

Sacred Heart RC Primary School

The Sacred Heart Standard

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Dear parents and families,

ORDINARY TIME: LOVE ONE ANOTHER

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This week, our Ordinary Time display is beginning to take shape in the hall. Ordinary Time is the season of the Church year when we are encouraged to grow and mature in living out the faith. Each year group is gathering evidence of their work towards upholding the [protected characteristics](#) that show our living out of the Golden Rule, the principle of treating others as one wants to be treated. The Golden Rule was proclaimed by Jesus during his Sermon on the Mount and described by Him as the second great commandment: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you".



Our display is centred by Hyatt Moore's image of '[The Last Supper with Twelve Tribes](#)' which commemorates the inclusion of all peoples under God; and 'Banquet', which depicts a take on Jesus' parable in Luke 14 where a man prepared a grand banquet but everyone invited was too busy to come, so he instructed his servants to go out and get people from among "the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame."

How are we Hope in the Future for our community?



There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. *Galatians 3:28*

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SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME: 28 families registered for this year's Sacramental Programme, as invited in [Fr Barry's September letter](#). Of those families, 24 now wish their children to take part in preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist this year.

Mr Stubbs has now begun the in-school preparation with these children, who went over to church earlier today as part of their first session.

Key dates are as follows:

Sunday 12th February 2023, 10:00am Unit 1: Presentation
 Sunday 5th March 2023, 10:00am Unit 2: We are people who pray



Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Tuesday 14th March 2023 (all day) Unit 3: We are people who celebrate forgiveness

Sunday 23rd April 2023, 10:00am Unit 4: We are people who celebrate God's Word
 Sunday 14th May 2023, 10:00am Unit 5: We are people who follow Jesus

First Eucharist – chosen from the following dates:

Saturday 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th June 2023, 6:00pm
 Sunday 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th June 2023, 10:00am

NATIONAL EDUCATION UNION STRIKE ACTION: A letter was issued on Tuesday detailing the arrangements in place due to industrial action by teacher members of the National Education Union on 1st February. We will inform you in advance of arrangements for further planned strike days on 28th February, 15th & 16th March.



THE WEDNESDAY WORD: This week's Wednesday Word is now available. You can enjoy the Wednesday Word as a family by [following the link to this week's edition](#).

January's 'prayers for home' is also available on the [newsletter page of our website](#), or by visiting: <https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/pray.../parent-newsletter/>



JANUARY E-SAFETY NEWS: Our [January e-safety](#) can be found on our website.



WORLD BOOK DAY: On 2nd March, we will celebrate [world book day](#). Children are invited to wear fancy dress as a character from a book, or to bring in their favourite book to talk about in class...

Y6 SATS MEETING: Our Y6 parents are strongly encouraged to attend the SAT's meeting on Thursday 2nd February at 3:35pm.

STICKY SNACKS: Snacks such as fruit winders etc. end up stuck to our floors and cause considerable problems. We do not allow them in school for this reason. Please do not include them in your child's packed lunch or break-time snack.



UNITE | ACHIEVE | CELEBRATE

UNITE: Thank you to all who have attended our **UNITE** gatherings this term. Letters are now uploaded to our website: [Newsletters](#)

FAST RE-LAUNCH: We will be launching a new school social activity, event and fundraising group this term. Our first FAST meeting is on Monday 30th January, 7pm in the school. FAST means **Families And School Together**. All parents, parishioners and family members are invited as part of our **UNITE** strategy.

WE NEED YOU

All parents and parishioners are automatically joined up in the friendly group of FAST members and are welcome to attend our upcoming meetings.

We meet each half term to talk about ideas and events to raise money for the school and the charities we support. We raise money for regular projects such as the provision of iPads, musical instruments, PE equipment and much more as well as co-ordinate the donations and collections for charity.

Events we run include the Christmas Fayre, Easter Bingo and the Summer Fayre. Thanks to the support of parishioners, staff, parents and children, all have been a great success in past years.

The FAST team will meet half-termly at 7pm in the school staffroom (dates can be found on school newsletters and a zoom link will be sent to those able to attend virtually). Our meetings are very informal and last for about an hour with refreshments provided. We are always looking for new members to join us to help out with fundraising ideas. So if you have any ideas and would like to be part of the FAST team, please come along to our next meeting: Monday 30th January at 7pm.

If you have any questions, require further information or you are interested in joining our FAST team, please contact Mrs Bridge (Deputy Headteacher).



ACHIEVE: The upcoming achieve date offers parents opportunity to meet with Mr Dootson (Pastoral & Safeguarding Lead) or Mr Stubbs (SENDco). To book an appointment, email achieve@sacred-heart.bolton.sch.uk or call the school office. Tuesday 28th February 2023

CELEBRATE opportunities coming up, to which you are welcome, include:

Classes attending Mass: Class 3E Mass at 10am on Monday 30th January

Stay and Pray Class Assemblies: 4W Class Assembly, Friday 3rd February at 3pm

3F Class Assembly, Friday 17th February at 3pm.

