

DECEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER



We are looking forward to all of the Christmas events in school and Church. We have the music concert, infant nativities, the junior concert, the panto visit and the Christmas Fayre in the next three weeks!

We hope you enjoy all the Christmas activities. Our children, parents and staff have worked hard to prepare for the Christmas celebrations, and we hope that you enjoy attending our performances! Mr Eaton

COMING SOON....

- 01/12/19 Church Mass and Christmas Fayre
10.00am
- 03/12/19 Choir to visit Care Homes
- 06/12/19 Y3/4 Basketball competition at Rossall
- 09/12/19 Infant Nativity in Church 6pm
- 10/12/19 Infant Nativity in Church 2pm
- 11/12/19 Jingle Jog / Muddy Run at Rossall 1.30pm
- 12/12/19 Pre-school Christmas Concert 9.15am
- 12/12/19 Year 2 trip to The Chill Factor!
- 16/12/19 Panto trip
- 16/12/19 Junior Christmas Concert in Church 6pm
- 17/12/19 Breakfast with Mrs Christmas
- 17/12/19 Christmas Music Concert 3.30pm
- 18/12/19 School Christmas Fair 2.30pm
- 19/12/19 Christmas Mass in Church 9.15am
- 19/12/19 Christmas Dinner
- 20/12/19 Finish for Christmas 1.30pm
- 06/01/20 Return to school

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Thank you to the children, parents and staff who attended the annual Remembrance Sunday Service at Thornton. We appreciated the excellent turnout for this significant community event.

MASS AND CHURCH CHRISTMAS FAYRE

The Church Christmas Fayre is this Sunday (1st December), following Mass, both in the school hall. Mass will start at 10.00am.

BLACKPOOL DANCE FESTIVAL

Thank you to Mrs Rae and Mrs Hargreaves for all their hard work, with support from Mrs Scaife, Mrs Urmston and Mrs Brodrick, and congratulations to our dancers for their excellent performance at the Opera House. We were very proud of your achievements at the Dance Festival, and it had a wonderful reaction from the audience.

GIRLS' FOOTBALL

Congratulations to our girls' football teams, for their hard work and determination at the Wyre Football Tournament. The girls showed good team work and were very competitive against the local schools, scoring a number of goals. Sacred heart A team won three matches on their way to the quarter finals (beating Larkholme, Rossall and St Wulstans), and Sacred Heart B team beat Rossall, with a hat-trick from Hope Fletcher.

ATHLETICS

Congratulations to the school athletics team for winning the District Sportshall Athletics title, for the 8th year running! They produced excellent track and field performances. Thank you to Mrs Rae and Mr Cooke for helping me to train the children. We now compete at the Wyre Final in January.

MRS BOWDEN

Unfortunately for us, Mrs Bowden will be leaving at Christmas to start her new role at Caldervale Primary School. We would like to thank Mrs Bowden for her incredible contribution over the past 13 years, not just with her classes but around school, contributing to so many activities and performances, she will be hugely missed. We wish her the very best for the future!

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NON-UNIFORM DAY

We are holding a non-uniform day on **Friday 13th December**, in return for donating chocolate (infants) or a bottle (juniors) for the privilege of wearing their own clothes, to stock our bottle and chocolate tombolas at the Christmas Fair. Thank you in advance for the donations.

BRITISH LEGION

Thank you to everyone who bought poppies and other Remembrance items, we really appreciate the generosity and thoughtfulness. We raised a total of £305 for the British Legion. This followed raising a total of £285 for Mission Together in October (following the cake sale).

INFANT NATIVITY

All of our infants are performing in the Nativity in **Church**, starting at **6pm on Monday 9th December, with a matinee on Tuesday 10th December at 2pm**, and all family members are welcome to attend (no tickets needed). There will be a raffle for a hamper at each performance.

NO PHOTOGRAPHS OR VIDEOS ARE ALLOWED OF THE CHILDREN.

JUNIOR CHRISTMAS CONCERT

All of our juniors are performing in the Junior Christmas Concert, in **Church**, starting at **6pm on Monday 16th December**, and all family members are welcome to attend (no tickets needed). There will be a raffle for a hamper too!

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CONFIRMATION MASS

The Confirmation programme is under way through Church, with Father Peter and the Catechists working towards the children receiving Confirmation, with the visit of Bishop Paul Swarbrick, on Sunday 12th January 2020.

CAR PARK USE

Thank you to the vast majority of parents and grandparents for helping us make the car park a safer place for everyone. The use of the car park is prohibited, unless you arrive before 8am to drop off for Breakfast Club and after 5pm to collect from After School Club. Thank you for your co-operation, as it is much appreciated.

MUSIC

We are continuing with music tuition this year, and we have tutors available for clarinet, guitar, keyboard, flute or violin. If your child is interested in starting to learn to play an instrument, please see the school office.

JUDAISM

We had a special visitor as part of our week studying Judaism, with Simon Caplan giving an excellent assembly to the children followed by workshops in every class, to help the children understand the Faith.

CARE HOME VISITS

Thank you to Mrs Bowden and Mrs Johnson for arranging to take the choir to local Care Homes on the 3rd of December to entertain the residents this Christmas. It is hugely significant for the residents and staff.

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

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.

ABSENCES AND APPOINTMENTS

In addition to no longer being allowed to authorise holiday absences, we are now expected to see evidence of medical appointments should your child require one during school time. Please contact school before 9.30am if your child is absent, otherwise the absence will 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 to 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. Please can long hair be tied back.

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 require 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 the School Office. 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 2021 and 2022.

MATHS CLINIC

Mr Eaton has started a Maths Clinic to assist parents in supporting their children with Maths. Many of the subject areas in Maths are being taught earlier. If you would to talk about Maths, Mr Eaton is available from 8.30am on Tuesday mornings in the Da Vinci Building.

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. This is to protect the safety of parents and children.

SCHOOL DRIVEWAY

Please can parents refrain from walking on the drive, as it is dangerous, potentially life-threatening and a poor example to children. We have a barriered pedestrian path which is suitable for everyone.

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.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Please can you ensure that you have given school any change of contact details, particularly changing mobile phone numbers. Also, the more contacts listed for a child the easier it is to get in touch regarding your child, particularly in an emergency.

DATA COLLECTION

Please can all parents return their data collection and image/video consent forms to the school office as soon as possible so your child's record can be updated.



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 Y1/2

Change4life: Fri 3.30pm—4.30pm Y3/4

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

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

Tag Rugby 12.40pm most lunch times

Choir: KS2 Thur 8.20am (Mrs Bowden)

Running: Friday lunchtimes

Speedstacking: Mon lunchtime Y3-6

Girls' Football: Friday lunchtime