



NEWSLETTER NO.1 AUTUMN TERM – 06 SEP 2019

# Welcome Back!



Even the wet weather could not dampen the enthusiasm of pupils, parents and staff as we returned to the start of the new academic year on Wednesday. These first few days have been all about getting to know each other again, establishing rules for a harmonious classroom and settling into the rules and expectations of school life. Thanks for Mrs Rodrigues-Hopkins and Mrs Kendall who kindly hosted a warm welcome to parents old and new at the 'Tea and Tissues' coffee morning. Families have joined us from home and away this term and we extend a special welcome therefore for the Bartlett, Hopkins, Robertson, Thompson, Luong, Rehman, Doy, Sweeting, Town and Wibberley families. Welcome to our Sacred Heart family.

## WEEK AHEAD

WEEK 2 - CLUBS START		
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	School Shop Open Whole School Liturgy	08.45-09.45 08.55
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>		
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Swimming (1)	08.45 @ Mayfield
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	U9 Girls Hockey v Skippers Hill (AWAY) U9 Boys Football b Bricklehurst (HOME)	Leave 13.45 Start 14.30 Collect from Venue 15.45 14.15
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Awards Assembly	08.55
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup>		
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>		

## PTA



Once again this year we will host a Macmillan Coffee Morning at the school on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September. This is a fabulous opportunity to bring together the Sacred Heart parents and wider Sacred Heart community at the beginning of the academic year. It has proved to be a busy and friendly event, giving people the chance to catch up after school drop off and offering those new to the school a warm welcome and the opportunity to be introduced to other parents at the school. Last year we raised in excess of £400 for such an important cause - yet of course we are not able to place a value on the community spirit an event such as this generates. Any donations of bakes (sweet or savoury) are most welcome. More details on timings to follow.



### GUITAR LESSONS

We have been successful in recruiting a new peripatetic guitar teacher Mr Stephen McCormack and we welcome him to our school. For those KS2 pupils interested in learning the guitar Mr McCormack will be doing a presentation of KS2 pupils on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September.

### SCHOOL UNIFORM

We are currently looking for two lovely parents to take over the running of the school uniform shop. The perfect little job to fit in with your school drop offs and pickups. Please contact us or the school office for more information. Please note this position is salaried. Until we are able to recruit two new people, the shop will only be able to open on a Monday morning, unfortunately we are unable at present, to continue opening on a Wednesday. You can place orders online as usual. Karen Dines (Y4 & Y6) and Sarah St Clair Bishop (Y4 & Y6)

The shop is open at the following time during term time:

Monday mornings: 8.45am - 9.30am

### REMINDERS

#### • Parking

To avoid traffic congestion on the drive and in the playground during peak times please abide by the following guidelines:

- The area outside the gates adjacent to the priest's garden is reserved for parents who wish to 'drop off and go'. Do not park here between 09.45 and 10.45am to leave parking places free for those attending parish mass. One space must be reserved at all times for Fr Martin.
- When you come into the playground always reverse into your parking space
- When parking, start from the Foundation Stage building end of the playground to facilitate circulation around the entrance/exit.
- When entering the site please give priority to those leaving the playground
- Please do not park in front of the church as this area is reserved for staff.
- Do not leave siblings unattended in the car whilst you drop or collect your child/children.
- Do not park on the narrow section at the bottom of the drive at any time.

Please inform anybody who might be collecting your child of these guidelines.

At the end of the school day we do not discharge pupils from school until we can entrust them into your care therefore, if collecting from the yellow rope, please approach it when you see that your child is waiting.

Please ensure that children do not run off or behind the parked cars. In order to alleviate congestion parents are requested to leave promptly once they have collected their children.

When you bring your children to school in the mornings please accompany them to their school entrance. Do not ask them to cross the playground unaccompanied as there may be circulating traffic.

Please do not park on the road immediately outside the school as this makes it virtually impossible for cars turning into the school.

#### • Drop off arrangements

7.45 - 8.15am – Supervision in Nursery, *additional fee*

8.15 - 8.30am – Supervision in Nursery; pupils must not go into other classrooms.

8.30 - 8.45am – Pupils may go straight to their classrooms

8.45 - Registration

Now that the first few days are over we ask for your help in achieving a smooth and punctual start to the morning. Parents are welcome to accompany pupils in Nursery and Reception into class. During this year we encourage Year 1 pupils to become independent about coming into class. From Year 2 upwards please say goodbye at the front door of the school and allow your child to come in independently, hanging up their own coats in the cloakroom and making their own way to class. Please do not go to classrooms before 8.30am as teachers will not be there to supervise or may be involved in a private meeting.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Do not forget that we have 'open classrooms' for KS2 on the first Friday monthly and for KS1 on the first Thursday monthly between 8.30 and 8.45am to give you the opportunity to view your own child's work and the displays. This is not an appropriate time to discuss your child's progress with the teacher, so if you need an appointment please arrange through the office. Teachers are usually able to take a brief message at 8.30am if necessary although a note to the teacher, via your child or the office may be more convenient.

- **Clubs**

If your child is staying on after school for a club, please send them with a small snack.

- **Snacks**

A reminder that children are encouraged to bring a healthy snack for mid-morning break. Chocolate and sweets are not allowed and crisps should be an infrequent treat. We have a no nut policy in school, so please do not include these in snacks. Please name all lunch, snack and water containers so that they can be re-united when separated from their owners!

- **Invitations**

Please do not send party invitations etc into the classroom to be distributed as it can cause unintentional offence if some children feel they have been left out.

- **Nail Varnish**

Nail varnish may not be worn

- **Pierced Ears**

Pierced ears are discouraged at primary school. If necessary, a small discreet pair of studs may be worn but must be removed or covered for PE lessons. Do not have ears pierced during term time as this means your child may not be able to participate in games.

- **Jewellery**

No jewellery apart from a small wristwatch.

- **Hair**

Long hair must be tied back completely (not half head).



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

## **YEAR 6 LEAVERS – NEW TO YEAR 7**

***With best wishes to the old....***



## ***...and to the new***

*Along with Miss Turner, Reception boys and girls have been busy settling in to our classroom. We are learning where all the items are for our learning. Next week we will be pairing up with our Year 6 Buddies who will help us when we are playing in the big playground and lining up after play. It has been a hectic few days learning how big school works but we've had lots of fun along the way.*

