



When I write the last newsletter of term, I usually have a pleasant wander through my memories of the events of the year. I'm not sure that I really want to do that this time....

Whilst it would be wrong not to acknowledge the impact the pandemic has had on our school year, it would also be wrong not to remember all that happened before it. We have had great assemblies and Christmas productions and a particularly fine Carol Service. Yr 2 took part in the Infant Music Festival and we didn't come last in the first Yr 6 quiz held at Queenswell. We have had sporting triumphs with our footballers (both boys and girls), some amazing cross country running, the dance festival at the Arts Depot, the Athletics festival and Tag Rugby. The PA organised a wonderful Christmas Ho Ho Ho, the first Popcorn and Pillow night, and the night when Elvis was very definitely in the building. We remembered our priorities as a Catholic school and supported charities like Macmillan and the Catholic Children's society and collected huge amounts of food for the food bank at Christmas. It was another great year at Sacred Heart- until it all changed.

It has been lovely for us to see so many of the children over this last week and (hopefully) to reassure them that, although it's different, school is still familiar; the staff are waiting to help them in any way they can and their friends are here too. It was reassuring to see how confident they all were and how keen to share their experiences; some were even looking forward to getting back to work!

You will all have received my letter yesterday outlining our plans for September. As I said in that, there are bound to be changes in it, either before we start back or as we put the plans into action, but our overarching aim is to make the children feel as secure and as "normal" as possible.

I cannot write this without thanking the staff who have worked so hard at maintaining online learning and class room teaching at the same time. Like you, 16 weeks ago they had never heard of Seesaw and the thought of a virtual staff meeting was bizarre! But they have upskilled in a ridiculously short time and we couldn't be more grateful. I must also thank the support staff who have coped with us changing their timetables-again and the office staff who have kept all our communications and statutory obligations going. It would be wrong of me not to mention the Senior Leadership team of Mrs Porter, Mrs Cahill and Mrs Vyas who gave up holidays to support the school and have been a vital part of everything we have been able to do during lockdown.

I would also like to thank you for working with us during this time and recognising that we, like you, were finding our way through new regulations and learning new skills. Thank you for not blaming us for the pandemic. Thank you for the time you gave to supporting your children whilst trying to keep on top of your own work.

Thank you for the kind words you sent to all of us which have kept us all going. And thank you for the lovely presents you have sent in over the last few days.



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We say our goodbyes to Mr George, Miss Patel, Miss Byrne (yr5) and Mr Paratusic and of course to Yr 6 and wish all of them the very best in the future. But it has been lovely to have Miss Byrne back from her maternity leave this week. School will be closing at the end of today and work will start on the roof over the cloakrooms and Mrs Vyas's office which leaks. We were lucky to get a 90% grant to complete this work which we were able to top up with your donations to the governors' fund. Many thanks.

We wish you all a restful holiday, whether you are able to go away, take a "staycation" or just enjoy visiting family for the first time in months. And we look forward to seeing you all again in September.

**Please don't forget to pre-order your child/children's lunch for September on your Feeding Hungry Minds account.**

### **FSM Food Vouchers.**

All the vouchers covering the summer holidays have been issued via e-mail (or collected as agreed) for those families who qualify for them.

### **Travelling Abroad for the summer**

For those of you who are lucky enough to get away for the summer please follow the advice on the Government website and factor in any necessary quarantine period required when returning from certain countries. The Children return to school **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.**

### **Phone calls and Emails**

The office will be closed for the summer holidays. Any voice messages or e-mails will be actioned when staff return on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

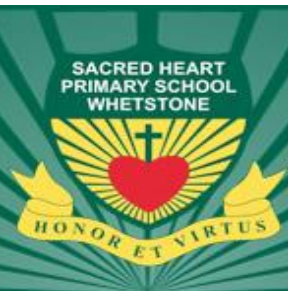
### **Oakleigh Community Church**

Oakleigh Community Church (address as below), offers **free** essential food items and other essentials, every Monday 10am-12pm.

Oakleigh Community Church - 168 Oakleigh Road North London N20 OUG

### **Finchley Food Bank**

Finchley Food Bank remains open for clients on Saturdays 12:30-2pm from the hall behind St Mary's, 279 High Road, East Finchley N2 8HG. We operate on a trust and dignified basis, so no voucher or referral are required. New clients are always welcome. Good social distancing measures are in place. If anyone has needs outside



these times, they can contact us at [finchleyfoodbank@gmail.com](mailto:finchleyfoodbank@gmail.com) or Facebook message.

