN<br>EACH<br>YEAR  | 190<br>SCHOOL DAYS<br>IN EACH YEAR    | 180<br>SCHOOL DAYS<br>IN EACH YEAR | 171<br>SCHOOL DAYS<br>IN EACH YEAR   | 161<br>SCHOOL<br>DAYS<br>IN EACH<br>YEAR    | 152<br>SCHOOL<br>DAYS<br>IN EACH<br>YEAR   | 143<br>SCHOOL DAYS<br>IN EACH YEAR |
|  |                                       | 10 DAYS ABSENCE                    | 19 DAYS ABSENCE  | 29 DAYS<br>ABSENCE<br>Half a Term<br>missed | 38 DAYS<br>ABSENCE   | 47 DAYS ABSENCE                    |
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|  | 100%                                  | 95%                                | 90%  | 85%   | 80%  | 75%                                |
|  | <b>GOOD</b><br>Best chance of success |                                    | <b>WORRYING</b><br>Less chance of success,<br>harder to make progress and achieve<br>higher grades |   | <b>SERIOUS CONCERN</b><br>Huge impact on academic learning,<br>parents may face court action if no<br>justifiable reason for absence |                                    |

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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| W/b 3 <sup>rd</sup> October         | Food collection for Hartlepool Food Bank  |
| Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> October      | Year 5 – school nurse to talk to the children about personal hygiene.                         |
|                                     | CAFOD Family Fast Day.<br><b>Year 1 and Year 2 Harvest Festival Liturgical Service 9.30am</b> |
| Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> October  | Open afternoon for Reception, Year 5 and Year 6 children                                      |
| Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> October   | Mass, here in school, 9.15am. All welcome.  |
| Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> October     | Open afternoon for Year 3 and Year 4 children   |
| Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October    | Open morning for Year 1 and Year 2 children.  |
| Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> October   | School closes for October half term   |
| Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October     | School reopens at 8.30am  |
| Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> November  | Remembrance Service – more information to follow.   |
| w/b 5 <sup>th</sup> December        | Parent Consultation Evenings  |
| Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December | Christmas Fayre.  |
| Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December  | The Pantomime! Trip to Billingham Forum to see Beauty and the Beast.                          |
| Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December   | School closes for the Christmas holidays.   |
| Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January   | School reopens at 8.30am.   |

Items in red are new this week.

Thank you for your continued support.

Headteacher