

NEWSLETTER



Together with God we challenge minds, recognise talents and build dreams.

FEBRUARY 2017

Over Christmas I have updated the school website with information that you may find useful. If you click on the curriculum information or the general information section you will find useful website links.

Diary dates are on the back of the newsletter

There is still a lot of money coming in through the Main Office. Please can **all** money be given to your child to hand to their class teacher. This must be in an envelope with their name on and with the amount on the envelope. Money **should not** be taken to the school office in the morning.

UNIFORM: We have asked Jaymax to do a sample of the new uniform for us and we hope to show this at our Parents' Evening in March. This will be held on Wednesday 8th March from 3.35pm

Sadly, over the last couple of months, we have had an increase in the number of extremely aggressive parents that staff are having to deal with. This includes at the school office, teachers and school leaders. We will always try and work with parents to solve any issues that you have in a supportive way. The DFE produce guideline on school security for schools to use in these situations and if the situation becomes unsafe to staff, unfortunately, we will have to follow them.

We had our SIAMs inspection (RE inspection) this term and the feedback has been very positive. You should have all received a copy of the report this week. We are really pleased that we were awarded 'Good' overall which is a credit to all the hard work everyone has been putting in to improve our school. Thank you to the parents and children that spoke to the inspector. The children showed her what kind, respectful, thoughtful children we have in school.

BABY NEWS:

Mrs Fletcher has left today to start her maternity leave. We all wish her well and look forward to meeting her baby in March. Congratulations also to Miss Smith who is expecting a baby which is due in July.

Chewing Gum:

Please do not bring chewing gum onto the school premises. We are finding it thrown on the school playground and it is not a nice job cleaning it up. Thanks.

HEADLICE: There are still issues in school with headlice. I have put a link on the school website to a page for parents on headlice that may be interesting. Please check your child's hair regularly.

This year we need to review our Sex and Relationship Policy. It is important for us that we do this in partnership with parents. We currently buy in a company called HH Kids to deliver some of our lessons and we have asked them to come and facilitate a parents' workshop. This will be held on Wednesday 22nd March at 2.45pm and more information will be sent out nearer the time.

SCHOOL DIARY DATES

Monday 27 th February	Spring half term starts
Thursday 2 nd March	World Book Day: Nursery to Year 3: Bedtime stories. Children to come to school in their Pyjamas and bring their favourite bedtime story to share with the class. Year 4 to Year 6: Book Characters. Children to come dressed as their favourite book character and bring in their favourite book to share with their class. Extreme reading challenge: A letter has been sent out this week about a reading extreme challenge. Please send in any photographs taken of children reading in unusual places.
Friday 3 rd March	Year 1R Assembly
Tuesday 7 th March	Year 5 and 6 Eucharist in Church
Wednesday 8 th March	Parents' Evening 3.30pm – 7.30pm
Thursday 9 th March	KS1 Archery Competition – 3.45pm Sacred Heart Primary (letters will be sent out nearer the time).
Friday 10 th March	Year 1A Assembly
Thursday 16 th March	KS2 Dodgeball Competition – 3.45pm Sacred Heart (letters will be sent out nearer the time).
Friday 17 th March	Year 5 Parent Enrichment 2.30pm.
Wednesday 22 nd March	1.45pm Year 6 parents' Sex Education Talk – Letters will be sent out with more details nearer the time. 2.45pm All parents consultation on Sex Education Policy.
Friday 24 th March	Reception Mother's Day Assembly 9.05am
Friday 24 th March	Red Nose Day – more information to follow.
Friday 24 th March	Year 4 Parent Enrichment
Friday 31 st March	Last day of Term
Tuesday 18 th April	Summer Term starts

So that learning can start as quick as possible in the mornings senior staff are available to take messages when you arrive. If you need more time or to speak to us confidentially we can arrange meeting with you.

Ms Newton

SEN issues

Mrs Myers or Mrs Cathie

Pastoral Manager (Safeguarding issues, behaviour and children's welfare).

Mrs Cathie or Mr Robinson

General issues about children's learning.

If you are concerned about a child's welfare out of school hours please contact:

NSPPC: 0808 800 5000

Childline: 0800 1111

Wigan Duty Team: 01942 828300