



A huge thank you to Marisa and her team in the kitchen for a wonderful Christmas Lunch on Wednesday. Everyone enjoyed the delicious food - for the staff, the most exciting part was the chocolate Arctic roll! If any of you forgot your £1 donation for Save the Children on Christmas jumper day, this can be handed in at the office.

The hall has been full of singing and dancing as the Yrs 2 & 4 prepare for their Christmas plays and the signs are they will be as wonderful as usual (clearly this newsletter is prepared before the Yr 2 play happens!). Our choir has been busy as well, singing at two local homes for the elderly and we are very grateful to Mr George for preparing them and taking them.

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

### **END OF TERM ABSENCES**

Following recent guidelines issued from the borough, we have been asked to advise parents about absences at the end of this term and the beginning of the next term in January. A planned absence needs to be requested in writing in advance and will be considered for authorisation by Mrs McMahan. If a parent reports their child sick at the end of Christmas term or the beginning of the Spring term and there is evidence to suggest the claim is false, this will be investigated. This has happened in the past and parents who have falsely reported their child sick for a period of time have been issued with fixed penalty notices. Parents are required to provide schools with evidence regarding flight changes or delays if this is a reason for absence. The guidelines read "**Parents should be advised that they may be liable to a penalty notice if they do not provide evidence to validate their child's absence**". Our school has an exemplary attendance record in the borough, one

that our children, parents and staff are and should be very proud of. The benefits of excellent attendance are widely spoken about and celebrated at school. This can only be maintained with the support of our parents.

### **Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day**

We had some very colourful Christmas jumpers on Wednesday, and thanks to your donations we raised £282.55 for Save the Children.



### **Next Week at Sacred Heart**

Tuesday 17 Dec – Y4 Play 9.00am parents welcome  
Wednesday 18 Dec –Healthy Eating workshop Y3  
Wednesday 18 Dec - Y5 carol service at St Mary Magdalen’s 6.00pm  
Wednesday 18 Dec – FS/KS1 Christmas parties  
Thursday 19 Dec – KS2 Christmas Parties  
Thursday 19 Dec – last day of term early finish see below

### **Top Table Stars**

There were no top table stars this week as it was Christmas lunch on Wednesday 11 December. There will be NO rewards assembly next week.

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

A letter from the Governors was sent out to all parents/carers on Monday afternoon concerning the issues with parking around the school. A copy of this is on our website. We received a complaint from our neighbour at No: 4 on Tuesday regarding cars parking across her drive. The car registration numbers are LT60 UKN and N20 GOV. No: 14 also had their drive blocked on Wednesday and the registration number is: GY15 YTS.

Once again we ask you to please be considerate of our neighbours and park safely and legally.

### **Running Club**

Running club has finished for this term and there will **NOT** be a session on Tuesday 17 December. Enjoy your break and we will resume Tuesday 14 January 2020.





## **Choir Visits to Highwood Court & Friary Lodge Care Homes**



Choir visits (Year 4,5,6)

“To kick off the Christmas celebrations, Mr George accompanied Year 5 and 6 children from the Choir to visit Highwood Court Residential Home in Barnet. We sang Christmas songs and talked to the residents.

On 10th December, half the children from Choir (Years 4 and 5) went to sing carols at Friary Lodge Care Home. It was lovely to see the smiles and looks on their faces. There was a man who was 104 who was still going strong.”

Keela O'Connell - Year 5A

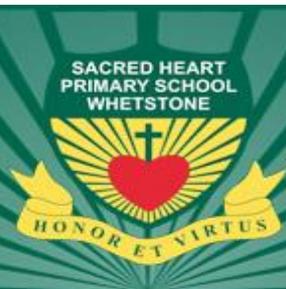
### **Homework**

Homework (for those classes that access it via the website) is under Curriculum, class pages at the foot of the page titled Homework.

### **Early Finish Last Day of Term**

We break for the end of term on Thursday 19 December 2019. It is traditional for us to finish slightly early on the last day before the Christmas break. The Infants will finish at 1.45 pm and the Juniors at 2.00 pm.

Please complete the slip below or e-mail [admin@sacredheart.barnetmail.net](mailto:admin@sacredheart.barnetmail.net) giving permission for your child to be collected, **indicating who will collect him / her.**



All children **must** be collected by an adult. Please let us know by **Monday 16 December 2019.**

The completed slips should be returned to the class teacher, **NOT** the school office as your child's teacher will be dismissing the children.

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Early Finish - Thursday 19 December 2019

Please return to your child's class teacher **NOT** the school office. Alternatively, please e-mail [admin@sacredheart.barnetmail.net](mailto:admin@sacredheart.barnetmail.net). *Thank you*

My child: ..... in class:

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will be collected by: ..... on the last day of term.

Signature: .....

**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. If you need to cancel a booking you will need to email the office so a refund can be processed. Cancellations are not transferable so if you require an alternative date you will need to book and pay for it.**

**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**

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

Mon 6 January : school closed for staff development

Tues 7 January : children return to school

Weds 8th January 2020: Parents Association Meeting 8pm

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

### **After School Club**

The booking form for the first half of the Spring 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**

We are very pleased to confirm that a total of £12,775 was raised at the Christmas Ho Ho Ho. This includes £800 matched funding so if your company offer a scheme where they will contribute to a charity you support, please let us know as it makes such a difference to our fundraising and requires little effort! The total also includes the amount sold at the Children's Christmas Craft Sale last Friday which was £350 so a big thank you to the children for making Christmas decorations to sell - it's so nice that fundraising support for our school starts from the very young!

#### **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. If you'd like to come, please buy your ticket on:

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

#### **200 Club**

Congratulations to the December winners of the 200 Club who are:

First Prize of £125: Lucy Ventrice

Second Prize of £50: Mrs McMahon

Third Prize of £25: Mrs Box

If you'd like to take part in our "lottery" and win cash whilst supporting the school's fundraising, please see the school office for an application form or call Claudia Centanni on 07956 589454.

#### **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)][www.littlebird.co.uk/schools](http://www.littlebird.co.uk/schools)