



Huge thanks to everyone who made the Christmas Ho Ho Ho such a fantastic event last Saturday; what a wonderful way to start Advent! We couldn't do it without the help and support of so many of you and, of course, the amazing organisational and persuasive (!) skills of our wonderful PA co-chairs, Angela and Angela- thank you all.

There are many events coming up over the last 9 days of the term, so please make sure you keep your diaries up to date via the website and the newsletter. And please, whatever the event is in school or even if you're just picking up or dropping off, reflect our Christian values by parking considerately and legally.

**Please don't forget to pre-order your child/children's lunch for next week. Christmas lunch is on Wednesday 11 December.**

### **Top Table Stars**

The "J" side top table stars on Wednesday 4 December were: Raphaella & Josiah, Arshan & Issiah, Lucas & Luke, Jodie & Daniela, Lennon & Milo, Dylan & James, and Emma & Ruby. 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 10 Dec – Choir Trip to Friary Lodge Residential Home  
Wednesday 11 Dec – "A" Side Rewards Assembly parents welcome  
Wednesday 11 Dec – Christmas Lunch  
Wednesday 11 Dec – "Save the Children" Christmas Jumper Day  
Friday 13 Dec – Y2 Play 9.00am parents welcome  
Friday 13 Dec – FS Christmas Carols in the hall 2.30pm parents welcome  
Friday 13 Dec – Y3 Cake sale

### **Y6 Boys and girls After school Football**

Next week will be the last week of term for the following after school football clubs:  
Mon 9 Dec **GIRLS Y4/5**  
Tues 10 Dec **GIRLS Y6**  
Weds 11 Dec **BOYS Y6**



### **Inconsiderate Parking Oakleigh Park South**

A silver Fiat Reg: AM08 VKN was parked across No: 14 yesterday (5 Dec) at pick up blocking access to the property. As mentioned in previous newsletters please can you ensure that if you have to drive to school, please park legally and be respectful of our neighbours.

### **WISEPAY**

Reminder we are a cashless and paperless (where possible) school and all permissions and payments for class trips will be on Wisepay. Please contact the office if you are unable to log on to your Wisepay account.

### **Sports News**

This week was a quiet one for PE and Sport at Sacred Heart, as many year groups were completing assessments and preparing for Christmas performances and assemblies. The Year 6 Sitting Volleyball Tournament rolled on with victories and defeats shared between Edmund Campion, Thomas Becket and Mary Ward. A new set of playground markings have been set up on the KS2 playground, including a particularly good track on which children can complete their daily miles (20 laps). Also any child who completes a timed mile and comes to Mr Gagen with a witness (friend) will get house points for their house.

Finally, we have a short interview with Gabe Bickers about Friday Football.

*"I joined afterschool Friday football because I love playing and didn't fully understand some of the more complex rules of the game. I like the drills because the coaches make them fun and change them so they don't get boring. The coaches aren't strict but we have a good group of children who behave well and don't take advantage of their relaxed coaching. Football is something I definitely want to continue next year and I would recommend trying to start even more football clubs for younger children."*

### **Mary Immaculate and St Peters Christmas Eve services**

On Christmas Eve at Mary Immaculate and St. Peters there will be children's masses at 4.30 (younger children) and 6.30 (older children). All are welcome, at the 4.30 mass children are encouraged to dress up as figures from the nativity.

### **Inconsiderate parking and leaving rubbish on Russell Road**





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We have received a complaint from a representative of the residents in Russell Road regarding the conduct of some of our parents/carers at drop of and pick up. Please remember to show consideration to our neighbours when parking on the local roads and do not park across driveways or gates preventing access. We know that it can be extremely busy and finding a space to park can be difficult but please avoid confrontations with local residents as these situations can be very distressing to all concerned. Also, as mentioned in a previous Newsletter, please ensure that you take your rubbish with you empty snack packets, drinks bottles and soiled nappies should definitely not be left on the pavement. Thank you

### **Parent/Professional one to one sessions**

Parent/Professional one to one sessions are available for parents/carers of Barnet children and young people (0-25), to share any concerns or issues, with a relevant professional. It is a stand-alone session, so this means that there is no follow-up. The aim of this session is to provide parents/carers with an opportunity to discuss concerns, and collectively think through how to move forward with the situation.

To access these sessions parents/carers must book a place, utilising [booking form](#) in [the attached flyer](#). Please return the forms to EandS.Support@barnet.gov.uk

### **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)**

Please can we remind you to return completed SIFs & supporting documentation to the office by 18 December 2019?

