

Welcome back!

It has been lovely to see all the children back after the summer; they all seem happy to be here and enjoying fewer restrictions than last year. They have all dealt extremely well with our new arrival and departure routines- Year 3 were particularly impressive in their confident approach to KS2!

It would be very wrong for us all to relax too much, too quickly and so we have still put some restrictions in place. We will continue to review these and notify you all as soon as possible should we change them in any way. The details you need were all included in the letter which we sent out on Wednesday.

We welcome Ms Tamang, our new music teacher to the staff and Miss Riordan, our schools direct teacher who will be working in Year 6. I'm sorry to say that Mrs Cicco gave us her 4 weeks' notice over the summer holidays. We will miss her very much; she made the start of school a really positive experience for so many children during her time at the school and we are very grateful for all her work.

Over the holidays, new touch screens have been installed in FS, Yrs 1, 2 and 3. These are funded by the governors- and we are very excited about them! They will be installed in the other classes over half term.

The PA have carried out a "summer clean" in the grounds and everything is looking very smart, thanks for thinking of us!

Reminders for the new school year

Reporting absences

All absences should be reported on the first day using the absence reporting option on the school number. If we have not heard from you, we will be following up any unplanned absence.

Routine appointments (optician, dentist etc.) should be made out of school time; we understand that specialist appointments happen when they happen. Appointment cards/letters/emails/texts should be sent to confirm appointments, preferably in advance.

Important messages

If you have an important message, for example a change to collection arrangements, please phone the school to ensure the message is received. Emails can easily be missed during busy periods.



Secondary school tests

This is the time of the year when many secondary schools hold their tests. Absence for these is always authorised, but we must be notified in advance that they are being attended. Absence is only authorised for the time of the exam; not the cramming for it. Children are expected to be in school the morning/afternoon of the day of the test.

Lunches and snacks

Foundation stage and KS1 all receive a piece of fruit/vegetable as part of the government healthy eating scheme. This does not extend to KS2. Children may bring in their own fruit or vegetable for break, which should be kept separate from packed lunches. Biscuits, cakes, rice cakes are not acceptable.

Please keep packed lunches healthy. They should not contain sweets or chocolate (A mars bar is chocolate, a Kit-Kat is a chocolate covered biscuit) and must not contain nuts of any kind as we have children with severe allergies. Please be careful with things like chocolate spreads and satay coverings, which don't look like nuts.

Plenty of ideas can be found at <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes>

Final plea- please make sure your child can open everything you put in their lunch box, that they have something to eat it with and that they have a drink.

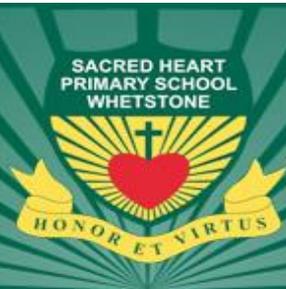
Meet the teachers

We are still limiting the number of people on the school site. Therefore, all staff will update their class web pages and record information on Microsoft Teams about the coming year by the end of next week.

Year 1 parents- Microsoft teams now replaces Tapestry for your online communication with the teachers. Logins and user names will be sent to you all.

Please don't forget to pre-order your child/children's lunch for next week.

You can log on Feeding Hungry Minds and order via [Feeding Hungry Minds](#)



After school Club

After school club bookings **MUST** be made on Parentmail. If you are a new user and will be paying by Childcare vouchers, please let the office know as soon as possible. We have released places up to the end of the summer term. Please be aware that we can only have maximum of 30 children per session. There is no longer any **emergency bookings** so please ensure you book in advance. **You are able to cancel and make changes to bookings yourselves.**

Parents Association

Summer Party 2021

A big thank you to all those who came to the Summer Party and especially those who worked incredibly hard to make it happen. It was extremely ambitious of us to think that in the current climate, we could hold an event for all the family and thankfully, the weather was on our side. We were expecting 300 tickets to be sold but were amazed when 600 of you bought tickets. Special thank yous have to go to Julie & Rod Lanigan, Richard & Jane Cubbidge, Pete & Geraldine Moynihan, Claudia Centanni, Danielle Garth, Denise Robinson, those who volunteered on the day, the parents who came to decorate the playground and those who stayed behind to clear up. Without you, there is no way we could have gone ahead with what we had planned! Thank you also to Non Stop Action who sponsored the Talent Show and "Beat the Goalie", Hannah who judged the Talent Show, Coach Calum who stood for 4 hours so our kids could have fun and to our wonderful sponsors Hamptons! We hope you and all the family had a fab day and it just goes to show that kids don't need tombola's and games to have fun (although the ice-cream and fizzies probably helped)!!

The Summer Party together with the Summer Programme, Raffle and Silent Auction and Non Uniform day raised an amazing £10,500, which exceeded all of our expectations.

Raffle/Silent Auction

If you made a successful bid on the Silent Auction, please can you transfer the money to the following bank account by Monday or we will pass the prize onto the next highest bidder:



Sacred Heart Primary School Association
Account No. 30790206
Sort Code: 20-95-61

Also, to arrange collection of any Raffle prizes, please contact Rachel Spraggons on 07713 642703.

Love Your School 2021

A big thank you to Claudia Centanni for organising our second "Love your School" initiative and to our small band of volunteers who came last weekend to make our playgrounds look lovely again.

200 Club

Congratulations to our lucky July 200 Club winners who were:

3rd prize £25 Lucia McDonald
2nd prize £50 Santana Harward
1st prize £125 Naomi Harley

Please support our school and children by joining the 200 club for as little as £5 per month. For more details, please see the Parents Association tab on the school website or contact Claudia Centanni on 07956 589454.

The Parents Association needs you!

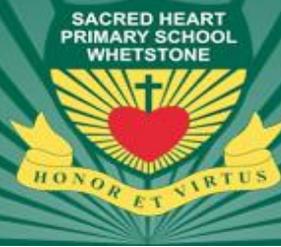
With children moving to secondary school and key roles changing, we have a number of vacancies on the Parents Association team. We would love (and need) parents to become part of our team to organise fun events and activities throughout the year to not only raise funds for the school but also to foster a great community spirit within our school. It is hugely rewarding knowing you are making a difference, great friendships are always made, your children will love seeing you so involved at the school and it's so important to be a part of the school community! If you are interested, please contact Angela Soave on 07900 903799 or Angela Togher on 07917 060342.

Looking to sell/rent a property?

Are you a landlord looking to let a property, or are you thinking of selling your flat/house? If so, Hamptons International will donate to the school, £500 for every sale and £250 for every letting, instructed via the Sacred Heart (parent, friend or teacher).

To date, they have donated £1750 through sales/lettings affiliated with the Sacred Heart so please consider Hamptons if you are looking to sell or let and let Angela Togher know on 07917 060342. You can contact Michael Quinn (Year 1 parent) on 07511 782 820 or email him on quinnm@hamptons-int.com. Alternatively, you could

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call into the Whetstone branch - 1370 High Road N20 9BH. Please ensure you let Hamptons know at the outset that you are from Sacred Heart (there is a flyer on Facebook that you can present to them or please contact Angela Togher who can give you a copy of the flyer).