



NEWSLETTER NO.12 SPRING TERM – 04 APR 2025

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DIARY DATES

SUMMER TERM BEGINS WEDNESDAY, 23rd APRIL 2025

WEEK 1		
Wed 23rd April	Y3 Swimming @ Mayfield School	08:45 – 10:15
	U11/10 Boys Quarter Final Cup Draw Football @ Forest Road (Away)	13:10 – 16:15
Sat 26 th April	First Reconciliation for First Holy Communion Children	
WEEK 2 – CLUBS START		
Mon 28 th April	Whole School Celebration of the Word	09:00
Wed 30 th April	Y3 Swimming @ Mayfield School	08:45 – 10:15
	U11/10 Mixed Tag Rugby @ Crowborough Rugby Club	13:30 – 16:15
Thurs 1 st May	U9/8 Girls Softball Cricket v Beechwood (Home)	14:15 – 15:45
	U9/8 Boys Softball Cricket v St Ronan's (Away)	13:30 – 16:15
Fri 2 nd May	Awards Assembly	09:00
	Parent & Toddler Stay and Play Session	09:00 – 10:30

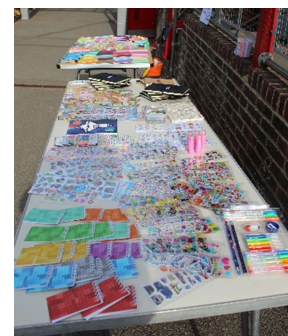
CHARITY NEWS



We were fortunate to welcome Roy, (from the charity **Mary's Meals**) to our whole school assembly on Monday this week. Mary's Meals is an excellent charity that aims to feed hungry children living in some of the poorest countries. The charity provides nutritious school meals to attract little ones into the classroom, giving them the energy to learn and hope for a better future. It costs just £19.15 to feed a hungry child with Mary's Meals every day for a school year!

Following the assembly, children from Year 2 decided to try and help transform the lives of hungry children by supporting this charity's important work. Their aim was to raise enough money to feed at least five

hungry children for a year. Children decided that instead of having a cake sale after their class assembly, they would run a stationery stall at playtime. They raised over £300 for Mary's Meals which will feed 15 children every day for a year – a huge thank you from Mrs Gabriel for your huge generosity.



CAFOD

£348.88 raised through the CAFOD boxes around the school, which were made and decorated by the children.



Thank you for all your kind donations of Easter Eggs for Nourish this year. Sacred Heart School collected 81 eggs to be distributed by Nourish through their food banks this Easter.

YEAR 3 AND YEAR 4 KENT LIFE VISIT

Children in Year 3 and Year 4 had a wonderful time on their school trip to Kent Life this week. Year 3 took part in a Stone Age workshop, whilst Year 4 participated in a Roman Centurion workshop. They also enjoyed exploring the adventure playground, investigating the historical buildings, looking at the animals and we can't forget the tractor ride! The glorious weather made it even more enjoyable, and the children were excellent representatives of the school.



YEAR 2 MAUNDY THURSDAY ASSEMBLY

In RE, children in Year 2 have been learning about the events of Maundy Thursday which included the Last Supper during which Jesus washed his disciples' feet. We have learnt how, from Jesus' example, we should serve others by putting them before ourselves and to demonstrate this, we created a liturgical dance to show how we can serve. We performed this during our special Maundy Thursday assembly as well as depicting the events of the Garden of Gethsemane and Jesus' arrest.

At the Last Supper, Jesus shared the bread and wine with his disciples and said, "Take it and eat it.... This is my body... I give it up for you. This is the cup of my blood.... It will be given up for you." Then he washed the feet of his disciples.

At the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus asked his friends to stay awake. He was afraid of what was going to happen to him. The soldiers came and arrested Jesus.



Lord,
You love us with an everlasting love. You showed us how much you love us and taught us to love you, ourselves and one another. Teach me to use my hands... to use my feet... to use my mind... to serve others. Help me to show the commandment, 'Love one another'.

The Maundy Thursday story was then picked up by the Year 5s and 6s as they continued with Stations of the Cross and re-enacted the events Jesus went through following his arrest.

Brother, sister,
let me serve
you. Let me be
as Christ to you



I will hold my
hand out to you,
speak the peace
you long to hear



I will share your
joy and sorrow,
till we've seen this
journey through



Pray that I may
have the grace to
let you be my
servant too

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Children in Year 5 and Year 6 all took part in a Reflection of The Stations of the Cross in the hall today. Everyone had an important part to play. They explained each of The Stations of the Cross, describing what happened, and then invited the congregation to reflect with a special words and prayers. The children displayed great maturity, showing how Jesus made his journey with the cross, was crucified and then placed in the tomb. The reflection ended with a moving rendition of the hymn "Were you there when they crucified my Lord?" which the children sang as the congregation left in silence, as a mark of respect for the sacrifice Jesus made for us all.

Taking part in the re-enactment has really helped the children to understand and appreciate the sacrifice Jesus made for us all. Thank you, children, for all working so hard to make this such a moving, meaningful and special end to the term.





FAREWELL MRS H-T



After 21 years at Sacred Heart School, we say a very sad goodbye to Mrs HT. She is a much-loved member of staff and a teacher who has shown dedication throughout her time with us. It was wonderful to come together on Wednesday to celebrate all that she has done; the children sang a song to her as well as presenting her with their handmade cards. She received our very special 'Spirit of Sacred Heart' badge.



