

MARCH 2019 NEWSLETTER



We are in the midst of a very busy half term! We hope everyone enjoys participating in the various activities, and good luck especially to those involved in shows, such as Peter Pan and the Music Festival at the Opera House. We are also holding our Easter Chocolate Bingo on Wednesday 3rd April at 6pm in the hall.

COMING SOON....

- 04/03/19 Peter Pan Week
- 05/03/19 Pancake Day event –am
- 05/03/19 Lancashire Athletics Final 1.30pm
- 05/03/19 Peter Pan 6pm
- 06/03/19 Ash Wednesday service 9.15am
- 06/03/19 Football v St Chads 4pm
- 07/03/19 World Book Day Lunch
- 07/03/19 Peter Pan 6pm
- 08/03/19 Peter Pan 1.30pm
- 15/03/19 Reception Assembly 9.05am
- 15/03/19 Choir Competition Marine Hall 6.30pm
- 18/03/19 Music Festival - Opera House 6.30pm
- 20/03/19 Cross Country at Stanah 4pm
- 22/03/19 Year 1 Assembly 9.05am
- 22/03/19 Non-uniform day (for Mother's Day)
- 27/03/19 Y3/4 Football at Poolfoot 1pm
- 29/03/19 Mother's Day Event
- 03/04/19 Dodgeball competition C. Allen 2.30pm
- 03/04/19 Chocolate Bingo 6pm
- 05/04/19 Close for Easter 1.30pm



WYRE ATHLETICS CHAMPIONS!

Congratulations to our Athletics Team, who became the Wyre champions at the Wyre and Fylde Sportshall Athletics Finals. It was an extraordinary performance by our children, with both superb individual and relay performances.

The children have used their break times to practise, showing great dedication and determination.

Our children are now preparing for the Lancashire Athletics Final, to be held at Blackpool Sports Centre, on Tuesday 5th March, which will be our second appearance at the Lancashire Final.



SWIMMING GALA

For the eighth time in nine years, we finished in the top 3 in the District swimming gala. We are especially proud of the extraordinary effort of our talented swimmers. All of our children produced excellent performances, under the pressure and nerves of being at a major event. Congratulations to the children for their success, and to Mrs Halstead, Mrs Saraswathy, Mrs Fletcher and Mr Eaton for their work with all of our swimmers. Most of the children achieved personal bests in their events.

Congratulations to Scarlett, Kristen, Dominic and Oliver Hargreaves (who all became the Breaststroke Relay Champions).

And a special mention to Kristen Beswick who became the individual freestyle champion.

What has impressed us the most is the determination to improve, their support of each other and sheer will power to do their very best!



CANON DAKIN

We are sad to announce the passing of Canon Dakin, who has served the parishes in Thornton for the past 60 years. His legacy lives on in Church and school, but more importantly, he will be remembered for his compassion, kindness and incredible intelligence. He will be sadly missed.

We will inform you of the funeral arrangements once they are official.

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Y3/4 SPORTSHALL ATHLETICS

Well done to our children competing in their first athletics event for the school, they competed brilliantly against the other local schools, with some excellent individual and relay performances– finishing third overall, which bodes well for the future!

PETER PAN!

Rehearsals are underway, taking place on Thursdays, after school.

Thank you to the children for their commitment, and to Miss Darville, Mrs Wilson,

Mrs Saraswathy, Mrs Urmston, Mrs Johnson, Mrs Ball, Mrs Porter, Mrs Rogerson, Isabella,

Emily, Mia and Safron for their hard work in preparing the children.

The performance dates (in school) are as follows:

-Tuesday 5th March 6.00pm

-Thursday 7th March 6.00pm

-Friday 8th March 1.30pm

PHOTOGRAPHS: We can no longer allow photographs and videos to be taken during any performances, including Peter Pan, any concert, assembly, sports day or Nativities.

Thank you to everyone for their understanding with this issue. This does allow the audience to relax and enjoy the performances more!

LANCASHIRE GYMNASTICS AND SWIMMING ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to Verity Beaumont-Cooke, Jazmine Latham and Lexie Latham for their fantastic achievements at the Burnley Gymnastics Invitational, and Kristen Beswick for qualifying for the Lancashire Swimming Championships, and achieving personal bests in the intense competition!



PARISH NEWS

We have 10 children working towards their First Confession and First Holy Communion. Please keep them in your prayers.

BLACKPOOL MUSIC FESTIVAL

Thank you to Mrs Rae for all her hard work, with support from several staff, as she prepares the children for the Blackpool Music Festival on Monday 18th March, at Blackpool Opera House.

