

MARCH 2020 NEWSLETTER



We are in the midst of a very busy half term! We hope everyone enjoys participating the various activities, and good luck especially to those involved in shows, such as Aladdin and the Music Festival at the Opera House. We are also holding our Easter Chocolate Bingo later in this half term. Mr Eaton

COMING SOON....

24/02/20 Return to school
28/02/20 Year 2 Assembly 9.05am
03/03/20 Aladdin performance 6pm
04/03/20 Aladdin performance 1.30pm
04/03/20 Football v St Chads 4pm
05/03/20 Aladdin performance 6pm
05/03/20 Y6 Class Mass 9.15am
11/03/20 Y4 Multiskills Festival C. Allen
13/03/20 Year 1 Assembly 9.05am
13/03/20 Non-uniform day for Mother's Day
17/03/20 Cross Country at Stanah 4pm
18/03/20 Tag Rugby tournament FRUFC 1.30pm
20/03/20 Reception Assembly 9.05am
20/03/20 Mother's Day Event
23/03/20 Music Festival at the Opera House 6.30pm
25/03/20 Y3/4 Wyre Football Competition 1pm
26/03/20 Y5/6 Dodgeball competition C. Allen
02/04/20 Easter Chocolate Bingo
03/04/20 Close for Easter 1.30pm
20/04/20 Reopen for the Summer Term

MRS BIRD

We are approaching the end of an era! Mrs Bird has worked at Sacred Heart for over twenty years, and is our longest serving member of staff, but sadly she is retiring (early) at the end of this term. We wish Mrs Bird a long and happy retirement, and thank her for her incredible work and support for all of our staff and children over the years.

SWIMMING GALA

Congratulations to our swimming team for coming 4th in the recent Swimming Gala. All of our children produced good performances, under the pressure and nerves of being at a major event. Congratulations to the children for their success, and to Mrs Halstead, Mrs Saraswathy, Mrs Fletcher, Mr Cooke and Mr Eaton for their work with all of our swimmers. Most of the children achieved personal bests in their events.

Congratulations to Grace Tushingam, Declan Uchebraye, Alfie Sproat and Miley Chapman (who all became the Backstroke Relay Champions).

What has impressed us the most is the determination to improve, their support of each other and sheer will to do their very best!

ELECTRIC GATES

We are fitting electric power to our gates, to restrict traffic on the car park and driveway, after several incidents over the years. We hope this protects children, parents and staff for years to come.

OPPORTUNITY TO SEE CHILDREN'S WORK

We are providing an opportunity for parents to view their children's work on Thursday 26th March from 3-4pm. This follows every child receiving a mid-term progress summary (to follow shortly), and an invitation to discuss progress if required. This is a trial measure to replace this term's parents' evening.

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ALADDIN!

The performance dates (in school) are as follows:

-Tuesday 3rd March 6.00pm

-Wednesday 4th March 1.30pm

-Thursday 5th March 6.00pm

PHOTOGRAPHS AND VIDEOS: We do not allow photographs and videos to be taken during any performances, including Aladdin, any concert, assembly, sports day or Nativities.

Thank you to everyone for their understanding with this issue. This does allow the audience to relax and enjoy the performances more!

PARISH NEWS

We have 11 children working towards their First Confession and First Holy Communion. Please keep them in your prayers. Please see Father Peter or Mrs Johnson if you have any queries regarding Holy Communion.

BLACKPOOL MUSIC FESTIVAL

Thank you to Mrs Rae for all her hard work, with support from several staff, as she prepares the children for the Blackpool Music Festival on Monday 23rd March, at Blackpool Opera House.

CAR PARK USE- UNTIL ELECTRIC GATES INSTALLED

Thank you to the vast majority of parents and grandparents for helping us make the car park a safer place for everyone. **The use of the car park is prohibited, unless you arrive before 8am to drop off for Breakfast Club and after 5pm to collect from After School Club.** Thank you for your cooperation, as it is much appreciated.

