



Happy New Year! It is lovely to see the children return following the Christmas holidays. Today, we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany, the time that the Wise Men arrived at the stable in Bethlehem, to give their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Children have taken part in a liturgy today to celebrate this wonderful feast day so please spend some time over the weekend asking them about their understanding and how they too can give Jesus a gift.

Back in September, our wonderful Year 2 children wrote to the then, Prince Charles, to offer their condolences on the death of his mother, our wonderful Queen. I am so pleased to say that the children have received a reply from him. It is a beautiful card that is shown in the photo below. The children (and staff) were very excited to receive a reply. This card will be framed and displayed in our entrance.



This week we had a special visit from our local police officer, Eric. He spoke to the Year 1 children about staying safe when on their phones and iPads. He will also run a workshop with parents on Friday 20th January at 1.45pm. Please come along, tea and coffee will be provided and, once the workshop has finished, you are welcome to take your child home with you.

SCHOOL MEALS

Please ensure you contact the school office BEFORE changing your meal arrangements for your child. There are administration procedures in place that are required for this process and estimated meal numbers that are supplied to our school kitchen, in advance. Your co-operation would be appreciated.

Do you need childcare, either before school or after school? We have two very established wraparound care clubs; Breakfast Club that opens at 7.45am until the beginning of the school day and Munchkins, our after-school club that closes at 5.30pm. Children are involved in different activities and have fun at the same time. This week Munchkins have had a games night, a night where all the board games and jigsaw puzzles were used. You can book days as and when you require them, we are very flexible. For more information, please contact the school office on 01429 272684 and see the Out of School Club Policy on the school website: <https://sacredheart.bhcet.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Out-of-School-Club-Policy-Jun-2022-2.pdf>



UNIFORM

Many children are coming into school without the correct uniform on. Please remember children are not allowed to wear makeup including lipstick, mascara and nail varnish or bring bottles of perfume or aerosols into school. They are not allowed to have lines or patterns cut into their hair and can only wear trainers if they are all black or it is their PE day.

PE uniform is black leggings, tracksuit bottoms or shorts with a red PE T-shirt and either a red hoody or their school cardigan or jumper. They are not allowed to wear a different colour hoody.

All items need to be labelled with the child's name including gloves, hats and scarves. I appreciate some have initials on but some children share the same initials and the younger children particularly do not recognise their own items.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance Matters



This week, our overall attendance was 93.5 %
Well done to Class 5 who had the best attendance this week with 100%

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

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 18 th January	School Nurse coming into school to work with Year 5 children – Smoking Awareness.
Friday 20 th January	Parental online safety workshop –1.45pm, tea and coffee available.
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
Friday 27 th January	Final date for admissions policy consultation – please see website for further details.
Monday 6 th February	Year 1 Stranger Danger training, part 1.
Monday 13 th February	Year 1 Stranger Danger training, part 2.
Friday 17 th February	School closes for half term.
Monday 27 th February	School reopens at 8.30am.
Friday 31 st March	School closes for the Easter holidays.
Monday 17 th April	School reopens at 8.30am.

Items in red are new this week.

Thank you for your continued support.

Headteacher