



Welcome back to school! I hope that you all had an enjoyable and relaxing Christmas.

We'd like to give a very warm welcome to Miss Bowes who has joined us as class Teacher in 3A.

We would also like to wish Miss Byrne good luck as she goes off on maternity leave in preparation for the birth of her first child.

As the New Year is a time for reflecting and renewing, I would like to take a moment to draw your attention to a problem which is increasing for us. During the last term, we have had several occasions when parents have shouted at and been aggressive towards members of the school staff. More often than not, this is in front of children, both their own and other peoples. I'm sure I don't have to tell you how upsetting this is for the children who witness it- and for the staff at whom the aggression is aimed. All of our staff, like you, want what is best for all of the children here. We know that the best way to achieve this is to work with you, but staff cannot be made to feel unsafe in their place of work. I must ask that you treat all staff with respect and courtesy. As a last resort, we are able to ban parents from the school site if threatening behaviour is frequent or extreme.

On Thursday, Pope Francis tweeted, "Peace begins with the individual and comes from God. What fears, angers, or frustrations do we need to let go of? Let peace spread to our families and communities and so transform the world." Please help us show our children that peace is a stronger force than anger.

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

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

Monday 13 Jan – Y4 trip to the Museum of London

Wednesday 15 Jan - "A" side rewards assembly parents/carers welcome

### **Chorister Opportunities at Westminster Cathedral Choir School.**

Every September the choir school accepts up to six probationer choristers into Year 4. On Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2020 Westminster Cathedral will be hosting a Chorister Open Morning for families who would like to find out more about chorister life. The event is aimed at boys currently in Y2 or Y3 (aged 6-8 years), considering entry into Y4 in September 2020 or 2021. If you are interested please contact Miss Lucy Auger



**Admission to Reception 2020/2021 (children born between 1 Sept 2015 and 31 August 2016)**

Reminder completed SIFs & supporting documentation and online applications need to be submitted by Wednesday 15 January 2020.

**WISEPAY APP**

There is an problem the Wisepay App that advises there are errors when you purchase "Trips & Visits" items including permission only. We have made Wisepay aware of this and would ask that you use the desktop version until this has been resolved. Thank you

**New Permanent Waiting restrictions and proposed parking changes Russell Road and Oakleigh Road North.**

Please see details on our website of permanent waiting restrictions that will be implemented before April 2020 on Russell Lane and Oakleigh Road North following local consultations in October 2018. There will also be proposed trial restrictions running alongside these (details also on the website) local residents can comment on them.

**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.**

**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 17th Jan: Y4 Cake Sale

Friday 24th Jan: Coffee Morning

Friday 24th Jan: Second Hand School Uniform Sale

Saturday 1st February 2020: Parents Association "Elvis Night" (see below)

Friday 27th March: FS/KS1 Cinema Night

### **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**

### **Parents Christmas Party**

Thank you to those who were made to make the Parents Christmas Party - the amount raised for the school was £280. A special thank you to Melissa Selwood for organising the event and to Totteridge Millhillians Cricket Club for hosting the event and their support.

### **Elvis Night**

We are very excited to confirm that Elvis will be in the (school) building! Sacred Heart's first ever "Elvis Night" will take place on Saturday 1st February. The brainchild of our fabulous quiz-mistresses Lisa and Elaine, you know it's going to be a fun-filled night out! Tickets cost £20 per person and include food, live Elvis performances, a disco and a couple of fun surprises! Fancy dress in your favourite Elvis era (so 1950/60s and 1970s Vegas style clothes) is optional although there will be prizes for the best dressed! There will be also be a cash bar and a raffle. All profits on the night will go to the school. The fun will start at 7.30pm with food being served at 8pm and will finish at 11pm. Tickets will soon be on sale via Wisepay so please make sure you get your childcare arrangements in place as this is a grown up event only and is a night not to be missed!

### **Jenny Igoe Travel Counsellor**

Jenny Igoe (mum to Lily-Rose 5A, Ivy 4A and Arthur 1A) is a travel consultant who has already helped Sacred Heart families to experience wonderful holidays in Disneyland Paris, Lapland, the Far East, America and Europe and also donates fabulous raffle prizes for the Summer Festival and Christmas Ho Ho Ho. We are very pleased to confirm that Jenny's support for the school's fundraising continues as she will now also donate 1% of each booking values she makes for Sacred Heart families to the school. So, if you looking to book a break away, please make sure you give Jenny a call as it's a win win situation all round as not only will you have an experienced travel consultant on hand to book you a wonderful holiday but the school will also benefit. Jenny's contact details are:  
Jenny.igoe@travelcounsellors.com, tel: 0203 627 2660, website:  
travelcounsellors.co.uk.



If you have a business and sell a product or a service you believe Sacred Heart Families would enjoy, please let us know on SacredHeartSchoolPA@gmail.com so that we can discuss how best to promote your services to our school community and how you can support our fundraising.

## **Easyfundraising**

If you're shopping online for a January bargain, please don't forget to buy via the Easyfundraising website. 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. 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)]