



January 2017

Dear Parents & families,

RECEPTION SHARE LETTER

WELCOME: Welcome to our 2nd term in Reception. We hope you had a happy and peaceful Christmas and we wish you a Happy New Year! We would like to also thank parents for any kind gifts for the staff.

LEARNING: This term, we will be continuing with our Learning Challenge Curriculum. Our challenge until Easter are;

- Why is it always cold in winter?
- Who were the dinosaurs?
- High in the sky
- Are all minibeasts scary?
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In English we will be focusing on learning to write our full names from memory (including surnames). We will also be trying hard to learn to write simple sentences, for example, The cat went to the park. In phonics, we will be working on phase 2 and 3 sounds, and it would be very useful if you could practise these sounds at home with your children. In maths, we will be working on recognising numbers up to 20, adding and subtracting these (using items and 'counting altogether') and we will be learning to identify one more or one less than a given number. We will also be learning to recognise coins up to £1 and add coins up to 10p. We will further explore 2D and 3D shapes, naming them and discussing their properties.

RELIGION: In our RE sessions we will be learning about the Epiphany and how the wise men visited Jesus at this time, bringing gifts. We will be thinking about what gifts we can bring to the world. We will be learning about our Local Church, spending some time in church to speak to Father Richard about his role in our parish and we will explore what is special about a church. After that we will be learning about Reconciliation, taking time to explore what makes a good friend. Finally, we will explore the Easter story and use role-play to re-enact this.

WORSHIP:

RO Assembly – 27th January at 3pm
RS Assembly – 3rd February at 3pm
RO mass – 27th February
Whole school mass – 1st March
RS mass – 6th March

HOMEWORK: We will be sending reading books weekly, please ensure that you write a comment in and sign the red reading record, otherwise we cannot change the books. We will also be sending homework to practise writing surnames and other phonics and maths homework as appropriate.

SNACKS: Our breakfast club operates daily, 8:30am (50p / day). It is 'pay as you go' only, and served in the main hall. Until the end of Y2 all children are provided with a daily fruit / veg snack free of charge. Children in KS2 are only allowed to bring a healthy fruit or veg snack to eat at break-time – they will keep this in their classroom tray, not packed lunch boxes. All children must bring a clean, named, filled water bottle to school daily.

HEALTHY SNACK: no packaging...
Do not send packaged foods for morning
break-time snack: fruit or veg only.

RECEPTION SNACK SCHEME: Please remember snack money is due and is £13 and is best paid in cash. Snack provides many useful learning opportunities for the children.



UNIFORM: Correct uniform is to be worn for school. P.E. kits should stay in school throughout the week. Note that **jewellery is not allowed to be worn in school.**

 <h1 style="display: inline; margin-left: 10px;">UNIFORM</h1>			
ALL YEAR ROUND UNIFORM:	SUMMER TERM UNIFORM OPTION:	PE. UNIFORM:	NOTES:
White collared long or short sleeve shirt Sacred Heart tie	Option A: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> White polo shirt <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grey long or short trousers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grey / white socks <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Black low-heeled shoes	White round neck t-shirt White shorts Dark grey / black pumps	Label all items of uniform with name. Tie must be worn with year-round uniform. No jewellery is allowed.
Maroon v-neck jumper or cardigan Grey long trousers, knee-length skirt or pinafore	Option B: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Red & white gingham dress <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grey / white socks or white / grey / maroon tights <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Black low-heeled shoes	Track suit & trainers for necessary outdoor use Draw-string pump-bag to hang onto cloakroom hook.	Coat must have a hoop for hanging onto cloak-room hook. School book bag should have a long strap to hang onto cloak-room hook.
Grey / white socks or white / grey / maroon tights Black low-heeled shoes [Velcro fastenings preferred for Reception]	Maroon v-neck jumper or cardigan may be worn with both options.	UNIFORM STOCKISTS: Rainbows Schoolwear (Church Street); Love to Sew (Market Street).	Water bottle & lunch box must be sealable and named.
Reception only 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.			

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 Miss Butler, in the main office, 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.

Should you have any queries throughout the year, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us. The next parents'

evening will be on Wednesday 1st March.

Thank you for your continued support as we work in partnership together...

Yours sincerely,

Miss O'Neill and Mrs Skinner
Reception Class Teachers