



I hope you have all seen our brand-new, exciting website! We hope that it is easier to navigate and find the information you need. As ever, we will tweak it over the next few weeks, so please do let the office know if you find any glitches. Huge thanks to the PA who have funded this new website.

### Staffing

I'm afraid I have two bits of sad news to share with you.

Mrs Desbois has informed us that she will not be returning to school in January when her Maternity leave finishes. Mrs Desbois has been at the school for 15 years and has contributed so much to the hundreds of children she has taught during that time. I'm sure that many of you will have very fond memories of your interactions with her. We wish the Desbois family all the luck in the world as they embark on the next stage of their journey, and hope that this is only an "au revoir"!

On the subject of journeys, Miss Prendergast is leaving us to travel to Australia at Christmas. Miss Prendergast has not been at the school *quite* as long as Mrs Desbois, but has already become an important part of our team. And we do understand that Australia is quite a long commute for her to make... Miss Bowes will join us in January to teach 3J.

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

### Top Table Stars

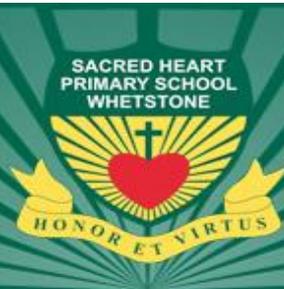
The "A" side top table stars on Wednesday 13 November were: Lauren & Samantha, Oliver & Zack, Leo & Ruby, Gracie & Martha, Gabe & Luke Mc, and Mia & Michael. Congratulations to all our 'Top Table Stars' and thank you for keeping our Golden Rules and showing kindness to your friends.

### Next Week at Sacred Heart

Tuesday 19 November – Visitor from Holocaust Education Trust to 6A/J

Wednesday 20 November "J" Side rewards Assembly

Friday 22 November – Y2 Cake sale after school



## **Sports News**

Last week was packed with extracurricular sport at Sacred.

**Monday 4 November** : The Year 6 girls had their first matches of the year against Alma Primary School. Both the A and B teams did well; with the A team winning 6-2 and the B team narrowly losing 2-0 to two late goals.

**Wednesday 6 November**: Boys and girls from Year 5 and Year 6 competed in Saracens' annual tag rugby festival at Saracen Amateurs' ground. The children represented the school professionally, winning and losing with good grace. They won three matches, drew two matches and lost one match to end the day as one of the top teams in their group.

**Thursday 7 November** : Another set of Year 5 and Year 6 children represented Sacred Heart at Barnet's "Sports hall Athletics" competition. The event took place at Queen Elizabeth Girls school and we were impressed with the skill shown in disciplines such as the Chest Push, Speed Bounce, Standing Long Jump, Standing Triple Jump, Vertical Jump and a variety of races.

**Friday 8 November** : The Year 6 Boys took part in their first league match on the season against Manorside and won 9.0 !

We are very proud of all the children who represented the school this week.

If only we could have found them something to do on Tuesday...

## **After School Club**

When booking, please check your confirmation email from WISEPAY to ensure you have booked the correct session. All bookings, including those made using child care vouchers, must be paid for in advance. **Please note - due to the high demand for the club on particular days, we will have to start releasing bookings if child care vouchers have not been received.**

## **Admission to Reception 2020/2021 (children born between 1 Sept 2015 and 31 August 2016)**

Application packs have already been sent home to those families who completed a Register of Interest Form for children born between 1 Sept 2015 and 31 August 2016, soon. If you have not received one please contact Mrs Box in the school office as soon as possible. Thank you.



### **Places in Y1 and FS**

We currently have places available in both Y1 and FS, if you know of any parents/carers looking for places in these year groups please ask them to contact the office.

### **Dates For Your Diary**

Fri 22nd Nov 2019: Y2 Cake Sale  
Friday 29th Nov 2019: Don't be seen in green day  
Sat 30th Nov 2019: Christmas Ho Ho Ho  
Fri 6th Dec 2019: Children's Christmas Craft Sale  
Fri 13th Dec 2019: Y3 Cake Sale  
Fri 13 Dec 2019: Y2 Play 9.30am  
Tues 17 Dec : Y4 Play 9.30am  
Weds 18 Dec: Y5 carol service at St Mary Magdalen's 6.00pm  
Thurs 19th Dec 2019: Parents Christmas Party (see below)

### **After School Club**

The booking form for the second half of the Autumn term is available on Wisepay. All bookings must be made using WISEPAY. For "same day" bookings please use the **Emergency Booking** option. The cost for an emergency booking is **£12.00**

**The session times are from 15:15-16:30 and 16:30-18:00 costing £5 for each. If you require a full session 15:15-18:00 the cost will be £10.**

### **In order to book:**

Log on to **WISEPAY** please click on the Breakfast/After School Club's option.