To support Finchley Foodbank with donations of food, or financially, the easiest way is to search for Finchley Foodbank on Facebook, where details of current needs are updated every Monday.

### **Message from the Deputy Leader of the council about schools reopening in September**

Below is a link to a message on the Barnet website from the Deputy Leader of the Council and Chairman of the Children, Education and Safeguarding Committee, Councillor David Longstaff.

<https://www.barnet.gov.uk/news/end-term-message-parents-about-re-opening-schools-september>

### **Sports Week**

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to our Virtual Sports Week! We all appreciate the time taken from your busy schedules to film, support and coach your children. The children showed fantastic balance, strength, skill and speed, but we are most proud of the effort they put in to every event they took part in.

Congratulations to 3J, 2J and 4J for their podium-winning performances and well done to the J side for beating the A side.

Keep an eye out for certificates coming on Seesaw.

Here are the final points totals.

1J - 140	1A - 210
2J - 500	2A - 470
3J - 515	3A - 425
4J - 490	4A - 230
5J - 305	5A - 220
6J - 180	6A - 145
J side total - 2130	A side total - 1700

### **ParentMail**





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We will be using 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](mailto:office@sacredheart.barnetmail.net) as we may not have the most up to date email address for you. Parents/Carers joining us in September will receive their registration email once their child has started school.

### **After school Club & Breakfast 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. We have only released 3<sup>rd</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> September places at the moment, and we can only have 30 children per session. There will no longer be any **emergency bookings** so please ensure you book in advance.

Non Stop Action will resume breakfast club from Weds 2<sup>nd</sup> September, bookings can be made via the website [www.NonStopAction.co.uk](http://www.NonStopAction.co.uk) or by phone 0208 446 0006.

### **Dates for your diary**

Sunday 19th July, 10am - 12pm: Bag2School Drop off & School Uniform Sale

Saturday 1st August 2020: Launch of "Love your School" project

### **Parents Association**

#### **BAG2SCHOOL DROP OFF: THIS SUNDAY**

The car park will be open on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July, from 10am – 12pm, for you to drop off anything you wish to donate to the Bag2School initiative.

ITEMS BAG2SCHOOL WILL ACCEPT: good condition clothes, bags, paired shoes (tied together or with elastic band around them), hats, scarves, ties, jewellery, lingerie, socks, belts, soft toys, household linen, household curtains, household towels and household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers). **THEY CANNOT ACCEPT** duvets, blankets, pillows, cushions, carpet, rugs, mats, school uniform with or without logo, corporate clothing or workwear, textile off cuts, other toys.



If you do have good condition Sacred Heart school uniform you wish to donate, please keep this in a separate bag to anything you are donating to the Bag2School collection and let the Bag2School ladies know it is school uniform as this can be used for our School Uniform sales.

## **SCHOOL UNIFORM SALE**

We will also be selling second hand school uniform sale this Sunday in the Upper Playground from 10am - 12pm. Most items £1 (coats £3). We have lots of stock to sell so if you need anything for the new term, please come along. It will be a cash only event and our sellers will be wearing masks and gloves.

## **LOVE YOUR SCHOOL**

Saturday 1st August is the kick-off for the Love Your School Project! We have had 17 people come forward to offer their help but we need more help so that we can get lots done in a short time as possible! We know holiday plans are still up in the air but if you think you will be around the weekend of the 1st/2nd August and/or the week commencing 3rd August, please contact Claudia on 07956 589 454. If you want to help out but that weekend/week doesn't work for you, please let Claudia know as we can work around you.

## **THANK YOU**

The Parents Association Newsletter was emailed to you earlier this week. Please read it as not only does it give an update on our fundraising but it also includes information on the opening hours, contact numbers etc. of local businesses who have supported us in the past and who you may want to use. Initial figures suggest that we have raised £24,422 which is amazing seeing that the Summer Festival and most of the Spring/Summer term fundraising had to be cancelled. This includes the money raised via the justgiving page which is now £1981. If you still wish to donate the link is shown below. We could not raise the money the school needs without your goodwill, hard work and generosity so thank you so so much. Enjoy your much deserved summer holidays and here's looking forward to celebrating happier times together in the new school year.

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/sacredheartn20>

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