Celebration assemblies will be held on Friday 27th January 2023 and Friday 10th February 2023



Music Recital: Wednesday 15th February 2023 (Note the new start time - 2pm)

An **additional recital** where classes 5B, 2D & 4W will celebrate their learning takes place on Wednesday 8th February 2023 at 2:30pm



OTHER IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE TERM AHEAD:

- Thursday 2nd February 2023 | Year 6 SATS meeting for Parents
- Friday 17th February 2023 | Break up for Half Term
- Monday 27th February 2023 | Return to School
- Wednesday 1st – Friday 3rd March | Ford Castle Residential
- Thursday 2nd March 2023 | World Book Day
- Wednesday 8th March | *New Date* - Tempest Group Photographs
- Wednesday 8th March 2023 | Parents Evening
- Friday 10th March | Non Uniform Day, Easter Egg Donations
- Friday 17th March | Non Uniform Day, Easter Egg Donations

OTHER LETTERS ISSUED RECENTLY:

- Fordcastle Update Letter
- Y4 Lego WeDo Trip Letter
- Y6 Crucial Crew Letter
- Strike Letter Jan. 23



NSPCC ROCKS: Next Friday, 3rd February is [NSPCC Number Day](https://play.ttrockstars.com/)! As part of our commitment to make maths exciting and high profile in our school, we've decided to take part in a friendly competition involving schools in the United Kingdom. It's a 1-day competition which starts at 7:30am and ends at 7:30pm. It's all done online via <https://play.ttrockstars.com/>. Children can play in any game mode with every correct answer to a multiplication or division question, earning themselves, their class and the school a point. The Times Tables Rock Stars platform will calculate the class average (the number of correct answers per pupil in the class who play during the competition hours, subject to a 60-minute limit (see below). Winning classes in the school and in the competition as a whole will be the ones with the highest average. To support player wellbeing, there is a time limit of 60-minutes per player. In other words, each player can earn competition points for up to 60-minutes between 07:30 GMT and 19:30 GMT on Friday 3rd February. Once the player goes beyond 60-minutes of play on that day, they will still earn coins but will no longer earn points towards the competition. In

the spirit of the competition, please don't play on their behalf but by all means, encourage and support them to the extent that it doesn't cause high-stress levels or impact on family plans. There will be certificates and prizes awarded shortly after the competition closes. Good luck Rockstars!

SURVEY: Thank you for taking the time to complete our recent Parent Survey. The infographic below shows how we have acted upon your feedback. There will be another opportunity to take part in our parent survey later this term, and by doing so you will also be in with a chance of winning an Amazon giftcard.



Our Parent Survey Results: Autumn 2022

QUESTION	Oct-22
1. My child is happy at this school.	98%
2. My child feels safe at this school.	98.30%
3. The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.	99.10%
4. My child has been bullied and the school dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively.	95.90%
5. The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year.	95.90%
6. When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly.	92.70%
7. Does your child have special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND)?	
8. If yes, how strongly do you agree with the statement "My child has SEND, and the school gives them the support they need to succeed."	100%
9. The school has high expectations for my child.	100%
10. My child does well at this school.	99.20%
11. The school lets me know how my child is doing.	86.10%
12. There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school.	100%
13. My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school.	95.20%
14. The school supports my child's wider personal development.	95.20%
15. I would recommend this school to another parent.	96.70%
Number of responses	123

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS: list here. Keep an eye on our social media at <https://www.facebook.com/TheJourneyMatters/> to keep up with images from our learning journey...



ATTENDANCE: Your child's education is really important. Regular attendance at school increases your child's chance of getting good qualifications and a good job. Children need to attend school regularly to benefit from their education. Missing out on lessons leaves children vulnerable to falling behind. Children with poor attendance tend to achieve less in primary and secondary school. [Bolton Council school attendance and penalty notices information for parents and carers can be downloaded here.](#)

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE SUMMARY:

Class	Percentage %
Whole School	95.24
RB	92.67
RR	88.28
1D	95.67
1E	97.24
2A	96.67
2D	97.33
3W	94.14
3F	98.62
4C	93.55
4W	94.52
5A	95.52
5B	99.35
6B	98
6E	95.5
6BT	91



AND FINALLY: Next week we celebrate the feast of Candlemas, 2nd February, with the charity, [52 lives](#), leading kindness workshops, empowering us to realise that small choices have big impact on our own physical and mental health, and that of others. It is through these choices that we spread the light of Christ.

Thank you for your continued support and trust as we walk together.

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The #WordOfGod calls us to conversion. It shakes us, disturbs us, incites us to change. It throws us into crisis because it "is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword... and judges the thoughts and intentions of the heart" (Heb 4:12). Pope Francis, Twitter @ Pontifex, 22nd January 2023.

