



One of the things which is most heartening about the way the staff and community are working together during this pandemic is the desire shown to "keep things normal". It has been astonishing to see how much thought goes into making these things happen. Huge thanks to the PA for coming up with different ways of organising Christmas events in place of our usual Ho-Ho-Ho and for the successful bags2school drop off at the weekend.

Inside school, the children marked anti-bullying week by wearing odd socks and year 2 took part in the virtual Infant Music Festival. This must have been the first time they took part from their own class rooms, but Gerald the Giraffe was made to dance at full throttle! Many thanks to Mrs. Cahill, Miss McGann and Mr. Jenkins for preparing the children so well.

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

First Holy Communion

The parish of St. Albans in North Finchley is inviting applications for First Holy Communion preparation to be submitted by Sunday 29th November. Children must be in Year 3 or above and living in the parish of St. Albans. The application form can be accessed through the parish website

www.parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleynorth

Music Lessons Spring Term 2021 Pupils in Year 3 and above

Parents/Carers of children in year 3 and above are now able to enrol for individual instrumental lessons for the spring term should they wish to by going to www.beatrust.org.uk. The deadline to enrol is the 7th December. Those who are already having lessons will have been emailed their invoices next term. If you'd like to continue with lessons you just need to log into your account, go to the invoices tab and pay, they don't need to enrol again. Any questions please contact admin@beatrust.org.uk

Because it's difficult to have music concerts and live demos to help in recruiting more instrumentalists, BEAT has produced a promo video demonstrating all of the different instruments they teach. It's just 3 minutes long, funny in a geeky music way, it shows 21 different instruments. To view please see link below.

<https://beatrust.org.uk/what-instrument-would-you-like-to-play/>



Dangerous and Inconsiderate parking

Please do not park up on the pavement or on the yellow lines opposite the main school office. Not only is this inconsiderate it is also dangerous as Oakleigh Park South is a very busy road. This applies not only to collection and drop off but also when collecting from after school clubs. If approached by anyone with regards to inconsiderate parking, please avoid confrontation as we should all be treating each other with respect, and keeping each other safe should be paramount.

FS 2021

Parents/carers of siblings born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017 should register their interest in a school place for FS 2021 via email admin@sacredheart.barnetmail.net FAO Mrs Box. Please note that the admissions policies were revised for this year which meant that Catholic applicants no longer require a certificate of catholic practice (baptism certificate still necessary though.)

Free School Meals

Please remember to let us know if you think you are eligible for free school meals especially if your child has moved into KS2 (Y3-Y6) and is no longer entitled to universal free school meals. The eligibility criteria is on our website <https://www.sacredheartprimary.co.uk/1331/free-school-meals-1> Please apply even if you are in FS/KS1 at the moment as things like the FSM vouchers which ran through the lockdown are triggered by this.



Please do not send your child to school if they have any of the following symptoms:

A high temperature – this means they feel hot to touch on their chest or back

· **A new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if they usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)

· **A loss of, or change in, their normal sense of smell or taste** – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

It is also important that you **do not send your child to school** if somebody in your household has tested positive for, or has symptoms of, coronavirus.

As a precaution, your child must not come into school for **14 days** after coronavirus has been identified in your household, whether confirmed or unconfirmed.

Please notify the **school office** via **telephone and email** as soon as possible if your child, or somebody in your household, is showing symptoms of coronavirus and your child cannot come into school

ParentMail

We use Parentmail for after school club bookings, trips and visits, permissions and any other items that we need parent/carers to approve. If you are having problems registering please contact office@sacredheart.barnetmail.net as we may not have the most up to date email address for you.

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. There will no longer be any **emergency bookings** so please ensure you book in advance. **You will be able to cancel and make changes to bookings yourselves.**

Breakfast Club

Non Stop Action run breakfast club, bookings can be made via the website www.NonStopAction.co.uk or by phone 0208 446 0006.



