

Dear Parents & families,

RECEPTION CLASS LETTER

WELCOME: We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you into the Reception team at Sacred Heart, and we hope that the information contained in this letter will enable us all to make the best possible start to what is set to be a very busy and exciting year ahead! Firstly, the team consists of Mrs Callow, Mr Stubbs and Miss Inman as the class teachers. We have Mrs Dalton, Miss Price, Mrs Rhodes and Mr Hackley also supporting the children's learning. When the children have P.E they will be taught by our sports coach Mr Pinches. We have several regular parent helpers, Mrs Howe, Mrs Inman, Mrs Brooks and Mrs Protano who volunteer on a weekly basis. If this role would interest you please get in touch with Mrs Owen at the office.

To ensure that the children are sent home safely at the end of each day, we politely request that parents or adults picking the child up, line up in two class lines. Adults who are not parents or pick up regularly will need to have the password in order for us to hand their child over.

We are hoping to go on lots of visits and trips throughout the year. We would value your support and time to accompany children on these trips. Please look out for any letters in book bags when they come home.

Thank you to all the parents who have taken the time to label possessions with their child's name. Please make sure you continue to do this with any new possession or if labels come off.

A letter has been sent home shortly regarding snack and how you can pay for this. Another thing to look out for are Reception's reading and maths meetings where you will be given lots of tips and advice on how to support your child's learning at home. It would be really beneficial for someone to attend these meetings.

As part of the children's learning journey, please send in any certificates or photos of special events or memories that we can photocopy to put in. We would ask you not let your child bring in any toys because they can get broken or stolen.

LEARNING:

English:

Here is a list of the class text we will be reading this year. Please feel free to read them with your child at home.

Supertato by Sue Hendra
Superbat by Matt Carr
The Very Noisy House by Julie Rhodes and Korky Paul
How to Catch a Dragon by Caryl Hart
Father Christmas Comes Up Trumps by Nicholas Allan
Man on the Moon by Simon Bartram
Rosie's Walk by Pat Hutchins
Norman the Slug by Sue Hendra
Owl Babies by Martin Waddell
The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle
Dinosaur Police by Sarah McIntyre
Dear Dinosaur by Chae Strathie

Mathematics

- Count reliably at least 20 objects.
- Read, write & order numbers & numerals from 1 - 20.
- Estimate number of objects & check by counting.
- Say 1 more/1 less to 20.
- Use 'more' & 'less' to compare two numbers.
- Add two single digit numbers
- Subtract by 'taking away' from a group of objects.

These are the objectives that the children will need to know by the end of the year. You can support your child by playing counting games, maths jigsaws, baking, looking at shapes in the home and environment and recognising numbers.

Reception Topics for each term are:

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Superheroes Homes Autumn	Castles Fairytale Christmas	Space Winter	Farm Animals	Minibeasts	Dinosaurs

Computing

We will be using a range of simple computer programmes such as Mouse in the House and Purple Mash. We will be sending logins home soon for your child to access this at home. Also, your child needs to find out about how technology in the home and at school can be used eg. Internet for shopping, emails for communication. Please talk to your child about how you use technology.

P.E.

Physical Education will be taught by Mr Pinches our sport coach. He will be teaching the children key skills such as throwing, catching, awareness of space, different ways of moving (running, hopping, skipping), simple dances and games.

PE kits should be sent in every half term and stay in school. They will be sent back home at the end of every half term for a wash. Please send in a change of underwear or spare clothes in case your child has an accident.

R.E: here are our topics for R.E this year:

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Family Homes Church	Baptism Welcoming Advent	Epiphany Celebrations Reconciliation	Growin Lent Easter	Pentecost Serving Good News	Love Caritas in Acion

WORSHIP: You are also invited to all of our liturgies of the Mass and class-led para-liturgies (assemblies).

SNACKS: Each day the children enjoy the opportunity to receive a mid-morning and afternoon snack. It provides them with valuable personal and social learning experiences. It also offers the children life-long skills and attitudes towards food and the importance of staying healthy. The daily 'snack time' for the children has been a major success in the unit for a number of years. This success has been a direct result of both parents support and the enthusiasm of the children. We are to continue the 'snack time' for your child during their year in Reception and therefore in September you will receive a letter asking for a voluntary contribution towards the cost of this. You will have the opportunity to pay for the year, by the term, or half term.

UNIFORM: Correct uniform is to be worn for school. Note that jewellery is not allowed to be worn in school.

 UNIFORM			
ALL YEAR ROUND UNIFORM:	SUMMER TERM UNIFORM OPTION:	P.E. UNIFORM:	NOTES:
White collared long or short sleeve shirt	Option A: White polo shirt Grey long or short trousers Grey / white socks Black low-heeled school shoes	White round neck t-shirt (not polo shirt)	Label all items of uniform with name.
Sacred Heart tie		Black shorts	Tie must be worn with year-round uniform.
Maroon v-neck jumper or cardigan (not sweatshirt)	Option B: Red & white gingham dress Grey / white socks or white / grey / maroon tights Black low-heeled school shoes	Dark grey / black pumps	No jewellery is allowed.
Grey long or short trousers, knee-length skirt or pinafore		Track suit & trainers for necessary outdoor use	Coat must have a hoop for hanging onto cloak-room hook.
Grey / white socks or white / grey / maroon tights		Draw-string pump-bag to hang onto cloakroom hook. School stocks some large pump bags – available from the office.	School book bag should have a long strap to hang onto cloak-room hook. School stocks some large book bags – available from the office.
Black low-heeled school shoes (not trainers) [Velcro fastenings preferred for Reception]	Maroon v-neck jumper or cardigan may be worn with both options.	UNIFORM STOCKIST: Rainbows Schoolwear (Church Street) are the approved stockist of official logo uniform & bags etc.	Water bottle & lunch box must be sealable and named. Only plain water is able to be brought into school in water bottles.
Reception <u>only</u> 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. <i>Shirt & tie uniform is to be worn on special occasions.</i>			

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 Mrs Johnson, our Head's P.A. 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 or to make a negative remark.

DIARY: Key dates for this year (subject to change – but include them in your diary now!):

Reading Meeting:

Maths Meeting: Wednesday October 3rd 30'clock

Class Assemblies:

RCS - Friday 18th January 2019

RI – Friday 1st February 2019

RCS and RI achievement assembly – Friday 12th July

Class visits to Church for Mass:

RCS – Monday 28th January and Monday 3rd June

RI – Monday 14th January and Monday 20th May

Whole School Mases

1st November, 19th December, 9th January, 6th March (Ash Weds), 16th April (Easter Mass), 30th April, 24th May, 16th July (leavers Mass)

Christmas Production:

Reception Christmas Service – Monday 17th December 2.30pm and 5.30pm

Parent Evenings:

Wednesday 7th November and 13th March

Photograph Day:

Individual - Wednesday 17th October

Thank you for your continued support as we work in partnership together throughout the year. We do hope to make this first chapter of your child's journey at Sacred Heart a very memorable and enjoyable experience.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Callow, Miss Inman and Mrs Stubbs
Class teachers.