



As the first week of Advent draws to an end, it's been so heartening to see how generous you are being with our reverse Advent Calendar- Thank you very much! We have not been able to come together to light our Advent candle, but we have our Wreath out and our Crib on display. Yrs 4 and 5 also had the chance to join the livestream of Mass from St Mary Magdalen this week; thank you to Fr Liddle for this.

We continue to do as much as we can to keep all the rituals of Advent with the children as similar as possible. Please make sure you check the newsletter carefully for what's happening when over the last 2 weeks of term!

A few reminders

One of the things which will help us keep as safe as possible is social distancing. For this reason, we ask that **one** person collects at the end of the school day to minimise the number of people on each playground. We also try to avoid bottlenecks which is why no parents should be coming up from the lower playground to the KS2 playground. Please collect KS2 children first and then make your way down; the teachers will keep the children until you get there.

I would ask you all to really adhere to the Tier 2 restrictions which are now in place. It would be terrible if we had to spend the last days of term and the first of the holidays telling you that you need to self-isolate over Christmas.

As it gets colder all the lovely scarves and hats are coming out. Please make sure that these are in school colours. We no longer stipulate school hats and scarves, but we do expect them to be green. Perhaps you could let Fr Christmas know this as he is planning some stocking presents.

Fr Christmas might also like to check pencil cases and make sure that they are well stocked for next term- he who has a usable glue stick is king for the day!

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

If you have NOT ordered a Christmas lunch for your child for Weds 9 December 2020 you have missed the deadline and Feeding Hungry Minds are not taking any further orders.

If this is the case, please ensure that your child brings in a packed lunch on WEDS 9 DECEMBER.



Early Finish 18 December 2020

We break for the end of term on Friday 18 December 2019. It is traditional for us to finish slightly early on the last day before the Christmas break. The Infants will finish at 2.00 pm and the Juniors at 1.50 pm.

Please complete the permission for your child on Parentmail **indicating who will collect him / her**. If it is not going to be a relative, you will need to let the office know via email. All children **must** be collected by an adult. We require this information by **Monday 14 December 2020**. If you are having any issues accessing Parentmail please contact the school office.

Admission to FS Sept 2021

If you are applying for a place in FS for your child (born between 1/9/2016 and 31/8/2017), please return your completed SIF and supporting documents to admissions@sacredheart.barnetmail.net by Friday 18th December.

You **MUST** also submit an e-application through your home council - by 15th January 2021.

Christmas Jumper day

On Friday 11th December the children may wear a Christmas Jumper instead of their school jumper (i.e. with their uniform). If you would like to send in a donation, please do or you can donate via Parentmail.



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

Monday 7th December 2020: Non-uniform day for FS/KS1

Tuesday 8th December 2020: Non-uniform day for KS2

Wednesday 9 December 2020 – Christmas Dinner, packed lunch for any that have not ordered.

Friday 11th December 2020- Christmas Jumper Day (on top of school uniform)

Parents Association

Christmas Grotto/Non Uniform Day

Please do not forget that Santa will be visiting Sacred Heart next week. FS/KS1 will be seeing Santa on Monday 7th December and KS2 will be going to the Grotto on Tuesday 8th December.

As mentioned before, our fabulous professional photographer, Emily Grilli of Crocodile Snaps and mum to Ollie 5A, will be taking photographs of this special moment and you will be given the opportunity to purchase these with all proceeds going to the school's fundraising (details to follow). Please note that, unfortunately, siblings or friends will not be able to see Santa at the same time so group photos cannot be taken.

In exchange for the treat of a non-uniform day, we will be asking for a suggested donation of £1 per child and collection buckets will be at the school gates on those days. We are sure your children want to look their best for Santa, a non-uniform day will take place on Monday 7th December for FS/KS1 and on Tuesday 8th December 2020 for KS2.

Christmas Raffle

A big thank you to all those who have bought and returned Raffle tickets already. Please remember 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.

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



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numbers to you. If you would like more tickets, please email us on SacredHeartSchoolpaevents@gmail.com.

Silent Auction

Thank you to those who have already placed bids. There are lots of great gifts and experiences to be won so please take a look at the list featured in the Christmas programme and circulated last week via the Class Reps. To place your bid, please email SacredHeartSchoolpaevents@gmail.com and include the item number, your maximum bid, your name and contact number by midnight on the Wednesday 9th December 2020. The winning bids will be announced on Saturday 12th December 2020.

200 Club Winners

Many congratulations to the November 200 Club winners who are:

£125 Lucia McDonald

£50 Angela Soave

£25 Anna Silva

As they say, you need to be in it to win it so if you are interested in taking part, please contact Claudia Centanni (mum to Mia 5A and Ella 6A) on 07956 589454 or see the school website (Parents/Parents Association).

Bag2School

From the collection which took place a few weeks ago, we received a lovely £216 which is great from a zero cost/minimum effort fundraiser. Unfortunately, they have reduced their fee from 40p to 30p per kilo due to the pandemic but every little helps especially at the moment! A massive thank you for Julie Lanigan (mum to Tommy 4A and Harry 2A) for coordinating the project and standing in the cold at the weekend so that you lovely people can drop off your bags.

Waitrose Whetstone

We received an unexpected cheque for £333 from Waitrose in Whetstone this week who nominated us for their Green Token box. A big thank you to Waitrose for thinking of us. In case you haven't heard, Waitrose Whetstone have partnered with Homestart in Barnet this year to provide toys to children who may otherwise not receive anything this Christmas. They are asking for donations of NEW toys, books and arts and crafts supplies to give children from the ages of 1-11 a better Christmas this year. If you are able to donate any presents, these can be dropped off on Tuesday 15th December, 4pm – 5pm at Waitrose, Whetstone.

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