



# Welcome Back!



A warm welcome back to all our children, families and teachers. We have had a wonderful (but very hot!) first few days of term and the children and staff came into school full of energy, enthusiasm and smiles! The children have enjoyed coming together for our whole school liturgy and break times, reconnecting with one another and welcoming new children into the school. It is lovely to be back together as a school family.

We have lots of new starters this term and extend a special welcome to Isabella, Rosie, Alexandra, Darcey, Chester, Lucia, Grace, Cecilia, Charles, Harry and Gus in Nursery. Ylva and Reuben in Reception. Edward, Miller, Nansi, Eliza, Oscar and Ola in Year 1. Sophie, Oscar and Vivienne in Year 3. Alexandra in Year 4 and Genevieve in Year 5. Welcome to our Sacred Heart family.

<b>WEEK AHEAD DIARY DATES - WEEK 2 – CLUBS START</b>		
Tue 12 <sup>th</sup> September	Start of Term Whole School Mass – All Welcome	09.00
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> September	Y6 Swimming @ Mayfield U11/10 Girls Hockey v Claremont Pollen Taster and Talk PTA Meeting and Second Hand Uniform Sale Meet the Teacher Event	08.30 – 10.00 13.30 – 16.00 18:00 – 18:30 18.30 – 19.00 19.00 – 19.40
Thu 14 <sup>th</sup> September	Y5 and Y6 World War One Workshop	
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> September	Awards Assembly Parent and Toddler Session	09.00 09.00 – 10.15
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> September	Y6 Swimming @ Mayfield	08.30 – 10.00
Thu 21 <sup>st</sup> September	U9/8 Girls Hockey v Beechwood Boys Football v Beechwood	13.30 – 16.00
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	Awards Assembly	09.00
Tue 26 <sup>th</sup> September	Y3 & Y4 School Trip to Riverhill Himalayan Gardens	
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> September	Y6 Swimming @ Mayfield U11/10 Boys Football v Beechwood Girls Hockey v Beechwood	08.30 – 10.00 13.30 – 16.00
Thu 28 <sup>th</sup> September	Grandparents Lunch	12.00 – 13.30
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> September	MacMillan Coffee Morning Open Morning Awards Assembly	08.30 – 09.30 09.30 & 11.00 15.00

# *Important Notices*

## **STAFF NEWS**

We welcome Miss Slowgrove (who used to be a Year 3 class teacher at Sacred Heart School) who is joining our staff as a peripatetic Music teacher. She will be teaching individual singing and piano lessons.

## **MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING**

This year we will be hosting a Macmillan Coffee Morning at the school on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September. 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. The coffee morning will also coincide with our Open Morning for prospective parents, giving our current parents the opportunity to chat to possible new families. The event always raises a large amount of money 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. Baked donations from parents, children and teachers will be gratefully received to support the coffee morning and can be dropped off at the school office from Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>.

## **GRANDPARENTS LUNCH**

On Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September, we welcome grandparents into school from 12.00pm to join us and their grandchildren at lunchtime. Please let the school know if a grandparent would like to attend by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September so we can cater accordingly. We are aware not all grandparents will be able to attend this event, so we welcome photos of grandparents which will form part of a slideshow and will be shown during lunchtime. These should be sent to Victoria in the office by Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> September.

## **PARKING – DROP OFF & COLLECTION**

Unfortunately, we have already had some issues with regards to parking. Please do not park directly opposite the entrance of the school, or indeed close to the school turning as it can make it very dangerous for cars pulling in and out of the school and also causes great difficulty for families walking to school who are trying to cross the busy road. We know that parking can be particularly difficult and busy when clubs are not running but please take time to park considerately especially when parking on neighbouring roads; we are aware if the car park is full and will keep the children safely with us.

## **MEET THE TEACHER EVENING**

On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September we are holding a 'Meet the Teacher' evening. You are all invited to join staff and governors in the hall at 6pm for drinks and nibbles to give you the opportunity to meet your child's teacher informally. The evening will also include a short presentation from our PTA, a presentation from Pollen Partnership on the school lunches, a second-hand uniform sale and a fifteen-minute presentation in each classroom from the class teachers about the expectations for their year group. We look forward to seeing as many as possible of you then for an enjoyable evening and an opportunity to put names to faces!