### **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 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 9.00am

Tues 17 Dec: Y4 Play 9.00am

Weds 18 Dec: Y5 carol service at St Mary Magdalens 6.00pm

Thurs 19th Dec 2019: Parents Christmas Party (see below)

Saturday 1st February 2020: Parents Association "Elvis Night" (grown ups only - further details to follow)

### **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 (where places are available) 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. If there are no spaces available for your chosen session it will display a "0" places available.

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** **Christmas Ho Ho Ho**

A massive thank you to all those who came on Saturday to support our fundraising - we really hope you and all the family had a great time. We don't know the total amount raised as yet as we're still counting and rechecking but if success is based on the children's smiles and the goodwill on the day then, to quote Luke in 2J, it was the "best day ever".

The Christmas Ho Ho Ho is one of our biggest fundraising events of the year and we could not have a Christmas event without a lot of help. Whilst it is not possible to list everybody who helped (so please forgive us), a special mention must be made to the following: Chris and Emily Grilli for their wonderful work in the Grotto; Edel O'Donnell, Claudia Centanni, Adriana Farrar and Gemma Gilchrist for purchasing our lovely toy prizes, Secret Wrapping gifts, Christmas stocking gifts and arts and crafts; Denise and Neil O'Shea for the amazing work they do to set up the floats, manage the money and then count every single penny together with Andrea Chang; Rachel Spraggons for the fabulous Christmas Ho Ho Ho design; Aruni Singarayer for marketing the event; Jane Cubbidge for her wonderful job at coordinating the raffle, silent auction and programme; Celine McCarney for beavering away in Mrs Claus' kitchen and making it look so easy; Sharon Togher and Julie Lanigan for their endless help leading up to the event and on the day itself and never saying no; Rod Lanigan for making sure we kept cosy with Irish coffees and mulled wine; Denise Colbert for sorting out the raffle tickets and sweetie cone prep; Geraldine Moynihan for calculating the tombola odds and her team of helpers for folding every single tombola ticket; Accord Assets our main sponsors of the event; Michael Quinn and Hamptons International for making it possible for us to have real reindeer (and an owl) at the event for the first time ever; local businesses and individuals who donated prizes and/or placed an advert in the programme/displayed a banner; Dan Whittard, Amy Whittard, Sherlyn Nammi, Natasha Leger and her mum for their fab facepainting; Danielle Garth who bravely stepped in to lead the Creperie; Tony Birkby, Peter Campbell and Terry Wims for making our children's dreams come true with their jolliness; the fabulous Class Reps for coordinating the rotas and filtering message after message after message; the Year 6 children who ran the Toy & Book Stall; Hilary who manned the door together with the Sacred Heart teachers who were also with us on the Bottle Tombola; Mr George and our wonderful choir who got us into the festive spirit; Mrs Murray and Mrs Box for their endless patience



and help leading up to the event and for storing a zillion sweets and chocolates by their feet without touching a single one; Mrs Lahiff and Martin for their help leading up to the event; Mrs McMahon and Mrs Porter for their ongoing support; the parents who helped on Friday morning to move toys and other goodies from the shed, those who came to help on the Friday morning, our lovely crew of people who came to set up at 4.30pm on the Friday night (we didn't have as much help as we would have liked but those who came made all the difference) and those who stayed behind to help move furniture back in place and put the school back together again (we love you lots); and all the other mums, dads, grandparents, family, teachers & friends who helped the above and manned stalls, wrapped, baked, donated, folded, shifted, sorted and counted. Apologies if we've missed you out but please rest assured that we are extremely grateful. Wishing you all the best for Christmas and the New Year, Angela Soave & Angela Togher, Co-Chairs, Parents' Association.

### **Name the Reindeer**

Thank you to all those who took part in our "Guess the Reindeer's Name" game and raised £182. Sister Rita chose the winner's name as Rudolph which means that Luca S (2J) is now the proud owner of a lovable, cuddly, giant reindeer. Thank you to Marian Donohue, Sharon Togher and all those who helped sell tickets including the year 6 children.

### **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 £5 donation to the school so it would be great if as many of you as possible came along. The deadline to purchase tickets is Monday 9th December so please purchase your tickets now as if enough tickets are not sold, the event will have to be cancelled which means the school will lose out. Tickets can be bought via:

<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 retailers 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)