



Sacred Heart Primary School

“Aspire Nurture Learn Achieve”



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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another very busy couple of weeks at Sacred Heart as we move towards a very special time in our Church’s calendar. Although the last two years have been very different and we are missing being able to attend mass and sing together, the children have been so reflective as they have learnt about Jesus’ journey and why Easter is so special.

Although we have only been together as a full school community for a few weeks the children have been very busy within their classrooms, they have been reflecting on their learning and planning their next steps. We have also had lots of fun through our learning, from superheros, to rockstars to a mismatched outfit cat walk! I can’t wait to see what appears next term!

I would like to thank our whole school community for all the support that has been given over the last term. I say it a lot, but our children really are amazing and have continued to grow and develop throughout this period. We are proud of each and every one of them.

I hope you all have a happy and holy Easter break. I look forward to welcoming everybody back to sunny days and the summer term ahead.



Kind regards,
Anna Chidgey

Sacramental Preparation

As you are aware, the sacrament of Reconciliation, Holy Communion and Confirmation were postponed due to lockdown.

New dates have now been confirmed by Fr Tad:

Reconciliation:

Current P4s— 10th June 2021
7pm at Sacred Heart Church
Current P3s— 4th June 2021
7pm at Sacred Heart Church

First Holy Communion:

Current P4s— 12th June 2021
11am at Sacred Heart Church

Confirmation:

Current P7s— 17th June 2021
7pm at Sacred Heart Church



Sacramental Preparation Lessons will be taught by Mrs Cran in the coming months.

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Class News

Nursery

The children have settled back extremely well into nursery routine and have been exploring our new setting. We have had a few new children join our Nursery recently too so it's been great to see all the new friendships forming. The children have been enjoying developing the classroom and adding their creations to displays. There has been an interest in seeds and plants. With spring approaching the children have discovered daffodils and crocuses in the garden and have asked to plant their own flowers. They have also collected seeds from apples and oranges at snack time. We will be exploring plant life cycles in nursery and children will have the opportunity to plant their own seed to watch the development.



It has been brought to my attention that some children have gone home with tears in their trousers while at nursery. I completely understand that this is not ideal and would like to assure you that staff are observing children and reminding children to tell a staff member if they have fallen over or made a hole in their trousers. I would recommend that children

come to nursery in hard wearing trousers such as jeans or thick joggers as children participate in role play, tree climbing and circle games on a regular basis while at nursery which may cause wear and tear. We have added more soft furnishings such as rugs and cushions to our setting to help reduce the contact with the new floor, which we believe, is contributing to the situation.



The children have been discussing different emotions and using the emotional check-in to resolve conflicts and express their wellbeing. Thank you for completing your all about me forms, children have been creating their own Wellbeing Webs and staff have supported them to explore the wellbeing indicators—'safe, healthy, achieving, nurtured, active, responsible, respected and included'. Our story of the moment is "Jack and the Beanstalk" and we will be looking at this story next term. We hope that you have a lovely Easter holiday and we appreciate all of your ongoing support!



Nursery Pick up

A reminder to parents to come to the gate when their child is ready to be collected. This is to ensure the safety of the children and to ensure a physical handover.

We appreciate you standing back while other children are being collected but ask that you come forward when it is your child's turn.

Thank you!



Primary 1

Mrs Sargison would like to say a huge thank you to everyone in Primary 1 for making her feel so welcome! We have had a very busy few weeks, and we have all enjoyed settling into the new classroom and watching the work continuing outside in our outdoor area. We can't wait to use it!



We have been continuing with all the hard work that went on in home learning for both literacy and numeracy and we have really enjoyed finding out interesting facts about the planets and space travel for our project about Space. We are beginning to look at the Easter story and to learn about Easter traditions.



One learner suggested this week that “We are learning all the time when we play” and this is absolutely true when it comes to the space Rocket and Mission Control Centre made by Mrs Halliday and the P1 space engineers using recycled items. Taking turns to use it to travel into space has sparked lots of language, imagination and fun as the controls are used to send the rocket into space and then to return safely.



