



# NEWSLETTER NO.13 AUTUMN TERM – 13 DECEMBER 2019

## WEEK AHEAD

WEEK 1 – SPRING TERM 2020		
Monday 6th	INSET DAY	
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	SPRING TERM 2020 begins School Shop Open	08.45 08.45-09.45
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>		
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Chess Club (c/f from Autumn Term) School Shop Open	12.30-13.30 15.30-16.30
Friday 10th	Awards Assembly + Chess Presentation	08.55

## MISSION IN ACTION AWARDS: LOVE, LEARN, GROW, WORSHIP

RECEPTION	Arthur	WORSHIP: For always sharing his ideas in RE and for excellent knowledge of the Christmas story.
	Jonah	LEARN: For always persevering and challenging himself in Mathematics.
	Freddy	LEARN/GROW: For his enthusiasm towards learning and super writing in his letter to Santa.
YEAR 1	Whole Class	GROW/WORSHIP: For their amazing Nativity performances!
YEAR 2	Whole Class	GROW/WORSHIP: For their BRILLIANT performances of our Nativity Story!
YEAR 3	Louis	LEARN: For wonderful progress with his handwriting and presentation this term
	Harrison	LEARN: For fantastic effort with his singing in Music
YEAR 4	Whole Class	WORSHIP: For making good links on their Christmas Leaflets and working so hard to learn their Class Carol.
YEAR 5	Josephine	LEARN: For 100% success rate in spellings all term!
YEAR 6	Whole Class	LOVE/WORSHIP: For being so wonderful in the rehearsals for our Christmas Carol Service. We are very proud of them all.

FRIENDSHIP	Chloe (Y6)	For being a super friend to everyone
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## CONGRATULATIONS

- **Sofia (Y5)** passed the ABRSM Grade 1 Singing with merit
- **Florence (Y6)** passed the ABRSM Grade 4 Singing with merit



- **Liberty (Y5)** represented Crowborough Hockey Club in the 'Brighton Girls Plate Tournament'. Her team came 3<sup>rd</sup> place out of the East Sussex clubs.

## SPORTS AWARDS

Colours are awarded to pupils in Y6 & Y5 for their commitment to school sport. Congratulations!

<b>HOCKEY COLOURS</b>	Chloe	Izzy	Olivia	Beatrice	Florence
<b>FOOTBALL COLOURS</b>	Monty Digby	Joji	Oliver	Max	Hugo
<b>HOCKEY HALF COLOURS</b>	Scarlet	Amelia	Amelie	Ramona	
<b>FOOTBALL HALF COLOURS</b>	Alfred	Lewis			

## JOIN THE CHRISTMAS MINI-READING CHALLENGE!

This year there's an extra-special competition running over the winter holidays – the Christmas Mini-Challenge! Follow the link for full details

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/news/general/join-the-christmas-mini-challenge>

HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND HAPPY READING

## PARISH CHRISTMAS SERVICES SACRED HEART CHURCH

- **Christmas Eve**  
18.00 – Family Service of Carols and Readings  
18.30 – First Mass of Christmas
- **Christmas Day**  
10.30 – Mass
- **New Year's Day**  
10.00 – Mass

# Merry Christmas

## ***Another busy and exciting week at Sacred Heart School where learning is fun!***



**There was a religious theme to the finalists' songs for the Carol Competition this year, showcasing not just their learning in Music but in RE also. Selecting just one winner was very tricky!**



- **First Place: Y6 – Florence, Olivia, Scarlet and Bea**
- **Second place: Y5 - Milo, Hector and Rupert**
- **Joint third: Y3: Winnie, Annabelle, William and Thomas; BeaBea, Mariella, Olivia and Beatrice.**



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# KS1 Nativity 'Prickly Hay'



**CAROL SINGING** On Wednesday Y5 & Y6 from the Senior School Choir were invited to sing at Wadhurst Manor. The room was full as the children sang a lovely mix of old and new Christmas songs for the residents. Many of them enjoyed joining in with the traditional carols and seemed to appreciate the newer Christmas songs the children love singing.



## CAROL CONCERT

🦋 Oh what a glorious night! 🦋

The Carol Service which brings the Autumn Term to a close is always a highlight of the school calendar and this year was no exception. With beautiful musical contributions from all classes, and a dramatic portrayal by our boys and girls in Y6 this was an especially moving narrative, bringing the Christmas story to life. Special thanks to Mrs Alcock, Mrs Bradford (for everything), Fr Martin and our super-talented Y6!



## Home for Christmas

For many 'coming Home' never loses its excitement: The prospect of welcome, warmth and the renewal of love can energise one's whole being and Christmas is when most manage to come. Some cannot come all the way themselves and somebody from Home goes to meet them. That might entail going to the airport. But such a journey is never a burden but always a joy.

While most people belong to some family or neighbourly Home, there are still many who are homeless this Christmas. Some of them have a place to live but the loneliness destroys the Homeliness; others, like the Lord Jesus have not a place to lay their heads and experience the rejection of there being no room in the Inn for them. To create a Society where every person is at Home is a basic Christian Duty at Christmas and always.

To be at Home is to be where one belongs, where the vulnerable one feels more secure, where failure is forgiven, where trust evokes new beginnings, where the joy of being related is celebrated and the bonds of togetherness helps one face adversity. Christmas is a time of being at Home in this way, with each other and with God. At Bethlehem God made His Home with us and amongst us and He still does. He is always at Home for us and Christmas is the time when most come Home to Him.

For those who are away, coming Home is a joy beyond all telling. To help a loved one, or friend or work-colleague to come Home is indeed special and to come Home to God at Christmas is a gift beyond compare.

Happy Homecoming and Christmas Blessings too,

Fr. Martin