Scroll down and select the appropriate month and dates required.

Bookings must be made for each session by:

Clicking on the 15.15 - 16:30 option for the first session, or for the second session only the 16:30-18:00 button.

If you currently pay for the sessions using childcare vouchers please use the child voucher payments option on Wisepay.

***If you are a new childcare voucher user please notify the office as we will need to add you to a user group.***



**Please note: For a full session 3.15 - 6pm you must select both session times for that day.**

**If you are late in collecting your child at the end of the session ie after 6pm a penalty charge will be incurred:**

**“£10 for up to 15mins late and £20 after this time”**

**Please note -any changes to existing bookings have to be completed by the administrator so please only book the sessions that you need. Cancellations are NOT transferrable; you will need to rebook if you require another session.**

### **Parents' Association**

#### **Bag2School Donations**

Thank you so much to all of you who raided your wardrobes and brought in bin bags of clothes, bags, belts and soft toys. A total of 680 kgs was donated which has translated into an amazing £272 for the school. A big thank you to Julie Lanigan for coordinating the initiative and for sitting in the car park for two hours last Saturday in the pouring rain. The next Bag2School collection will be held in June so you can start hoarding again and we will let you know when we are ready for you to drop bags in nearer the time.

#### **Christmas Ho Ho Ho - Saturday 30th November, 12pm - 4pm**

The day is fast approaching and you should have all the information you need on the event including what we need you to donate which is as follows:

- KS1: Sweetie cones (you should have received 3 empty cone bags this week - if you didn't or you need more, please ask at the school office)
- KS2: Bags of mini chocs (no nuts please)
- ALL Years: Luxury items (such as candles, toiletries, boxes of goodies, make up bags) as well as new/good condition toys and books. We will also need cakes (with no nuts) nearer the time too.

Please look out for the big green bucket at drop off and pick up for you to place your goodies in.



You should also have received raffle tickets to buy (or sell onto your friends and family). Please can you ensure all money and ticket stubs are returned to the school office. If you need more raffle tickets, please ask the school office.

We really need all of your help on the day so if you haven't come forward to help out on a stall, please contact your Class Rep or a member of the Parents Association. There are "jobs" for everyone and to make the day as much fun for us grown ups as well as the kids, we really need your help.

We will be in the Studio on Friday 29th to wrap, fold and prepare for the Christmas Ho Ho Ho so please join us if you can. We'll be setting up the stalls from 4.30pm that evening and the more we get done on Friday night, the less we have to do on Saturday morning when set up continues at 9am.

It will be an amazing day and we have lots of fun things in store including real reindeers coming along and no, they will not be donkeys or ponies dressed up but REAL REAL reindeers, made possible by the generosity of Hampton International (and Santa of course)!

### **Parents Christmas Party**

We know that the Christmas Ho Ho Ho is forefront on our minds but please don't forget to buy your tickets for Sacred Heart' Parents Christmas Party which is taking place on Thursday 19th December, 8.30pm. Tickets are £15 and include music, nibbles and a donation to the school. Venue is Totteridge Millhillians Cricket Club, so purchase your tickets now on:

<https://sacredheartn20.wufoo.com/forms/sacred-heart-parents-christmas-party>

### **Littlebird**

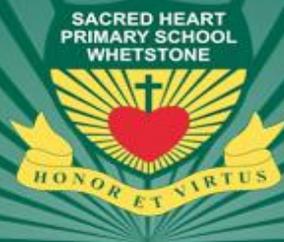
There is a brilliant bonus donation offer running at the moment where Littlebird will donate an extra £50 to the school if we buy a minimum of 20 passes by December 15th 2019. So if you were planning on buying a pass, please do so before the 15th December and remember to quote our code: SCHSACREDHEART to get the discount and for the school to benefit. The sign up page is:

[www.littlebird.co.uk/schools](http://www.littlebird.co.uk/schools)

### **Easyfundraising**

If you are doing your Christmas shopping online, please please please register with "easyfundraising" and select "Sacred Heart Whetstone" as your chosen charity. Whenever you shop online, you just log into the easyfundraising website first and choose your retailer and then shop as normal. There is NO extra cost to you but every time you spend via the easyfundraising link, the retailer will donate a % to the

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school. Here is the link so please feel free to share it with all members of the family, friends, colleagues, bosses etc:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/sacredheartwhetstone>