Finally, we have been working on our Class Charter, based on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. Primary 1 selected three of the articles in the Convention: the Right to Learn, the Right to Play and the Right to be Safe. We then talked about how

Primary 2



What a term we've had! We've settled in really well after our time learning at home and are so glad to be back. We've been working on using the sounds we know to improve our fluency in reading and also learning about nouns, noun phrases and verbs to build interesting sentences. In numeracy we have been working on our basic addition and subtraction facts and are enjoying playing the basic facts games. We have been tackling word problems and using pictorial representation to help us solve them and in maths we have been learning about shape, identifying 2D and 3D shapes and their features. Mrs Bubbles' laundry appeared in our classroom and we have been kept busy; washing the clothes, dealing with a break-in and fundraising so that Mrs Bubbles can go to live in Shetland to stay with her auntie! We have learned about items from the past which were used to clean and prepare clothes, we've created posters and written instructions and stories all about the laundry! We loved helping Mrs Bubbles and will be sad to see the laundry go.



Primary 3



It has been fantastic to be back in the classroom after the Christmas break and a period of online learning. The pupils have all settled in amazingly and it's been great to push the learning forward.

In Literacy, we began the Read Write Inc 'Language and Literacy' program. We wrote a small imaginative story about a bully. We learned to use the 'Story Mountain', which helps us to plan out the different sections of our story. Following on from that, we learned how to write an Explanation text. We learned about the life cycle of a frog and wrote about that in our explanation texts. It was very interesting and Mr. Smith was able to

show us photos of frog spawn that he found in the Pentland Hills. For our class novel we are currently reading 'The Magic Faraway Tree – The Enchanted Wood' by Enid Blyton. It has been a brilliant book so far. This was another book recommended by a pupil in the class. Mr Smith has really enjoyed using the children's book recommendations for class novels as it has encouraged him to read a variety of different genre books, some classic and some modern.

In Numeracy, we have been learning how to use Money. We began to learn about the different notes and coins that we use daily and then moved on to learning how to make different totals. We then began to find the totals of items in a shop and now we

are learning how to give change.

We have learned how to calculate the totals and how to give change by using the column method.



In IDL topic we have continued our Space theme, which we began during our period of online learning. We created a papier-

mâché solar system that is the centerpiece of our classroom display. The display is made using mixed media, includes all 8 planets, the sun and stars, which are connected to fairy lights. It is amazing!! We also created solar system art work using oil pastels. We have been learning facts about Mars and are currently creating a poster to show what we have learned. During the final week of term we are going to create our very own Mars Rover that will move on its own. Out of all the topics we have learned, I think everybody has enjoyed Space the most! Hopefully we have a future astronaut within our classroom!

Primary 4



P4 have had a great start back to in-school learning and it's been fantastic to see everyone properly again and not on tiny screens! We have been doing lots of health and wellbeing work to help us settle back into school, learning about the zones of regulation and how we can keep ourselves in the 'green zone' ready to learn. We have been busy working on our research projects and will be presenting our posters before the Easter holidays, showing off all the facts we've learnt about the body. In literacy we have been continuing to learn about different poetic devices and wrote our own rhyming poems using rhyming patterns. In numeracy we have been continuing to learn about time, now

we can work out for ourselves how long it is until lunch without having to ask Miss McKee! We had lots of fun at our Times Table Rockstar day, setting up our accounts, challenging ourselves with times table games and rocking out with our new guitars.



Primary 5

It has been lovely welcoming back the Primary 5 class. They have settled in really well and it feels like we have never been away!



Since we returned to school, the pupils have been learning about advertising for literacy. We have worked as a team to create a new innovative product. First, we reminded ourselves about how to work in a team. The pupils tried to work together to create the tallest tower possible using only spaghetti, marshmallows, blu tack and tape and string. Then, we worked together in our team to create our own product by creating a name, slogan and design.



In Maths, we have been learning to read calendars and analogue clocks. We practise our daily number workout every day, which requires us to use many different numeracy skills. During lockdown, we learned all about Bonnie Prince Charlie and the Jacobite army. Since returning to school, we have been working on creating our own project about a member of royalty. Miss Lee is looking forward to watching the presentations in class next week.

On Red Nose Day, we designed our own red noses and created an imaginative story about our very own superheroes.

It has been lovely having our class together again. It feels great to be back at school!

Primary 6

This term has been another busy one for P6.

We have been learning about equations and inequalities in numeracy and have just recently finished that topic.

