

Dear Parents & families,

RECEPTION CLASS LETTER

WELCOME: We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you into the Reception team at Sacred Heart, and we hope that the information contained in this letter will enable us all to make the best possible start to what is set to be a very busy and exciting year ahead! Firstly, the team consists of Mrs Callow and Miss Inman as the class teachers, supported by Mr Stubbs most afternoons. We have Mrs Dalton, Miss Price and Mrs Patel also supporting the children's learning. When the children have P.E they will be taught by our sports coach Mr Pinches. We have several regular parent helpers, Mrs Howe and Mrs Mannion, who volunteer on a weekly basis. If this role would interest you please get in touch with Mrs Owen at the office.

To ensure that the children are sent home safely at the end of each day, we politely request that parents or adults picking the child up, line up in two class lines. Adults who are not parents or pick up regularly will need to have the password in order for us to hand their child over.

We are hoping to go on lots of visits and trips throughout the year. We would value your support and time to accompany children on these trips. Please look out for any letters in book bags when they come home.

Thank you to all the parents who have taken the time to label possessions with their child's name. Please make sure you continue to do this with any new possession or if labels come off.

A letter will be sent home shortly regarding snack and how you can pay for this. Again, please look out for this in the red book bag. One other thing to look out for is Reception's reading meeting where you will be given lots of tips and advice on how to support your child's reading at home. It would be really beneficial for someone to attend this meeting.

As part of the children's learning journey, please send in any certificates or photos of special events or memories that we can photocopy to put in. We would ask you not let your child bring in any toys because they can get broken or stolen.

LEARNING:

English:

Here is a list of the class text we will be reading this year. Please feel free to read them with your child at home.

Rosie's Walk by Pat Hutchins
Each Peach, Pear, Plum by Janet Ahlberg and Allan Ahlberg
A Dark Dark Tale by Ruth Brown
The Jolly Christmas Postman by Janet/Allan Ahlberg
Pass the Jam, Jim by Kaye Umansky
Nursery rhymes, finger rhymes and songs
My Brother by Anthony Browne
The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle
Don't Put Your Finger in the Jelly Nelly by Nick Sharratt
You Choose by Nick Sharratt and Pippa Goodhart
Elmer by David McKee
Mr Gumpy's Motor Car by John Burningham

Mathematics

- Count reliably at least 20 objects.
- Read, write & order numbers & numerals from 1 - 20.
- Estimate number of objects & check by counting.
- Say 1 more/1 less to 20.
- Use 'more' & 'less' to compare two numbers.
- Add two single digit numbers
- Subtract by 'taking away' from a group of objects.

These are the objectives that the children will need to know by the end of the year. You can support your child by playing counting games, maths jigsaws, baking, looking at shapes in the home and environment and recognising numbers.

Reception Learning challenge questions are as follows for each term:

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
<p>What do I know about me?</p> <p>Who lives in a house like this?</p> <p>What is being at school like?</p> <p>Is everybody's home the same?</p> <p>Why are there so many leaves on the floor?</p> <p>Visit to Central Park</p>	<p>Who are the famous characters inside my books?</p> <p>How can we help Cinderella to have a ball?</p> <p>Should Goldilocks say sorry?</p> <p>Visit to Rivington</p>	<p>Why is it always cold in Winter?</p> <p>High in the sky...</p> <p>Who were the dinosaurs?</p> <p>Visit to Bolton Museum</p>	<p>What is life like on a farm?</p> <p>Who can I ask for help?</p> <p>Visit to Smithills Farm</p>	<p>Are all mini-beasts scary?</p> <p>Gardeners' World: Percy the park keeper...</p> <p>Visit to local garden centre</p>	<p>What things can you find at the beach?</p> <p>What are you going to pack in your rucksack to go on holiday?</p> <p>Where are you going on holiday?</p> <p>Visit to the beach</p>

Computing

We will be using a range of simple computer programmes such as Mouse in the House and Purple Mash. We will be sending logins home soon for your child to access this at home. Also, your child needs to find out about how technology in the home and at school can be used eg. Internet for shopping, emails for communication. Please talk to your child about how you use technology.

P.E.

Physical Education will be taught by Mr Pinches our sport coach. He will be teaching the children key skills such as throwing, catching, awareness of space, different ways of moving (running, hopping, skipping), simple dances and games.

PE kits should be sent in every half term and stay in school. They will be sent back home at the end of every half term for a wash. Please send in a change of underwear or spare clothes in case your child has an accident.

RELIGION: here are our topics for R.E for the year.

Autumn 1	Autumn 2
<p>07-09 Sep: Purpose Statement</p> <p>1 2 Sep-07 Oct: Domestic Church Family – MYSELF – Why am I precious?</p> <p>1 0-1 4 Oct: Mercy Week / Day</p> <p>1 7-2 1 Oct: Judaism</p>	<p>3 1 Oct-2 5 Nov: Baptism/Confir- mation </p> <p>Belonging – WELCOME – Why is welcome important?</p> <p>2 8 Nov-2 0 Dec: Advent/Christm- as </p> <p>Loving – BIRTHDAY – Why do we celebrate birthdays?</p>