We're here to sing a tale that really must be told
About a special lady with a heart of purest gold;
Mrs HT is her name,
She's a legendary dame
So hear us as we say:

Mrs HT, oh we love you very much!
Mrs HT, oh we love you very much!
We're really sad to part, but we hold you in our hearts
God bless and fare thee well!



Growing daily under Mrs HT's care,
Nursery children learn to count and play and share;
She knows *each* and every child
With a mother's caring pride
So hear us as we say:



CHORUS

Sport and exercise are Mrs HT's thing
On the MUGA pitch our A-game we must bring;
We *have* to try our best
Because *she* expects no less
So hear us as we say:

CHORUS

Mrs HT keeps the teachers' lives on track
With her lists and plans she always has our back;
This *ship* might run aground
When she's *no* longer around
So hear us as we say:

CHORUS

Mrs HT is a teaching superstar
Children taught by her are sure to go so far!
She's *strict*, she's kind, she's fair
And it's *all* because she cares
So join in everyone!

CHORUS



It's so lovely to see so many staff past and present here to celebrate and bid farewell to a remarkable colleague, mentor and friend – Anne. After years of complete dedication, passion, and unwavering commitment to Sacred Heart, it's time for Anne to trade in her school lanyard for a well-earned retirement filled with relaxation, adventure, tennis, sunshine, grandchildren and hopefully, fewer risk assessments!

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a love for it. Her patience, kindness and ability has enabled her to turn any situation into a learning opportunity.

As you all know, Anne has been an integral part of our school community, leading the Foundation Stage with warmth and expertise for 21 years. She has been the very first guide in so many educational journeys, giving them not just the building blocks of learning but

Beyond the Foundation Stage, Anne has also played a huge role in PE at Sacred Heart School. Whether it was organising Bowles each year, the countless sports matches, cross country competitions, encouraging the most reluctant little athletes in lessons or making sure everyone had the right kit, she has helped instil confidence and teamwork in countless children. Without Anne, we probably wouldn't have a MUGA pitch and won so many sporting achievements including winning so many netball, football, pop lacrosse and rugby tournaments including various at local, regional and national level.

And of course, her contributions to the Senior Leadership Team have been invaluable – always bringing wisdom, insight and a practical approach to every challenge. She was part of our triumvirate as Acting Head when Jo was on her maternity leave, and it was a real pleasure for Sarah Alcock and Antonia Gabriel to share that role with her.

Anne has dedicated eight years to the role of staff governor. I am not sure whether she intended to serve two terms or whether once in role, she couldn't get out! Regardless, it shows the sort of person Anne is. She goes beyond what is required and gives herself wholeheartedly to everything she does. She is incredibly knowledgeable and pragmatic, and in her time as staff governor, she was a real asset to the governing body. She enjoyed her two terms so much, we have somehow managed to convince her that joining us as an Associate Governor would be a good idea!

We cannot talk about Anne without mentioning her legendary policy writing and risk assessments. No trip, event or school activity was ever at risk of going wrong under her watchful eye! If there was a potential hazard, Anne had already spotted it, written a full report and probably had a backup plan just in case. Last week, we had our three-yearly independent school inspection and Anne, as you can imagine, was a huge help both in the preparation and during the inspection. Having counted the risk assessments in her folder, (most of which are dated for this academic year) we are now up to 110! These range from the weekend residential, class trips, classroom risk assessments and risk assessing the use of candles in our Celebration of the Word Assemblies!

And let's not forget her role as a First Aider – always there with a calm head, a caring heart, and magic touch for making bumps and bruises disappear. Walking around the school, it was not uncommon to hear any adult telling a child, "Go and find Mrs HT, she'll know what to do!"

Anne, your dedication, humour and kindness have left a lasting impact on everyone here – staff, parents, governors and children alike. We will miss your guidance, your attention to detail and your friendship.

As you step into retirement, we hope you fill your days with everything and everyone that you love – travelling, relaxing, looking after your grandchild, Amelia and the next little one to arrive in May, or playing tennis or maybe writing a risk assessment or two just for the fun of it! And at this point, we should mention Ivan. As the husband of a teacher, he has had to put the school first on many occasions and now finally he can have his wife to himself and get to enjoy these special times together. Anne, you have given so much to this school, and now it's time for you to put yourself first.

On behalf of everyone here, thank you, Anne, for everything. We wish you happiness, good health, and plenty of well-earned rest in your retirement!



PTA EASTER EGG HUNT



Children at Sacred Heart School enjoyed a special visit from the Easter Bunny on Thursday afternoon and enjoyed an Easter Egg hunt in the sunshine.



Key policies are available via the school website or on request from the school.



SAFEGUARDING

Please report any safeguarding concerns you have directly to the one of the adults listed below.



Mrs Johanna Collyer
Designated Safeguarding Lead
Lead



Mrs Antonia Gabriel
Deputy Designated Safeguarding



Mrs Anne Horsfall-Turner
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
Lead



Mrs Sarah Alcock
Deputy Designated Safeguarding



SPRING CONCERT
Wednesday 14 May 2025
4pm: Y2, Y3, Y4
5pm: Y5, Y6, Ensembles & Groups
SPRING CONCERT
If you want to play at the concert, you need to practise hard to be selected by your music teacher.
Go for it!





Open Morning
Wednesday 30th April



Book your place at
mayfieldgirls.org