

Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

Friday, 20th January, 2022



Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well.

Thank you to those parents and staff who were pushing cars up the hill yesterday morning. For those new to school, the road is very treacherous in wintery conditions. Thankfully, the weather cleared up throughout the day.

Attendance Update – At points throughout the year, I will be sharing school's attendance data with you all. As of the 12th of January, school's attendance is 94% with 15.8% of pupils falling within the PA (persistently absent) category.

Attendance for each class can be found below.

Reception – 92.5 % with 24 % PA
Year 1 – 93.6 % with 18.5 % PA
Year 2 – 94.3 % with 17.9 % PA
Year 3 – 95 % with 3.4 % PA (well done Y3)
Year 4 – 96.5 % with 7.8 % PA (well done Y4)
Year 5 – 93.7 % with 17.2 % PA
Year 6 – 93.2 % with 20 % PA

Over the coming weeks, please make a concerted effort to ensure your child attends school. With a concerted effort, we will soon be hitting national expectations again. If you are experiencing any issues or need support in this matter, please contact the school office.

If your child is in Year 3, don't forget the London Trip meeting is on Tuesday at 3.45pm.

Take Care and have a restful weekend.

Mr McDermott

Nuts in School:

This week we sent out a ParentMail reminder regarding nuts in school. Please be extra vigilant when sending in snacks and packed lunches from home and check that they do not contain nuts. We have several children in school with nut allergies.

Maths Parent Workshop:

Thank you to those who were able to attend this week and to those who sent in their apologies. The PPTs will be uploaded to the Maths section of the website early next week.

English Parent Workshop:

Next week, staff will be hosting English workshops. Dates have been shared previously.

Grammar Guides:

These will be shared with parents next week via ParentMail. This is in response to a parental request. If there are any other supporting material, you feel would help you to support your child, please let me know.

Parent Governor:

Parent Governor forms were shared yesterday. If you require any more information about this role, please do ask.

ATSA February Half Term Activities:

We will be sending out information on Monday regarding the ATSA February half term activities. Places will be limited so please book early to avoid any disappointment.

English:

Over the coming months, we are auditing, reviewing and rewriting our English Curriculum ready for September 2023. If any of our teacher parents can recommend new and appropriate materials to use as teaching guides, please let school know.



Golden Ticket and Reading Champion Winners: Key Stage 1

Reception:

Ahmet – Reading all of the tricky words in "The Basics 2".

Daisy – A fantastic observational drawing of a baby Emperor Penguin.

Viktoria – Great progress in Supersonic Phonic Friends.

Reading Champion – Freya

Character Strength: Excellence: Georgia is always striving for excellence, and she completes all tasks set to a very high standard.

Year 1:

Harry – Giving clear responses when explaining Special People in our community who help us.

Primrose – Writing descriptive sentences using adjectives and a comma.

Ronnie – In his foundation work this week, Ronnie made a zig zag book about important events in his life.

Reading Champion – April

Character Strength: Resilience: Louisa always tries her best in all her work and does not give up when faced with a challenge.

Year 2:

Alfie – Writing 'How' and 'What' exclamation sentences.

Jayden – Working hard in his Learn It maths tests.

Kejden – excellent ball control in PE and mastering different passes.

Reading Champion – Daniel

Character Strength: Positivity: Summer is always happy and cheerful and has a positive approach to her learning.

Golden Ticket and Reading Champion Winners: Key Stage 2

Year 3:

Ekrem – sharing brilliant facts about the sacred buildings of ancient civilisations.

Leo – A fantastic piece of creative writing about a winter's walk.

Tiffany – Fantastic recall of multiplication and division facts in maths.

Reading Champion – Euan

Character Strength: Teamwork: Isla's ability to manage a team during a drama activity was brilliant. She made sure that 'Together We Achieve More'.

Year 4:

Thea – Settling in well into the routines of Year 4.

Nancy – Much improved handwriting.

Reading Champion – Evie

Character Strength: Excellence: Daisy always produces amazing work, and this passion is now being shown through her writing.

Year 5:

Jenson – Fantastic work when ordering fractions less than one.

Kitty – Writing amazing relative clauses in English.

Thea – A detailed poster advertising the work of a charity in RE.

Reading Champion – Thomas S

Character Strength: Excellence: Sophia joins in with every lesson and goes above and beyond in the work she completes in class.

Year 6:

Harry – Answering inferential questions and offering contributions in whole class reading.

Millie – Creating a guide for Year 2 for how to be a good Christian in the school community in RE. (well done Millie, 2 weeks in a row!)

Oliver – Adding and subtracting fractions with different denominators.

Reading Champion – Freya

Character Strength: Positivity: Luke has a real genuine 'Love of Learning' and an eagerness to learn more in all areas of the curriculum.