Spring 1	Spring 2
<p>05-06 Jan: Epiphany</p> <p>09 Jan-03 Feb: Local Church Community – CELEBRATING – What and why do people celebrate?</p> <p>06 Feb- 03 Mar: Reconciliation Inter-relating – FRIENDS – Is it good to have friends?</p>	<p>06 Feb-03 Mar: Reconciliation Inte- relating – FRIENDS - Is it good to have friends? (cont.)</p> <p>06 Mar- 1 1 April: Lent/Easter Giving – GROWING – How and why do things grow?</p>

Summer 1	Summer 2
<p>2 6 April- 2 6 May: Pentecost Serving – GOOD NEWS – What is good news?</p>	<p>05- 1 6 June: S.R.E. A journey in Love (Reception- Y4) / All that I Am (Y5 & Y6)</p> <p>1 9-2 3 June: Islam</p> <p>2 6 June- 2 0 July: Caritas in Action: home.</p>

WORSHIP: You are also invited to all of our liturgies of the Mass and class-led para-liturgies (assemblies).

SNACKS: Each day the children enjoy the opportunity to receive a mid-morning snack. It provides them with valuable personal and social learning experiences. It also offers the children life-long skills and attitudes towards food and the importance of staying healthy. The daily 'snack time' for the children has been a major success in the unit for a number of years. This success has been a direct result of both parents support and the enthusiasm of the children.

We are to continue the 'snack time' for your child during their year in Reception and therefore in September you will receive a letter asking for a voluntary contribution towards the cost of this. It works out at 20p a day. You will have the opportunity to pay for the year, by the term, or half term.

 <h1 style="margin: 0;">UNIFORM</h1>			
ALL YEAR ROUND UNIFORM:	SUMMER TERM UNIFORM OPTION:	P.E. UNIFORM:	NOTES:
White collared long or short sleeve shirt	Option A: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ White polo shirt ✗ Grey long or short trousers ✗ Grey / white socks ✗ Black low-heeled school shoes 	White round neck t-shirt (not polo shirt)	Label all items of uniform with name.
Sacred Heart tie		White shorts	Tie must be worn with year-round uniform.
Maroon v-neck jumper or cardigan (not sweatshirt)		Dark grey / black pumps	No jewellery is allowed.
Grey long or short trousers, knee-length skirt or pinafore	Option B: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Red & white gingham dress ✗ Grey / white socks or white / grey / maroon tights ✗ Black low-heeled school shoes 	Track suit & trainers for necessary outdoor use	Coat must have a hoop for hanging onto cloak-room hook.
Grey / white socks or white / grey / maroon tights		Draw-string pump-bag to hang onto cloakroom hook. <i>School stocks some logo pump bags – available from the office.</i>	School book bag should have a long strap to hang onto cloak-room hook. <i>School stocks some logo book bags – available from the office.</i>
Black low-heeled school shoes (not trainers) [Velcro fastenings preferred for Reception]	Maroon v-neck jumper or cardigan may be worn with both options.	UNIFORM STOCKIST: Rainbows Schoolwear (Church Street) are the approved stockist of official logo uniform & bags etc.	Water bottle & lunch box must be sealable and named. <i>Only plain water is able to be brought into school in water bottles.</i>
Reception <u>only</u> uniform also includes: round-neck maroon sweatshirt, white polo-shirt & grey joggers option. Wellies must be provided. Waterproofs are ordered via the school scheme, and remain in school for everyday use. Spare socks / underwear may also be kept in school. <i>Shirt & tie uniform is to be worn on special occasions.</i>			

UNIFORM: Correct uniform is to be worn for school. Note that jewellery is not allowed to be worn in school.

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER: The Sacred Heart Herald is produced by the school office each week, and is emailed to all parents. If you do not receive your copy, please let Mrs Johnson, our Head's P.A. know. Paper copies are available to collect from the office. Up to date diary dates are included each week, and are also available to view at www.facebook.com/TheJourneyMatters

FACEBOOK PAGE: Our facebook page is updated by class staff when time permits. You may leave positive

comments if you wish. This is not the forum to ask something which is better said in person to the class teacher or to make a negative remark.

DIARY: Key dates for this year (subject to change – but include them in your diary now!):

Whole School Masses:

Wednesday 1st November 10am at church
Friday 8th December 9.30am at church
Wednesday 10th January 9.30am at church
Wednesday 14th February 10am at church (Ash Wednesday)
Tuesday 27th March 9.30am at church
Friday 13th April 9.30am at church
Thursday 10th May 10am at church
Wednesday 23rd May 10am in School
Friday 29th June 10am at church

Class Masses:

RI - Monday 5th March 9.30am
RI – Monday 9th July 9.30am
RC – Monday 29th January 9.30am
RC – Monday 11th June 9.30am

The Reception Christmas Service:

Monday 11th December at 2.30pm and then again at 5.30pm.

Class Assemblies:

RI – Friday 2nd February at 3pm
RI – Friday 25th May at 3pm

RC – Friday 16th February at 3pm
RC – Friday 18th May at 3pm

Other important dates:

Wednesday 18th October - Individual school photos
Wednesday 8th November – Parents evening 4-8pm
Wednesday 7th March – Parents evening 4-8pm
Thursday 21st June – Sports day (provisional date)
Friday 6th July – Move up day

Thank you for your continued support as we work in partnership together throughout the year. We do hope to make this first chapter of your child's journey at Sacred Heart a very memorable and enjoyable experience.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Callow and Miss Inman
Class teachers.