



Welcome back! I hope that you and your children have had a wonderful summer and made lots of great memories, which has been helped by the lovely weather we have had. I'd like to especially welcome families new to Sacred Heart School. We are delighted you have joined us and look forward to welcoming you to numerous events that happen throughout the school year.

The first event, this academic year, has been Class 14's visit to St John in the Vale. The children have had a wonderful time taking part in gorge walking, archery and canoeing amongst other things, with the staff in the Lake District. Class 13 will go on Wednesday 28th September.

This week we have met together as a whole school (Year 1 to Year 6) for the first time to worship God. The children have been looking at all the new experiences they have encountered this week and what they can give thanks to God for. They have made a poster that they will bring home tonight. Please spend some time with them talking about their first week.

Today is another day that we have joined together as a school community to give thanks to God for the life of our wonderful Queen. Children have taken part in a liturgical service and I have included the special prayer we used. You are very welcome to share it with your family as we, as a country, mourn the death of Her Royal Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II.

Loving Father,

We give thanks for the many gifts of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and commend her soul to you.

May she be welcomed into the joy of heaven.

Be close to all who mourn and bring comfort to her family.

May her faith in You and her example of dutiful service inspire us in our daily work.

Bless this country and the commonwealth at this time of transition.

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon her.

May she rest in peace.
Amen



First Holy Communion

If you wish your child to make their First Holy Communion next year, the last day for completing and returning the forms is next Sunday 25th September. Forms are ONLY available from church and must be returned to church, not school. Further information can be found here: <https://sacredheart.bhcet.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/11th-September-2022.pdf>

School Uniform

Please ensure that your child's clothing is clearly labelled with their full name. Please let teachers know via Dojo if your child is missing an item of clothing and we will endeavour to find it for you. We currently have a lot of lost property (unlabelled uniform) that will be put in the staff room on Thursday 29th September at the beginning and end of the school day. This is accessed via the front doors to the right of the main entrance, so please come and claim any of your child's missing clothes, otherwise they will be disposed of.

Class Dojo

Dojo is a fabulous way for school to keep in touch with you and vice versa. However, teachers, including myself, do not always access Dojo throughout the day so if you do message us we are unlikely to read the message until the end of the day.

If you have any concerns about your child that we need to know about urgently, please phone the school office on 01429 272684 between 8.00am and 4.30pm; they will ensure that both the teacher and myself are made aware of any problem. In addition to this, if you message the teacher, or myself, after the end of the school day, please do not expect a reply after 5pm. Staff are able to put a 'quiet time' on Dojo, so their messages will not come through until the next day.

If your message is regarding any of the following, please contact the school office and not the class teacher:

- PE Day;
- Breakfast Club or Munchkins;
- School Meals
- Absence or appointments;
- Trips;
- Who is collecting your child.

I would like to direct you to our website: <https://sacredheart.bhcet.org.uk>. We will continue to update it, on a regular basis, with letters, photos, important information and dates that you need to be aware of, including term dates.

Wake Up and Shake Up

The playground gates, opposite St Luke's Church, are opened at 8.30am to allow pupils in Years 3/4/5/6 to join in Wake Up and Shake Up. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children come into school via the front door. If your child comes into school before 8.45am, they are expected to join in the Wake Up and Shake Up. The gate will be locked at 8.55am and any child coming into school after that will have to come in the front door and an accompanying adult must fill in a late form.

End of the school day

Thank you for your continued patience as we iron out small blips when collecting children. If you have a child in Reception and another year group, we have an arrangement for the older child to come to the front yard and parents can collect both children from the same area. Please phone the school office to be added to the list of children who need collecting from Year 1 and above. Please wait on the yard itself, to avoid congestion and keep our children safe.

Dogs

I appreciate that many of you use the school run to walk your dogs but we have had some complaints that the dogs are blocking the paths when children are trying to get past and into the school gates. Can you please ensure your dog is away from the gate to allow children to pass easily, especially as some children are scared of dogs. Thank you for your understanding. Please do not bring dogs onto the yard, even if they are being carried, in line with the school Health and Safety Policy.

Breakfast Club/Munchkins

Just a reminder about our out-of-school clubs. Breakfast Club runs from 7.45am every morning until the beginning of school and Munchkins is from the end of the school day until 5.30pm, every day. The school office closes at 4.30pm so parents collecting children are asked to bring their mobile into school with them to ring the Munchkins staff. For more information please contact the school office.

Pantomime

We are going to the Panto! Oh no you're not, I hear you all say! But we are! Sacred Heart are going to Billingham Forum on Thursday 15th December. Further information is to follow and the cost will be on Scopay as soon as we have confirmed the buses.

Childminders

If your child is collected by a childminder, please ensure that person is listed on your child's contacts in the school office.



ATTENDANCE

Attendance this week is 97.6%. Well done to Class 4, 6 and 12 who all had an amazing 100% attendance this week, well done to Miss Wilson, Mrs Atherton and Mrs Darnton and their classes.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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| Friday 23 rd September | Year 3 pedestrian training – please return all consents by MONDAY 12th Reception – school nurse to talk to the children about hand hygiene |
| Wednesday 28 th – Friday 30 th September | Year 6 residential to St John in the Vale |
| Thursday 29 th September | Lost property stall 8.30am-9.00am, 2.00pm-3.15pm. |
| | School Nurse drop-in session 2pm staff room |
| | Meeting for parents wanting their child to make their First Holy Communion. St Joseph's Church 6.30pm |
| Friday 30 th September | Year 3 pedestrian training – please return all consents by MONDAY 12th |
| Friday 7 th October | Year 5 – school nurse to talk to the children about personal hygiene |
| Week beginning 28 th November | Parent consultation evenings |
| Wednesday 14 th December | Christmas Fayre |
| Thursday 15 th December | The Pantomime! Trip to Billingham Forum to see Beauty and the Beast |
| Tuesday 20 th December | School closes for the Christmas holidays |
| Wednesday 4 th January | School reopens at 8.30am |

Items in red are new this week.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs A. Howell
Headteacher