



NEWSLETTER NO.12 SPRING TERM – 28 MAR 2024

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MESSAGE FROM THE ACTING HEADTEACHERS

We would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your support over the last year. We have thoroughly enjoyed stepping up to take on the role of Acting Heads and we have felt privileged to learn, first hand, and have an input into, the running of this wonderful school. We are so blessed to have such an amazing group of children, staff, parents and governors – the Sacred Heart family is a very special family indeed!

We look forward to welcoming Johanna Collyer back to the position of Headteacher after Easter and we are sure you will give her just as much love and support that you have given to us.

We wish you all a very happy and blessed Easter.

Antonia Gabriel, Anne HT and Sarah Alcock.

DIARY DATES

SUMMER TERM BEGINS MONDAY, 22ND APRIL 2024

WEEK 1

Mon 22 nd April	Whole School Liturgy	09:00
Wed 24 th April	Y3 Swimming @ Mayfield	08:45-10:15
	U11 Mixed Tag Rugby v Uplands	
Fri 26 th April	Awards Assembly	09:00
	Open Day	09:30 & 11:00

WEEK 2

Mon 29 th April	Whole School Liturgy	09:00
	Summer Term Clubs Begin	
Wed 1 st May	Y3 Swimming @ Mayfield	08:45-10:15
Fri 3 rd May	Awards Assembly	09:00
	Parent & Toddler Session	09:00-10:15

PTA EVENTS

School Disco	Friday 14 th June	Time tbc
School Summer Fair	Friday 28 th June	Time tbc



SPORTS FIXTURES

On Friday, 22nd March some of our Year 4 children took part in a Football Tournament at Wadhurst Primary School. The team played well despite some tough competition by the other schools.

TEAM: Rowland, Marcus, Arthur, Barnaby, Alexandra, Freddie, Eloise, Charlie and Rose.



CONGRATULATIONS



Lorenzo (Y6) had a fantastic fencing competition in Wrocław, Poland on Friday, 22nd March. Overall he came 32nd out of 142 (boys under 11) ranking him the highest GBR boy in his age category. He had a really tough first draw and almost went out in the first round. His last chance to go through to the second round was to beat someone who was unbeaten. He fenced amazingly well and managed to secure his position in the second round. Through grit and determination, he won his next poules managing to climb the rankings to 32. He was the lowest ranked seed to make it that far and knocked out some top seeds of 11 and 7.

Henry (Y6) and Pip (Y6) participated in a National Climbing Competition – the Midlands Youth Climbing Series in Nottingham last weekend. Henry came 1st in his age category and Pip came 3rd.



Orla (Y6) had a great day yesterday at the Sussex Schools Cross Country Finals placing 19th out of 180 against tough competition in very muddy conditions. Her target for herself was top 20 so to attain that was a fantastic achievement.

Orla ran for the North Wealden Warriors, and her team came second in Sussex.

YEAR 2 MAUNDY THURSDAY ASSEMBLY

In RE, children in Year 2 have been learning about the events of Maundy Thursday and in particular, when Jesus washed his disciples' feet at The Last Supper. 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.*

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 all took part in a re-enactment of The Stations of the Cross in the church on Maundy Thursday. Everyone had an important part to play. Some children were narrators; they spoke beautifully and very clearly, explaining each of The Stations of the Cross, describing what happened, and then inviting the congregation to reflect with a special prayer. Other children acted out the parts, displaying great maturity, and 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 the church 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. This year we have been able to reenact Jesus' journey during Holy Week, which makes the performance very special. Thank you, Year 5, for all working so hard to make this such a moving, meaningful and special end to the term.



HOLY WEEK CROSSES

In Holy Week this week we have been thinking about the significance of the cross. The cross is a sign of our Christian faith. When we look at the cross, we see death and life, hate and love, violence and peace, accusation and forgiveness, defeat and victory. We treasure the cross because, by dying on the cross, Jesus saved us from sin and death. When we look at the cross, we feel sadness for Jesus' death, love for the fact he died for each of us and joy and hope that one day we will be with him in heaven. Whilst reflecting on the significance of the cross during Holy Week, each class created their own cross to lay in our quiet Prayer Garden.



YEAR 1

Children in Year 1 have been reading the story of the Hare and the Tortoise and had great fun acting out the story in pairs, wearing our special Hare and the Tortoise headbands.

Earlier this term we finished our Materials topic with an investigation into magnetism. We clearly are talented scientists, making lots of accurate predictions – most of the time! We have made a good start with our topic on Animals and loved the challenge to draw 'Bizarre Beasts'.

In RE, as part of our topic 'Desert to Garden', we reflected on the meaning of Jesus' crucifixion and made small wooden Easter crosses with which we then made one large cross shape as part of the whole school Easter cross celebration. As one our Lenten acts of giving, we donated our beautiful crosses to Wadhurst Manor Care Home.

Last but not least, we have continued to enjoy many interesting and fun Forest School sessions this term.





PTA EASTER EVENTS



EASTER EGG DECORATING WORKSHOP

On Friday, 22nd March Sacred Heart School PTA hosted an Easter Egg decorating workshop for our Year 4 and above children and parents. They sampled different decorating techniques such as the Ukrainian art of 'Pisanky', painting with acrylics and decoupage. Thank you to Mrs Cardozo for organising and running the event.



EASTER EGG HUNT

On Wednesday, 27th March Sacred Heart School PTA hosted an Easter Egg hunt for the children. Each child had to search for their name on a piece of paper and then exchanged it for a chocolate Easter Egg. Lots of fun was had by everyone.



PTA UPDATES



WANTED: GAS BBQ

The PTA are on the lookout for a gas BBQ for future events. If you are planning to update your gas BBQ this summer and need to rehome your old one, please consider donating it to the PTA. Thank you!

JUMBLE SALE – SATURDAY, 8TH JUNE 10:00 – 12:00

The PTA will be running a Jumble Sale of clothes and toys to raise money for the Summer Fair. Any donations would be greatly received. Please drop your donations into the office at your convenience.



FILM NIGHT UPDATE

Well done to Mrs Borhan and everyone who helped make 'Film Night' such a success for the children. A total of £319.29 was raised.

SPRING CONCERT
Thursday 9 May
5pm: Y1, Y2, Y3
6pm: Y4, Y5, Y6
SPRING CONCERT
If you want to play at the concert, you need to practice hard to be selected by your music teacher. Go for it!

Junior Cricket
Would you like to play?
Bells Yew Green Cricket Club runs coaching sessions for **4 to 15 year old boys and girls**
Coaching softball up to **xx** 4/5.
Hardball from year 5.
Friday evenings from end of April at BYG Cricket Club

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