

Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

Friday, 26th May, 2023



Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well.

Our Year 6 children return today from their 5-day residential at Brathay. I will upload the photographs over the weekend. Enjoy listening to your children's stories and expect some tired children tonight. I have not yet booked the residential for next year as I have not had an opportunity to catch up with staff this week. Also, the KS2 2024 SATs take place week commencing Monday 13th May and the following week is the last week before the half term holidays. All schools are advised not to book residential for the week after SATs as children who are genuinely off school sick have a 5-day window to complete missed tests.

Well done to our Year 2 children who have completed their Key Stage 1 SATs these past 2 weeks.

At our last data drop, school's attendance was 94.6% (in line with the national average) with 16.8 % of pupils falling into the persistently absent group (PA). If your child is within this category, you will have recently received a letter from the Local Authority Attendance Team. There is a key focus on attendance now from the DfE. Local Authorities and schools are being challenged where Penalty Notices are not being issued for those children who are classed as being Persistently Absent. On a positive note, we have 13 children with 100% attendance and 21 children whose attendance is 99% or higher – well done!

Take Care and enjoy the one week half term holiday.
Mr McDermott

Uniform:

Please ensure your child is coming to school in the correct uniform. There has been a large and increasing number of children coming to school in trainers on non- PE days (without a conversation with either myself or the office). We also have children wearing sportswear instead of PE kit. Thank you to those parents who have contacted school to explain their individual circumstances and we will continue to support you. If you are experiencing any difficulties, please let school know.

Safeguarding: Parent Guide

Accompanying this newsletter is the National Online Safety guide for parents on the topic of 'Influencers'.

CSE: Year 6

The children in Year 6 will have a visit from the complex safeguarding team on Tuesday 6th June (First Tuesday back). This is part of their transition to High School

Music Lessons Payment Reminder:

If your son or daughter has music lessons, please ensure that payments are up to date for the beginning of the next half term. Payment should already have been received for the next half term block of lessons. Thank you if your payments are up to date.

ATSA Activities Next Week:

For the children that have booked slots for the ATSA activities next week, we hope that you enjoy them. We are looking forward to hosting the dance session on Wednesday.

End of Year dates:

The end of term dates were shared last week. If you haven't seen these, you can access them via the website.



Golden Ticket and Reading Champion Winners: Key Stage 1

Reception:

Ava G – Wonderful progress in maths.

Georgia – Fantastic handwriting.

Marshall – Being very helpful in class.

Reading Champion – Theodore

Character Strength: Empathy: Amelie is a very kind, caring and thoughtful member of our class.

Year 1:

Hoi - Yee - Making great progress with her writing in all subjects.

Madeleine - Being able to recognise a quarter of a quantity with confidence.

Orest - Using knowledge of his phonics when writing simple sentences this week.

Reading Champion – Elsie

Character Strength: Communication: Jed always listens well, and he is always willing to explain his ideas so that he can help others.

Year 2:

Lilith – Settling in so amazingly well, having beautiful smiles on their faces and working very hard during their first week at Sacred Heart.

Lillian - Settling in so amazingly well, having beautiful smiles on their faces and working very hard during their first week at Sacred Heart.

Neve - Retaining lots of factual information about the significant woman - Greta Thunberg.

Reading Champion – Perrie

Character Strength: All of Year 2 for amazing resilience during the past two weeks whilst working through their special quizzes. Mrs Johnson, Mrs Rogerson, and Mrs Harrison are incredibly proud of every single Year 2 child.

Golden Ticket and Reading Champion Winners: Key Stage 2

Year 3:

Ava – Thoughtful responses towards our shared book this week “This is Our House”.

Lottie – Excellent use of vocabulary in science when comparing plants and flowers.

Ted – Excellent problem-solving using money.

Reading Champion – Ethan

Character Strength: Positivity: Priya has settled in well to our class family, forming friendships and having a positive mindset for new beginnings.

Year 4:

Vinnie - Good work on ordering and comparing decimals.

Zoe - Creative ideas and writing using correct sentence structure during diversity week.

Reading Champion – Jason M

Character Strength: Excellence: Alex always demonstrates a love of learning across all subjects and produces work to be proud of, especially in Maths.

Year 5:

Ethan - Using extended sentences to describe a sports kit in French.

Harry - A big improvement in his presentation in Maths.

Thea - A detailed piece of writing explaining the work of Amnesty International as part of our Diversity work.

Reading Champion – George

Character Strength: Communication: Max has worked hard over the last half term to improve the way in which he communicates with others.

Character Strength: Positivity: Ansalie who has made a positive start to school life, working hard and making new friends.

Year 6:

Well done to all of our Year 6 children who were able to complete the challenges on their residential.

Thank you and well done to those children who have been helping our Y4s in school this week.