

OCTOBER 2019 NEWSLETTER



We have had a very good start to the new school year, with our children settled into their new classes and resuming their positive work ethic across school. We have several events to look forward to in the next few months, including the Family Chocolate Bingo Night on Wednesday 2nd October.

Mr Eaton

COMING SOON....

- 02/10/19 Football v Royles Brook
- 02/10/19 Chocolate Bingo 6pm
- 04/10/19 Year 5 Mass 2.15pm
- 09/10/19 Football v Staining
- 10/10/19 KS1 Multiskills Festival at Cardinal Allen
- 10/10/19 Parents' Evening 3.40pm to 7pm
- 11/10/19 Year 3 Assembly 9.05am
- 11/10/19 Swimming Gala at Rossall 3.15pm
- 13/10/19 Lancashire Sportshall Competition UCLAN
- 16/10/19 Tag Rugby Tournament at FRUFC
- 18/10/19 Finish for half term 3.30pm
- 28/10/19 Return to school
- 30/10/19 Sportshall Athletics competition 2-4pm
- 01/11/19 All Saints Mass in Church 9.15am
- 08/11/19 Year 2 Assembly 9.05am
- 22/11/19 Year 1 Assembly 9.05am
- 29/11/19 Reception Class Assembly 9.05am

HOUSE CAPTAINS

Congratulations to our house captains, who were chosen by the children in each house:

- Gold: Alfie Sproat, Starr Hammond
- Ruby: Millie Quirk, Declan Dumashie
- Sapphire: Ellie Dixon, Nathan Tyler
- Emerald: Arianna Coleman, Alex Ball

OPEN EVENING FOR PARENTS

We will be holding our first Parent's Evening on Thursday 10th October, when you can find out about the progress of your child, with their academic work, and how to support them at home.

CHOIR

Congratulations to the school choir for their excellent performance at the Winter Gardens Food, Arts and Music Festival. We are very proud of the children, and thank you to Mrs Bowden for leading the children, and to everyone involved for their commitment to the performance and preparation beforehand.

SWIMMING

Good luck to our swimmers from Y4-6, as they compete in a swimming match at Rossall on Friday 11th October. For many children this will be their first gala, and the event prepares our children for the Area Swimming Gala later in the year.

ATHLETICS

Good luck to the children chosen to represent school in the Sportshall Athletics competition on Wednesday 30th October, as we attempt to win it for the sixth year running! Thank you to Mrs Rae, Mr Eaton and Mr Cooke for helping to prepare the children.

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, and especially with the GCSE programme of study. If you would like to talk about Maths, Mr Eaton is available from 8.30am on Tuesday mornings in the Da Vinci Building.

FRIENDS OF SACRED HEART

Due to the numbers of adults unable to support our staff with events and meetings, we will be running less events this year.

DODGEBALL

Congratulations to the children chosen for the school Dodgeball team, as they represented school in the inaugural Glow in the Dark Dodgeball competition at Cardinal Allen. The children had great fun, were a credit to the school and won six games!

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.

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.

CHOCOLATE BINGO!

We will be hosting an Autumn Chocolate Bingo, in the school hall on Wednesday 2nd October 2019, starting at 6pm, with lots of chocolate prizes to win!

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME

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.

FOOTBALL

Congratulations to the children chosen for the school football team, it was a very difficult choice this year due to the excellent ability of a number of children.

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.

LED LIGHTING

In a bid to save money and reduce our energy use, we have converted most of the lights in the school to LED lighting. We have the hall and outside to work on next, but all classrooms, corridors and offices are now operating using 80% less electricity. It is worth considering for home!

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 appointments. If your child requires a medical appointment during school time. Please contact school before 9.30am 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. 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 need a form (for prescribed medicines only), please contact the school office or see Mrs. Bowden

CROSSING PATROL CAMERA

Currently we are short of a crossing patrol, and Mr Scott has temporarily moved to Fleetwood Road. Since he has moved, he has noticed a number of drivers failing to stop even when he is in the road. We have bought a bodycam for him to wear, to catch such drivers, so we can pass on the information to the police.

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 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.

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.

TRAINERS FOR PE AND SPORT

We would like to encourage the children to wear trainers for PE and sport, particularly outdoors. If the children have their PE kits and trainers in school every day, then we have more flexibility with sport, especially with our mixed weather, and we can hold emergency running sessions with little notice!



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 Y5/6

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

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

Football Y5/6 (Mon)

Tag Rugby 12.40pm most lunch times

Choir: KS2 Thur 8.20am (Mrs Bowden)

Dance Festival rehearsals: Tue 3.30-4.30pm

Running: Friday lunchtimes

Speedstacking: Mon lunchtime Y3-6