

Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

Friday, 15th December, 2023



Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope this week's newsletter finds you well. This is the last newsletter of this term. Don't forget school closes next Friday, 22nd December at 3.30pm. There will be no after school club next Friday. School re-opens to the children on Tuesday 9th January.

Please note, there will be limited office capacity next week during the Christmas Events. Please ensure any messages are sent into the office in advance, as staff will not be as freely available to respond to any phone calls or respond to the gate buzzer.

Thank you for all of your support over the past term, especially in regard to ensuring your child attends school. Our school's attendance for the term is 93.88 %. Attendance is a key factor in children developing socially, emotionally and academically. All of these skills are important in preparing our children for each stage of their learning. A group of children will be finalising our Attendance Policy next week by deciding on the rewards section of this policy.

On behalf of all of the staff, I would like to wish you all a restful and merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



A Very Big Thankyou:

We would like to say a very big 'thank you' to The Friends of Sacred Heart and Miss Harvey for all the fantastic festive events that we have enjoyed recently and throughout the year. The Santa Dash on Monday was a brilliant event for the children and raised around £600. Many thanks for everyone's support.

A big thank you to all our other volunteers who dedicate their time to making morning toast and supporting our children to read.

EYFS & Key Stage 1 Nativity: 'A Miracle in Town'

Performances are on Wednesday (2pm) and Thursday (10am) next week, which are both strictly ticketed events. Tickets were sent home this week with children. You will need a ticket to gain entry so please do not forget to bring them. Gates will open 15 minutes before the performance start time.

Key Stage 2 Carol Concert: Tuesday

As detailed on previous newsletters, parents and carers are invited to join us at St Richards Church on Tuesday at 2pm for the Key Stage 2 Carol Concert.

Please ensure that you have made arrangements for your son or daughter to be collected at 3pm from church, unless you have booked after school club in advance.

Christmas Party and Non-Uniform Day:

The Friends of Sacred Heart Christmas party afternoon will be on Thursday. This is also a non-uniform day so please feel free to send children in Christmas jumpers or anything festive. We are expecting a visit from Santa, if he can spare some time away from his Christmas preparations.

Christmas Party Lunch:

We will be serving a Christmas party lunch on Friday with lots of festive treats. If your son or daughter does not usually have a lunch on a Friday, please order via the school office.

Christmas Mass: Friday

All parents / carers are invited to Christmas Mass in the hall, at 9.30am, with Fr Carl.



Golden Ticket and Reading Champion Winners: Key Stage 1

Reception:

Luca – Sharing his fantastic ideas during drawing club.

Mason – Fabulous singing and actions during Nativity Rehearsals.

Rosie – Super weaving skills.

Reading Champion – Ife

Character Strength: Empathy: Joshua is a kind and caring member of our class. He is very good at recognising how different people feel.

Year 1:

Ava G – Excellent subtraction thinking about how we use the part, part whole model.

Georgia – Writing thoughtful responses during our RE lessons this week.

Precious – Excellent observational drawings of leaves.

Reading Champion – Daisy

Character Strength: Excellence: Theodore has given 100% this week and strives to complete each task given. He has particularly enjoyed creating lists for Santa this week.

Year 2:

Andrea – Confident speaking, and also thinking about her intonation and expression when rehearsing for the nativity play.

Harry – Great effort using tens and ones to subtract 2-digit numbers from 2-digit numbers.

Reading Champion – Primrose

Character Strength: Resilience: Jed always puts 100% effort into everything that he does and never gives up, even if faced with a difficult challenge.

Golden Ticket and Reading Champion Winners: Key Stage 2

Year 3:

Harrie – Thoughtful responses in RE discussions.

Harry – Excellent Times Tables skills.

Jacob – Superb use of conjunctions and subordinate clauses.

Reading Champion – Lilith

Character Strength: Teamwork: Imogen has shown leadership qualities in the Faith in Action and Digital Leaders teams this week.

Year 4:

Bobby – Fantastic work on his arithmetic maths test. 2-weeks in a row, well done Bobby.

Freddie – Amazing work during maths this week.

Josh – Amazing work on spelling the Year 4 common exceptions words.

Reading Champion – Lottie

Character Strength: Teamwork: Over the last several weeks Elnathan has become a delightful member of the Year 4 team. He is always smiling and he gives his all each day.

Year 5:

Cory – Recognising how the choices we make during Advent could begin to shape the life of a Christian in RE.

Dominic – Applying his learning in class to answering questions in his maths assessment.

Reading Champion – Charlotte

Character Strength: Teamwork: Millie for Teamwork and sharing her ideas with others during class and group discussions.

Year 6:

Callum – A fantastic 'have a go' attitude in assessments this week.

Jake – Excellent work in RE looking at the prophecies of Isaiah.

Oliver – A brilliant score in arithmetic. Well done.

Reading Champion – Niamh

Character Strength: Communication: Kitty worked really hard this week with our Friends at The Chanters Care Home, giving clear instructions and using encouraging words.