FRIENDS OF SACRED HEART

We have several events planned over the next few months, including refreshments and a raffle at each Aladdin performance, a Mother's Day event and the Chocolate Bingo.

Y3/4 SPORTSHALL ATHLETICS

Well done to our children competing in their first athletics event for the school, they competed brilliantly against the other local schools, with some excellent individual and relay performances, which bodes well for the future!

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

BREAKFAST AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

If you need childcare before or after school, please see the school office, or ring Mrs Porter direct on 07538924508. We have extended opening until 6pm. The cost of the morning session is £2.75 and the after school session is £5.50.

The Breakfast Club is open from 7.30am until school time, and children receive food and drinks at both the breakfast and after school clubs.

ABSENCES AND APPOINTMENTS

In addition to no longer being allowed to authorise holiday absences, we are now expected to see evidence of appointments if your child requires a medical appointment during school time. Please contact school before 9.30am if your child is absent, otherwise the absence could be deemed unauthorised.

REMINDERS

Articles of jewellery are not allowed in school, as they could cause injury to the wearer or another person. **Earrings** have been a constant source of argument and injury in the past. The Local Authority bans them for P.E. and swimming. The Governors of this school have ruled that **no jewellery, other than a wrist watch, can be worn in school. Shoes must be worn as standard uniform. Nail varnish is also not to be worn by children.**

LOST PROPERTY

Please can all property and clothing belonging to your children have their names written or sewn in.

HAIR

Please use plain hair bands and clips for children's hair. Fashion bows or headbands are not part of our school uniform. Please can long hair be tied back.

At Sacred Heart, Mohican hairstyles and shaved patterns into hair are not acceptable.

MEDICINES

Please make sure that the medicines permission form has been completed if your child needs prescribed medicine in school. If you require a form (for prescribed medicines only), please contact the school office.

ADMISSIONS FOR FUTURE YEARS

If you would like to add your child to the admissions list, please see the School Office, If you have a sibling of a child currently at Sacred Heart, it is still worth registering with us. We also hold registers of interest for 2021 and 2022.

NON-UNIFORM DAY

We are holding a non-uniform day for the children on Friday 13th March, in advance of our Mother's Day event. The 'payment' is to bring a present for the event, which is on the following Friday, where children will buy a present (which is wrapped for them) for £2.

SCHOOL CAR PARK

Please could all parents refrain from using the school car park at all times. This includes when collecting children from clubs that finish at 4.30pm, as we do not have the space for all cars. This is to protect the safety of parents and children.

SCHOOL DRIVEWAY

Please do not drive up the school drive at all during the beginning or end of the school days. Please can parents refrain from walking on the drive, as it is dangerous, potentially life-threatening and a poor example to children. We have a barriered pedestrian path suitable for everyone.

SCHOOL MEALS

We are continuing to retain our school meal price at £1.65 per meal, which we will continue to keep for the foreseeable future, still the **lowest** of all the local schools. School requires two weeks notice if you change from school dinner to packed lunch or vice versa.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Please can you ensure that you have given school any change of contact details, particularly changing mobile phone numbers. Also, the more contacts listed for a child the easier it is to get in touch regarding your child, particularly in an emergency.



SCHOOL CLUBS

Thank you to all the staff who have given up their time to start clubs for the children already this term.

Dance for infants: (Mrs Rae) Mon 3.30-4.15pm Y1/2

Change4life: Fri 3.30pm—4.30pm Y5/6

Athletics: (Wed 3.30pm-4.30pm Y4-6)

Wake up Shake Up: (Mon/Wed/ Fri before school)

Music Festival Rehearsals: Tue 3.30-4.30pm

Tri Golf: KS2 Wed 3.30-4.30pm (from 4th March)

Chess KS2: Tue 3.30-4.30pm

Running: Friday lunchtimes

Girls' Football: Friday lunchtime

Aladdin Rehearsals: Thursday 3.30-4.30pm

Choir: Thursday 8.20am