



We now have Year 6, Year 1 and Foundation Stage children in school during the week, alongside our growing number of Key worker children. In order to maintain social distancing, these groups take up 11 of our 14 classrooms (the other 3 have an awful lot of tables and chairs in them). It therefore came as no surprise to us to hear that the government has dropped its expectation that other year groups join us for at least a month before the end of the summer term. We are desperately sorry that this is the case, but there is no way we would be able to arrange this safely. Staff will be in touch with all the children who are unable to come into school over the next week and moving forwards and work will continue to be set via SeeSaw. In the meantime, we will continue to investigate if there is any way we can arrange some face to face contact with these groups before the end of term. If we can, we will- but please bear with us; it might not be possible.

I'm sure that many of you and the children will be feeling very frustrated with this news and we share this frustration. Please keep going with the work as best you can, but do not let it become a battle ground. At this stage of the school year, we often find that the children slow down; it's hotter and they're more tired after a year of work, so if you don't get as much done on some days as on others, that's fine. Please speak to us via seesaw, email or the phone if we can help in any way.

Key worker provision

We have now more than doubled the number of children in these groups and we are very nearly full (in order to maintain all the health and safety requirements around distancing and group size). In fact, we have moved from having one group all together to four groups of different ages. Whilst we will do everything we can to provide you with help should you need this provision, PLEASE only ask for what you need. If you only need 3 days a week, someone else can have 2 days. We are not able to move children between different groups, so children in Yrs 6, 1 and FS can EITHER be in those groups or the key worker groups, not both.

Feast of the Sacred Heart

Next Friday is our school feast day, traditionally the day we hold our whole school Mass, family picnic lunch, dances and open day. In order to mark the day, Mr Platon has very kindly put together some photos of previous Open day dances to remember what it was like. With good timing, Cardinal Vincent is saying Mass for all Schools on 18th June. I suggest that you share that Mass together (<https://www.churchservices.tv/westminster>) on Friday morning, have a picnic lunch and then enjoy the montage we will upload to Seesaw. For once, you will have comfy seats and a clear view for open day!



Reports

At this time of year, we send written reports out for all the children. Reports have been prepared and reflect what your child achieved up to the end of the Spring term, so might look a little different from usual. We will send the reports to the email address we have for you on parentmail; hopefully these are now all correct. Reports will be signed electronically this year and sent out over next week.

Black lives matter

The events in America, this country and around the world following the death of George Floyd have caused us all to evaluate how we represent and teach the history of different members of our society. Although we don't cover explicit topics such as slavery and civil rights, our beliefs as a Catholic school teach us the individual worth of every person as a being created in the image of God. Our RSE curriculum teaches that we are created and loved by God; that we are created to love others and created to live in a community. What this means is explored in age appropriate ways with the children. You can see this for yourselves if you log into the TenTen resources. In addition to this, our RE curriculum also makes explicit the teachings of Jesus that we should love each other and looks at people, like Nelson Mandela, who have stood up for their beliefs and the rights of others. Our assemblies reflect global events and national and international remembrances.

A phrase we have been sharing as a staff is "our intent is to create leaders for the future who will lead the change we need in the world". We are in no way complacent about our provision and will continue to look for ways in which we can educate our pupils about the world in which they live. We would ask you to discuss these events with your children in an appropriate way and will share any helpful material which we can find.

PA thanks

I forgot last week to thank the members of the PA who removed our grotty sheds and replaced them with marvellous new buildings. They look amazing! We are looking forward to never losing anything in the sheds again!

ParentMail

We still have a number of users who have not registered for Parentmail, please can you do this as a matter of urgency. 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.



Parents Association

SHEDS

If you've been into or passed the school recently, you may have noticed the wonderful new metal sheds we now have in the Upper Playground. This means that the school uniform (which has been an eyesore and an inconvenience in the Studio) as well as other items which have been cluttering up the school can now be moved back into the sheds. The muddy patio in front of the sheds has also been made good and we have a new felt roof for the PA shed in the lower playground which ensures everything is kept dry. Your fundraising allowed us to do this so thank you so much and thank you also to Togher Construction who, on favourable rates, worked incredibly hard during the hot half term to get the amazing job done.

BAG2SCHOOL

We know that many of you have spent lockdown diligently sorting out your wardrobes. If you have any good condition clothes, bags, paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around), hats, scarves and ties, jewellery, lingerie, socks, belts, soft toys, household linen, household curtains, household towels and household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers), please put them in a plastic bag and keep them for us! The Bag2School van will be coming to the school on Tuesday 21st July 2020 so you will be able to drop off your bags the weekend of the 18th/19th July. For every kg of items, Bag2School will make a donation to the school. Since we started the scheme in 2019, we have raised £784 so we really want to hit a £1000 target which we can do with 100 bags so please keep them safe if you already have some or get sorting! Thank you so much.

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