Dates for the Diary

1st December 2020 (Deadline for Christmas Catalogue orders)

Parents Association

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

You will shortly be receiving raffle tickets for our wonderful Sacred Heart Christmas Raffle! There is no obligation to buy all tickets but it would be great if you could be as generous as you can be to help with our fundraising. We have some great prizes to be won and 1st prize this year is a wonderful Fortnum & Masons Christmas Hamper, kindly donated by Hamptons International. A full list of raffle prizes (and Silent Auction prizes) will be posted on the gates at the school as well as on our "Sacred Heart Families" Facebook page.

Kindly return money and ticket stubs **through the postbox in the door** of the school reception (please **DO NOT** give them to the office staff or teachers), ensuring that every ticket stub has a name and contact details completed, by **Wednesday 9th December**. The draw will take place on Friday 11th December. Any unsold tickets should also be returned in the same way.

If you prefer to pay by bank transfer, please transfer the funds to Sacred Heart's Account Number: 00827053, Sort Code 20-95-61 and text Angela Soave on 07900 903799 so that we can allocate ticket numbers to you. If you would like more tickets, please email us on SacredHeartSchoolpaevents@gmail.com.

Information on how to place a bid on the Silent Auction will follow in next week's newsletter.

CHRISTMAS HO HO HO "EVENTS"

Secret Christmas Gift: Along with the Christmas Raffle, Silent Auction, Christmas Programme and the Christmas Catalogue, we will also be holding our "Secret Christmas Gift" stall (albeit virtually). This is where your children will be able to buy you (if you're on Santa's good list this year) or another loved one a lovely gift. A flyer will be sent out in the next two weeks so please make sure your children are saving up their pocket money now.

Christmas Grotto: We are also very excited to announce that, fingers and toes crossed, all children at Sacred Heart will be able to visit Father Christmas at Sacred Heart's wonderful Christmas Grotto. In order to protect school bubbles and respect



ISSUE NUMBER 11

DATE 20 November 2020

government guidelines, this will take place during the school day and certain tweaks will be made to ensure the children's visit is as Covid-safe as possible. Photographs will be taken by our fabulous professional photographer, Emily Grilli of Crocodile Snaps and mum to Ollie 5A, and you will be given the opportunity to purchase the photos with all proceeds going to the school's fundraising. We wanted to let you know about this fun event but please do not share this with the children as we do not want them disappointed should anything change.

Programme Front Cover Competition: Please let your Class Rep know if you would like your child's original entry for the Front Cover Competition to be returned to you.

Christmas Catalogue: Whilst you are waiting for the lockdown to ease, you can still place an order for stocking fillers and Christmas treats featured in our Christmas Catalogue. Some stock has sold out or is running low but there are still plenty of lovely things to buy including Christmas cards selling at 3 packets of 6 for £1. Deadline for all orders is the 1st December to ensure everything can get to you in time for Christmas.

MONEY MONEY MONEY

In the past week, we have received two lovely surprises. The first was a cheque from Stikins for £151.25 so thank you to all those who bought labels from them. If you need more, please remember to quote our school code so that we can earn even more commission. Our school codes are: Stinkins: school code 17343 and My Nametags: school code 65737. The second was a payment from Easyfundraising for £198.87 so we are very grateful to those who have registered and used Easyfundraising for any online purchases. If you haven't registered yet, please do so as it does not cost you anything and every time you shop online via easyfundraising, commission is paid to us. We currently have 107 supporters but we are sure more of us shop online especially at the moment with shops closed and Christmas approaching.

BAG2SCHOOL

A big thank you to all those who donated clothes & more to the Bag2School initiative last weekend. It's all been collected so we will let you know how much money has been raised once it's all been sorted.

Newsletter



ISSUE NUMBER 11

DATE 20 November 2020

This is a public health poster from the NHS. It has a dark blue background. At the top left is the HM Government logo, and at the top right is the NHS logo. The main text in yellow reads 'We must keep on protecting each other.' Below this are three circular icons: a pink circle with hands being washed (labeled 'HANDS'), a light blue circle with a face mask (labeled 'FACE'), and a light green circle with two people and a double-headed arrow between them (labeled 'SPACE'). At the bottom, a yellow banner contains the text 'STAY ALERT CONTROL THE VIRUS SAVE LIVES'.