

NOVEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER



We are heading in to one of the busier half terms, on the lead up to Christmas. We have several events coming up over this half term, including the Infant Christmas Nativity and the Junior Christmas Concert, led by our Junior children, and the Dance Festival.

COMING SOON....

- 01/11/19 All Saints Mass in Church 9.15am
- 06/11/19 Football v Staining at Poolfoot 4pm
- 08/11/19 Year 2 Assembly 9.05am
- 08/11/19 Gazette photo of Reception class
- 10/11/19 Remembrance Service 10.40am -Library
- 11/11/19 Fire Brigade visit Y2/6
- 12/11/19 Tempest school photographs
- 12/11/19 Sportshall Athletics competition 2-4pm
- 15/11/19 Football Kid's Cup Poolfoot 10am-2pm
- 22/11/19 Year 1 Assembly 9.05am
- 22/11/19 Reception visit to Thornton Library
- 24/11/19 Sportshall Athletics at UCLAN
- 25/11/19 Dance Festival at Opera House 6.30pm
- 27/11/19 Girls' Football tournament Poolfoot 1pm
- 28/11/19 Speedstacking competition
- 29/11/19 Reception Class Assembly 9.05am
- 01/12/19 Church Mass and Christmas Fayre
- 09/12/19 Infant Nativity in Church 6pm
- 10/12/19 Infant Nativity in Church 2pm
- 16/12/19 Panto trip
- 16/12/19 Junior Christmas Concert in Church 6pm
- 17/12/19 Christmas Music Concert 3.30pm
- 18/12/19 School Christmas Fair 2.30pm
- 19/12/19 Christmas Dinner

OPPORTUNITY TO SEE CHILDREN'S WORK

On Thursday 14th November, the classrooms will be open for parents to see their child's work, from 3pm to 4pm.

CHOCOLATE BINGO

Thank you to everyone who attended the Chocolate Bingo, we had 200 guests in the hall, and it was a very enjoyable evening. Thank you to the staff, parents and children who helped to organise the evening and make it run so smoothly.

SWIMMING

We were invited to a swimming match with Ros-sall, giving our children a fantastic opportunity to race competitively. Children from each of years 4, 5 and 6 were chosen, and the children thoroughly enjoyed the experience. The children also won several races, both individual and in relays too, with strong performances from all of the children involved.

ATHLETICS

Good luck to the children chosen to represent school in the Sportshall Athletics competition on Tuesday 12th November, as we attempt to win it for the seventh year running! Thank you to Mrs Rae, Mr Eaton and Mr Cooke for helping to prepare the children.

MATHS CLINIC

Mr Eaton has started a Maths Clinic to assist parents in supporting their children with Maths. Many of the subject areas in Maths are being taught earlier, and especially with the GCSE programme of study. If you would to talk about Maths, Mr Eaton is available from 8.30am on Tuesday mornings in the Da Vinci Building.

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REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

We will be attending the Remembrance Sunday service at the War Memorial in Thornton, meeting in the Library Car Park at 10.20am on Sunday 10th November.

DODGEBALL

Congratulations to the children chosen for the school Dodgeball team, as they represented school in the inaugural Glow in the Dark Dodgeball competition at Cardinal Allen. The children had great fun, were a credit to the school and won six games!

MISSION TOGETHER CAKE SALE

Thank you to everyone who contributed cakes and money towards our cake sale, to raise money for Mission Together in South Africa, we really appreciate the generosity and thoughtfulness. We raised £244 for Mission Together.

INFANT NATIVITY

All of our infants are performing in the Nativity in Church, starting at **6pm on Monday 9th December, with a matinee on Tuesday 10th December at 2pm**, and all family members are welcome to attend (no tickets needed). There will be a raffle for a hamper at each performance. **NO PHOTOGRAPHS OR VIDEOS ARE ALLOWED OF THE CHILDREN.**

JUNIOR CHRISTMAS CONCERT

All of our juniors are performing in the Junior Christmas Concert, in Church, starting at **6pm on Monday 16th December**, and all family members are welcome to attend (no tickets needed). There will be a raffle for a hamper too! **NO PHOTOGRAPHS OR VIDEOS ARE ALLOWED OF THE CHILDREN.**

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME

The Confirmation programme is under way through Church, with Father Peter and the Catechists working towards the children receiving Confirmation, with the visit of Bishop Paul Swarbrick, on Sunday 12th January 2020.

KS1 MULTISKILLS

Congratulations to our Year 2 Multiskills team, who took part in the multi-sports event at Cardinal Allen. We hope they continue to enjoy sports and inspire others to take part in sport.

MUSIC

We are continuing with music tuition this year, and we have tutors available for clarinet, guitar, keyboard, flute or violin. If your child is interested in starting to learn to play an instrument, please see the school office.

FOOTBALL

Thank you to Mr Santamera for organising the football team this year, and they have been competing in the Central Venue League, with further fixtures to come this month and in January, at Poolfoot Farm.

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 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 need a form (for prescribed medicines only), please contact the school office or see Mrs. Bowden

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.

FAMILY PHOTOGRAPHS

We have Tempest coming in to school on Tuesday 12th November, to offer photographs to children. There is an opportunity for family photographs together at 8.30am.

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 terrible 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)

Football Y5/6 (Mon)

Tag Rugby 12.40pm most lunch times

Choir: KS2 Thur 8.20am (Mrs Bowden)

Dance Festival rehearsals: Tue 3.30-4.30pm

Running: Friday lunchtimes

Speedstacking: Mon lunchtime Y3-6

