



We are only one week away from our Christmas Ho Ho Ho and the school is full of people sorting, wrapping and organising. I hope that you all have the date in your diary; you don't want to miss the first time we have actual Reindeer in the school...

Please may I remind you that any gloves, hats, earmuffs, scarves etc. should be green. We try to make it as easy as possible for you by not insisting on branded items, but we do expect the school colours to be followed.

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

### **Top Table Stars**

The "J" side top table stars on Wednesday 20 November were: Enzo & Anya, Elaina & Beatrice, Jamie B & Sienna, Analisa & Amber, Hugo & Milo, Jack & Sean, and Tenuli & Danica. 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 26 November – Y4 Mass at St Mary Magdalens 9.00am

Tuesday 26 November –FS Physical Development Workshop for parents 9.00am in the studio

Wednesday 27 November "A" Side rewards Assembly

Friday 29 November – "Don't be seen in Green" Day

### **Breakfast "Born to Move" Club**

We have been contacted by an organisation (via the parents Association) who are interested in running sessions for both KS1 & KS2 before school 7.45am – 8.30am. Born to Move is a series of movement based classes that motivate children to enjoy physical activity. Each class uses action and movement to build fundamental physical skills, confidence and self esteem. Distinct activity programmes have been developed for 4-5, 6-7 and 8-12 year olds. We have set up an "expression of interest" on Wisepay and based on the responses will look to start the club in January. The



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number of mornings this club will run will be based on the replies. Please logon to Wisepay, Trips & Visits for more detail.

## **Y6 Quiz at Queenswell**

"On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 5 year 6's went to a quiz. At the quiz, we had to complete rounds of spelling, maths, music and geography. We all had such a great time. We were able to go outside to Queenswell School's junior playground at break time and we were allowed to have juice and biscuits throughout the morning. Overall, Sacred Heart came 4<sup>th</sup>" By Niamh 6J



## **Class Advent Giving Calendar**

This Advent we are taking part in a charity initiative set up by the Caritas Food Collective projects, who are working to tackle food poverty in the Diocese of Westminster. Each class will have a class advent calendar which has 24 food or essential items that are needed. Your child will be asked to bring in one particular item for their class giving box and this can then be highlighted on the calendar. The complete box will then be delivered to a food bank. Items need to be with us by end of the day on Friday 12th December. Class teachers will let you know your child's item. We feel this will be a nice way for children to see the importance of caring for and giving to those in need at this time of year.

## **Red Wednesday**

Mrs Porter spoke to the children in assembly this week about Red Wednesday. This day was introduced by Aid to the Church in Need, a Catholic charity that helps Christians around the world that are persecuted for their faith in Jesus. On Red Wednesday supporters wear red, have special prayers and light up buildings like





Westminster Cathedral in red to remind people to pray and help those who are persecuted for their faith. This year, Red Wednesday is on the 27th of November and we have suggested to the children that they might like to wear a red item to school on that day along with their school uniform - possibly a hat, scarf or hair accessory to school that day.

### **Book Fair - Monday 2nd December - Thursday 5th December**

Just to give you a heads up that we will be holding a book fair the week after next. This time, the school will receive a book for each book purchased by you, so we welcome your support as always. Perhaps a good opportunity to buy some Christmas pressies?

### **Sports News**

This week was a good week for Year 6 at Sacred Heart. Firstly, the boys football team beat All Saints 5 – 0 on Wednesday, to maintain their unbeaten runs in the league and the cup.

Secondly the Year 6 sitting volleyball tournament started in the hall on Wednesday at break time. Sitting volleyball has grown to be one of the more popular Paralympic sports due to the fast and exciting action. At club level, the game offers both disabled and non-disabled players the opportunity to compete both with and against each other. Children from Edmund Campion, Margaret Clitherow and Thomas Becket competed in inter-house matches.

John Fisher, Thomas More and Mary Ward will play their first matches next Wednesday.

### **Consultation on the Admissions arrangements 2021/2022 of Nicholas Breakspear Catholic School**

Please see [consultation letter](#), [proposed changes](#), [proposed supplementary information form](#).

### **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**

#### **Don't be seen in Green Day - Friday 29th November**

Don't forget that your children do not need to be "seen in green" next Friday. For those new to the school, this means that it is a non school uniform day for the children. As "compensation" for this fun privilege, all you need to do is bring in a bottle (if possible, per child). The bottles are used as prizes for the bottle tombola at the Christmas Ho Ho Ho. You can drop these straight into the Studio on Friday morning. If you can donate more than 1 bottle, this is always appreciated.

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

We hope you are as excited as we are that the Christmas Ho Ho Ho is just a week away!

Thank you so much for all the donations received so far but we always need more so please can you keep donating the following:





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- KS1: Sweetie cones (you should have received 3 empty cone bags - 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.

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

Please remember to hand in the money and ticket stubs from raffle tickets to the school office by Thursday 28th November. If you need more tickets for yourself or friends and family you can get these from the school office too.

We really need your help on the day so if you can spare an hour, please contact your Class Rep or a member of the Parents Association. There are "jobs" for everyone and it's not only a wonderful way to contribute to the event but it's a great fun way of getting to know other parents.

If you're free on Friday 29th, please join us in the Studio where we will be wrapping, folding and preparing for the Christmas Ho Ho Ho. 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.

### **Parents Christmas Party - Thursday 19th December**

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 so it would be great if as many of you as possible came along. Venue is Totteridge Millhillians Cricket Club, so purchase your tickets now on:

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

### **Littlebird**

Don't forget to take advantage of our school discount and buy a Littlebird pass. If we buy a minimum of 20 passes by the 15th December 2019, Littlebird will donate an extra £50 to the school. The Littlebird pass will give you discounts on lots of child friendly events throughout the year and we have received so many positive reviews about it. Remember to quote our school code to get the discounted rate of

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£19.99 (normal price £34.99) which is "SCHSACREDHEART". The sign up page is:  
[www.littlebird.co.uk/schools](http://www.littlebird.co.uk/schools)]

### **Easyfundraising**

If you haven't done so, 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, 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 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>