In literacy we have been writing a biography of Anthony Horowitz, which has turned out really well. It has been great getting back into school together and this has coincided with the arrival of lots of reference books to aid our preparation for a presentation to the class. We will be working on this up to Easter, although the presentations may have to take place after the holidays depending on time!

We have been enjoying getting out into the playground for PE and had fun making up our own obstacle courses in groups. To add some colour to the classroom we have drawn and painted the Easter Bunny in the style of Steven Brown and they look awesome up on the wall in the classroom.



I hope everyone has a great Easter and look forward to getting back for the summer term where there will be lots going on.

Break Time Snacks

As you are aware, every child completes a 'Wellbeing Web' each term, where they identify how they are feeling in each of the 'Wellbeing Indicators' - Safe, Healthy, Achieving, Nurtured, Respected, Responsible and Included.

A number of pupils identified that they eat 'too many sugary snacks' when discussing the 'Healthy' wellbeing indicator. In response to this, all pupils will have access to fruit at break times and lunch times to help to promote healthier eating habits.



Wellbeing Webs

We are currently in the process of collating the data from our wellbeing webs this term and will share this data with you once this has been completed.



Primary 7

Primary 7 have enjoyed returning to school and are excited to be into their new classroom! All of the children did extremely well to settle, engage and cope with the change from remote learning to school learning; a huge well done and thank you to you all.



This month, we have been reading a story called 'I believe in Unicorns' by Michael Morpurgo. We have used this as our basis for Literacy, linking it to reading and writing. In particular, the children have looked at various Morpurgo stories and identified their similar features. They have also written a diary entry from the view point of the main character (Tomas) as well as a detailed setting description. Primary 7 are in the middle of preparing to do a talk on a topic of their choice to their peers. This has included many literacy skills such as: talking and listening, skimming and scanning for key information, note taking and presenting information visually and orally.

As part of our interdisciplinary learning, we have been focusing on Scotland. This term we have learned about Steven Brown, the Scottish artist, and evaluated examples of his work. The children have then drawn and painted a unicorn (linking to our literacy) in the style of Steven Brown. They have made a super job of them!



In maths, we have been focusing on algebra. The children have worked exceptionally well through this and have covered everything from number machines to solving algebraic fractions and inequalities. Well done everyone!



Summer is Coming!

As the days become sunnier and hotter (hooray!), please ensure your child comes to school prepared and protected from the sun—sun cream, a sun hat for outdoors and a refillable water bottle are very much encouraged. Pupils will have access to water fountains to refill their water bottles when required.



Thank you all so much for supporting red nose day and embracing your superpowers!

We raised £320.11 which will support some fantastic causes!



Parent/Carers are invited to come along to our Virtual Coffee & Chat sessions which will be held on the last Friday of each month at 10.00am. Our next coffee & chat session will be on 30th April 2021.



Dates for your Diary

March 2021

2021

Apr-01	End of Term—school closes 3.15pm (return to school Tuesday 20 April)
Apr-02-19	Easter Holiday - school closed to pupils
Apr-20	New term commences—all return to school
Apr-20-30	BIG PEDAL
Apr-30	Virtual Coffee & Chat (10.00am)
May-03	May Day Holiday - school closed
May-06-11	Scholastic/Travelling Book Fair—tbc
May-17-21	WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK
May-24	In-Service Day - school closed to pupils
May-28	Virtual Coffee & Chat (10.00am)
May-31	Pupil reports issued this week—tbc
Jun-04	P3 Sacrament of Reconciliation, Sacred Heart Church 7pm—tbc
Jun-07	BIKE TO SCHOOL WEEK
Jun-10	Parent consultations—tbc
Jun-10	P4 Sacrament of Reconciliation, Sacred Heart Church 7pm—tbc
Jun-11	Feast of Sacred Heart
Jun-12	Sacrament of First Holy Communion, Sacred Heart Church 11am—tbc
Jun-14	Share the Learning videos to parents/carers—tbc
Jun-17	Sacrament of Confirmation - Sacred Heart Church 7pm—tbc
Jun-25	End of Term—school closes 12.25pm (pupils return Wednesday 18 August)

Sacred Heart Church Mass - check parish website for details

We will update the calendar with more dates following guidance e.g. Sports Day, Leavers etc

All dates and times are subject to change.