FOOTBALL

Congratulations to our football team, who resumed their excellent form by beating Royles Brook 8-3 and Staining 4-3. The team then played in the Fylde Champions' League competition, and impressed with their determined performances, battling qualities, and playing some excellent football.

NON-UNIFORM DAY

We are holding a non-uniform day for the children on Friday 22nd March, in advance of our Mother's Day event. The 'payment' is to bring a present for the event, which is on the following Friday, where children will buy a present (which is wrapped for them) for £2.

BREAKFAST AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

If you need childcare before or after school, please see the school office, or ring Mrs Porter direct on 07538924508. We have extended opening until 6pm. The cost of the morning session is £2.75 and the after school session is £5.50.

The Breakfast Club is open from 7.30am until school time, and children receive food and drinks at both the breakfast and after school clubs. The children also get access to our new TV / Relax room!

ABSENCES AND APPOINTMENTS

In addition to no longer being allowed to authorise holiday absences, we are now expected to see evidence of appointments, if your child requires a medical appointment during school time. Please contact school before 9.30 a.m. if your child is absent, otherwise the absence could be deemed unauthorised.

REMINDERS

Articles of jewellery are not allowed in school, as they could cause injury to the wearer or another person. **Earrings** have been a constant source of argument and injury in the past. The Local Authority bans them for P.E. and swimming. The Governors of this school have ruled that **no jewellery, other than a wrist watch, can be worn in school. Shoes must be worn as standard uniform. Nail varnish is also not be worn by children.**

LOST PROPERTY

Please can all property and clothing belonging to your children have their names written or sewn in.

HAIR

Please use plain hair bands and clips for children's hair, fashion bows or headbands are not part of our school uniform. At Sacred Heart, Mohican hairstyles and shaved patterns into hair are not acceptable.

MEDICINES

Please make sure that the medicines permission form has been completed if your child needs prescribed medicine in school. If you need a form (for prescribed medicines only), please contact the school office or see Mrs. Bowden

ADMISSIONS FOR FUTURE YEARS

If you would like to add your child to the admissions list, please see Mrs Porter or Mrs Bird. If you have a sibling of a child currently at Sacred Heart, it is still worth registering with us. We also hold registers of interest for 2020 and 2021!

FRIENDS OF SACRED HEART

We have several events planned over the next few months, including refreshments and a raffle at each Peter Pan performance, a Pancake Day event and the Chocolate Bingo on Wednesday 3rd April at 6pm.

SEASIDERS' ART COMPETITION

We have an art display on show at the Grundy art Gallery in Blackpool, which everyone is welcome to view. Our school winners were: Angel Shearstone, Freddie Elliott, Miley Chapman and Poppy Higginson. Congratulations!

SCHOOL CAR PARK

Please could all parents refrain from using the school car park at all times. This includes when collecting children from clubs that finish at 4.30pm, as we do not have the space for all cars, and to protect the safety of parents and children.

SCHOOL DRIVEWAY—PLEASE DO NOT WALK ON IT!!!!

Please do not drive up the school drive at all during the beginning or end of the school days. Please can parents refrain from walking on the drive, as it is dangerous, potentially life-threatening and a terrible example to children. We have a barriered pedestrian path suitable for everyone. If you use a taxi company to collect or drop off children, taxis are also not allowed in the school car park. We have very limited space, so we cannot have parents, grandparents or taxis on the school drive and car park.

SCHOOL MEALS

We are continuing to retain our school meal price at £1.65 per meal, which we will continue to keep for the foreseeable future, still the **lowest** of all the local schools. School requires two weeks notice if you change from school dinner to packed lunch or vice versa. The children who have regular school dinners are eligible for a prize draw later this term.

SCHOOL CLUBS

Thank you to all the staff who have given up their time to start clubs for the children already this term.

Dance for infants (Mrs Rae) (Mon 3.30-4.15pm)

Change4life: Y5/6 Fri 3.30pm—4.30pm

Athletics (Wed 3.30pm-4.30pm Y4-6)

Wake up Shake Up (Mon/Wed/ Fri before school)

Football Y4/5/6—lunchtimes

Homework Club Thursday 3.30-4.30pm

Tag Rugby 12.40pm lunch times

Choir: KS2 Thur 8.20am (Mrs Bowden)

Art will resume in the Summer term

Peter Pan rehearsals: Thur 3.30-4.30pm

There will be other running opportunities in school time.

Chess - Tuesday 3.30-4.30pm

Netball—Tuesday lunchtime

Boccia (KS2)- Monday 3.30-4.30pm

