



What an exciting week!

On Tuesday the playground markings were put down and the children have been enjoying them very much-in fact, sometimes they have to queue to use them! We are hugely grateful to the PA for funding these markings.

We then got a phone call offering us a FREE show on Thursday afternoon- how could we say no? Foundation stage to year 3 were able to enjoy the story of Robin Hood and the evil Sheriff of Nottingham; judging by the laughter and applause coming from the hall it was a great success.

And to round off the week, we have our Christmas Ho ho Ho tomorrow. The school is full of people working away, so please do come and spend your money. Where else will you see Reindeer in Whetstone tomorrow?

**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 27 November were: Finley & Serena, Leo & Christina, Louie & Annabel, Adiva & Lara, Kleanthis & Peter , Muireann & Luke H, and Nuala & Filip. 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**

Monday 2 Dec –Thursday 5 Dec – Book Fair see details below

Tuesday 3 Dec – FS Phonics Workshop 9.00am

Tuesday 3 Dec – Choir Trip to Highwood Court Residential Home

Wednesday 4 Dec – "J" Side Rewards Assembly parents welcome

Thursday 5 Dec – Prospective parents tour 9.30am

Friday 6 Dec – 1J Assembly 9.00am parents welcome

Friday 6 Dec – PA children's Christmas craft sale



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

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?

## **Staying safe**

As the evenings are becoming longer and getting darker earlier, we wanted to remind the children who walk home alone to go straight home & not to talk to any strangers. It's important to stay alert so distractions such as playing on mobile phones or listening to music on headphones should be avoided.

## **Considerate Parking**

The weather of late has been very wet and cold and it's not always easy getting the children to walk to school so parking closer is always very tempting. Please remember to be considerate of our neighbours when parking around the school and do not park either wholly or partially across driveways.

## **Online Safety**

Making sure your children are safe online is extremely important. You may find the following websites useful.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/Looked-after-children-Specific-risks/>

<https://www.childnet.com/ufiles/Young-children-and-screen-time---a-guide-for-parents-and-carers.pdf>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6rgNz7TFsE0>

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

## **Sports News**

The Year 6 Sitting Volleyball tournament continued this week, with children from John Fisher, Thomas More and Mary Ward showing off a variety of skills. Well done to the girls who represented Sacred Heart at football under the bright lights of The Orion's flood-lit pitch. Although we did not win, everybody showed a great sporting attitude and represented the school to the best of their abilities.



A group of children also represented the school at a Barnet Bar No 1 event at the Hendon Leisure Centre. It was wonderful to see children of all abilities take part in a range of events including; rowing, new age curling, cricket and golf.

### **Chess Club**

We have been contacted by organisation who is interested in running an after school Chess club for Y1-Y6. We have set up an "expression of interest" on Wisepay and based on the responses will look to start the club in January. The number of afternoons this club will run will be based on the replies. Please logon to Wisepay, Trips & Visits for more detail.

### **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**

Friday 29th Nov 2019: Second Hand School Uniform Sale (after school) and Christmas Ho Ho Ho Set up from 4.30pm

Sat 30th Nov 2019: Christmas Ho Ho Ho

Fri 6 Dec : 1J Assembly 9.00am parents can attend

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**





## **Year 2 Cake Sale**

Thank you to all those who baked, donated, set up and ran the Cake Sale last Friday and of course to all of you who bought cakes to help our year's fundraising. We raised a great £285 which will be given to the Year teachers to buy whatever they need for the class (and hopefully some fun stuff too)!

## **200 Club**

Many congratulations to the November winners of the 200 Club. If you haven't signed up yet, please ask the School office for an application form or see Claudia (mum to Ella, 5A and Mia 4A):

1st prize of £125: John & Fil Shanahan

2nd prize of £50: Philip Powell

3rd prize of £25: Lina Centanni

## **Christmas Ho Ho Ho - Tomorrow, 12pm - 4pm**

We are super excited for tomorrow and hope you are too.

Thank you so much for all the donations received so far - we still need more cakes for the cake stall so feel free to bring these into the school today or tomorrow morning from 9am. Thank you also to the lovely parents who have wrapped, folded, sorted, counted and carried, not just today but also over the past few weeks. We cannot thank you enough for your help as an event like the Christmas Ho Ho Ho could not go ahead without a lot of enthusiasm and your good spirit.

Please remember to bring in your raffle tickets and money to the school office and if you need more, the school office can give these to you.

If you're free from 4.30pm today, please come and help as this is when we can start setting up stalls and set up will continue tomorrow morning from 9am. If you haven't yet signed up for a stall and can help, please contact your Class Rep or a member of the Parents Association as there is something for everyone to do!

## **New Additions to the Playground**

If you ever need motivation to step forward and help with our fundraising events, then please check out the smiles on the children who have been playing this week on the new playground markings in the upper playground. We are pleased to say that our new buddy bench also arrived yesterday and is now in the lower playground. These were all paid for by funds raised by you so thank you so much. Funds raised are often spent on school necessities which are not visible to us



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parents so it's truly lovely to see these brightly coloured additions enjoyed by the children.

### **Children's Christmas Craft Sale - Friday 6th December**

The children have been making beautiful Christmas crafts for you to purchase for £1 on Friday 6th December. We need parents from each class to set up and manage their year group's stall (so a min. of 2 parents from each class) so please bear this in mind for next week and speak to your Class Rep if you can help.

### **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. Purchase your tickets now on:

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

### **Easyfundraising**

Now is the perfect time to sign up or use Easyfundraising if you shop online. It's a really easy way to raise money for us – you just use the easyfundraising site to shop online with thousands of retailer like Amazon, eBay, Tesco, John Lewis and Booking.com and when you make a purchase, the retailer sends us a free donation. You can register to support us here (don't worry, it's completely free!):

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

### **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 £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)