## **ROSE COLLYER'S BAPTISM**

Mrs Collyer's beautiful baby daughter, Rose Elizabeth was baptised at Sacred Heart Church last Sunday. I am sure you will join us in sending all the Collyer family love and congratulations for this special occasion and prayers for Rose as she begins her journey in the Catholic Church.

## PRACTISE-FOR-PENNIES CAMPAIGN

All young musicians at Sacred Heart (whether they learn an instrument inside or outside of school) are warmly encouraged to roll up their sleeves and get involved in our whole-school fundraising drive.



Every single time a Sacred Heart musician

practises at home, they can earn a penny towards our whole-school fundraising goal: a beautiful **BASS GLOCKENSPIEL worth £300!**

Every time a child sits down and practices his/her instrument, they will make a note in their Practise-for-Pennies timesheet (usually stuck inside their music diary). Timesheets and pennies are then returned to their teachers in the lessons. For once, the sad and neglected 1p and 2p coins will be celebrated!

Every penny counts. Every penny makes a difference!

- A quick and easy practice session (up to 5 minutes) = 1p
- A practice session of between 5 and 10 minutes = 2p
- A serious brain burn of more than 10 minutes = 5p



The glockenspiel purchase will be a glorious, tangible record of us working together as a school, but the deeper and more important goal is for the children to embrace the discipline, habit and personal reward of sticking to their musical commitments and growing as musicians. Further information and timesheets will be given to all musicians at their first instrumental lesson of the year from today and Monday. Please encourage your children to chat about the campaign and give you some little music concerts at home! Thank you, parents and carers, for your support in this initiative.



## STEM CHALLENGE!

Welcome back to school, and to our first PTA event:

Join us on the 30th September from 7:00pm onwards for a fun evening of design, engineering, construction and competition, hosted by our brilliant Mr Shefford!

This is a team event for groups of 4-6 people so get together with a few friends and come to build a car that would wow Jeremy Clarkson.

For £15 a head your team will get all the components they need to take part, plus an informal supper. There will be a pay-bar running as well.

**Buy your tickets online now**, or look out for ticket sales at drop off.

[Mr Shefford's STEM challenge! \(jumblebee.co.uk\)](http://jumblebee.co.uk)

Please note this is an adults-only event but is open to friends and family if you would like to invite them along.

## OPEN MORNINGS *please follow links*

- **Battle Abbey School:** <https://www.battleabbeyschool.com/open-days/>
- **St Gregorys:** <https://www.sgschool.org.uk/open-events/>
- **Mayfield School:** <https://www.mayfieldgirls.org/admissions/open-mornings>
- **Bethany:** <https://www.bethanyschool.org.uk/admissions/>
- **Tunbridge Wells Girls Grammar:** <https://www.twggs.kent.sch.uk/548/open-days-and-evenings>
- **Tonbridge Grammar School:** <https://www.tgs.kent.sch.uk/join-us-in-year-7>
- **Tunbridge Wells Boys Grammar School:** <https://www.twgsb.org.uk/2093/open-events>
- **Skinners:** <https://www.skinners-school.co.uk/admissions/visiting-the-schoolopen-days/>
- **Judd:** <https://www.judd.online/page/?title=Open+Mornings+%26amp%3B+School+Visits&pid=265>
- **Claremont:** <https://www.claremontschool.co.uk/>



# ***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, shown here with their Year 6 Buddies.....***



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



## CONGRATULATIONS:

- **Poppy (Y2)** – For completing the Summer Reading Challenge
- **Billy (R)** – For completing the Summer Reading Challenge
- **Thomas (Y1)** – For completing the Summer Reading Challenge
- **Octavia (Y5)** – Level 6 Learn to Swim Certificate
- **Amadea (Y1)** – Level 2 Learn to Swim Certificate
- **Meg (Y1)** – Italia Conti Certificate of Appreciation in Pre-Primary Ballet
- **Eddie (Y6)** – Gaining the part of Jeremy in Chitty Chitty Bang Bang in Wadhurst
- **Coco (Y6)** – Gaining a part in the upcoming Panto 'Snow White' as Groovy, one of the 7 dwarves



## OTHER INFORMATION

