



And so we come to the end of another year. I'd like to think that, when I wrote at this time last year, I thought this year would be better, but I suspect even then I was unsure.

As it is, I again have to thank you for all your support of the school and your children as we have dealt with the systems and procedures to keep us safe and, of course, Lockdown 2. The children have been remarkable, showing great resilience and understanding of the situation. They have adapted to "in, then bubbles, then out, then in, then not in, then all on-line..." I really hope that next year is just incredibly ordinary and, dare we say, boring? We did manage some semblance of normality with the trips to Cuffley and the leavers' disco, and indeed the year 6 trip, so let's really hope that 2021-22 is not disrupted.

This is not to say that we are out of the woods yet. We know that cases are rising, despite restrictions being lifted, and I would urge you all to be careful throughout the holidays; we don't want anyone missing the start of the school year because they are self-isolating! Please also make sure that you take quarantine regulations into account when booking your holidays- we want to start September with a full house.

We wish all the children who are leaving us the best as they start their new schools. For some families, this will mark the end of many years here with us; some of you have a few more years/children left! Keep a little bit of us with you as you go!

I must, as ever, thank the staff for the amazing work they have done to keep things on an even keel for the children. Last year, I notice they had mastered See-saw; this year they have managed to surpass themselves again. Thank you again for the "thank a teacher" gifts you sent them. They really gave everyone a new dose of energy at the end of a very long year. We are so lucky to have such a dedicated staff. To those who are staying, we hope that they have a well-deserved break, and to those who are going, we wish them all good luck in their new ventures.

Finally, I must thank you for all your kind words and gifts over the last few weeks. At this time more than any other we have been trying to do the best for everyone based on very limited evidence whilst standing on very shifting sands. I know that we have made some wrong calls along the way, but we are very grateful to those of you who have taken the time to tell us what we did right.

We will continue to try to do the best we can for all the children in our school.

Have a great summer and see you on 2nd September

Online Safety

Children are spending more time than ever on social media and gaming platforms so it is no surprise that online grooming by extremists is on the rise. Young people are especially being targeted by groups and individuals promoting violence and hatred.



Helping your child be digitally savvy and knowing the signs of radicalisation will help keep them safe and protect them from potential risks.

Netmums have partnered with Counter Terrorism Policing to highlight their safeguarding website, ACT Early, which is for parents, friends and families who are concerned about loved ones at risk of radicalisation. <https://www.netmums.com/act-early>

You want your child to be happy and healthy and that means you already know the places you can get help and advice if they're not well or are struggling at school. Support is also there if you're worried, your child is being radicalised or exploited by extremists. <https://actearly.uk/>

Health Advice for Parents and Carers

The NHS has produced a short [booklet](#) to help parents and carers understand when and how to seek health support and advice if they are worried about their child this summer and autumn.

The publication aims to help ensure children and young people receive the care and support they need at the right time and in the right place. It contains important information on respiratory conditions – which we may see an increase of from late summer.

It's A Jungle Out There: Y6 Road Safety Campaign

So, you're moving from primary school to secondary school? Wow, it's like opening a door to a whole new world! New lessons. New teachers. New friends. And new journeys too! Different streets, roads and crossings. You might even be heading to and from school without an adult for the first time.

There might be more distractions - such as your phone, friends or thinking about school and homework. You might be making your new journey by bus, bicycle or even by train. Most likely it will be a longer journey than you are used to with busier roads and in the rush hour.

There's a new animation created just for you which talks about staying safe on the road. There's also a free guidebook to download which gives you loads of road safety tips and advice.

Most importantly, talk to a parent or guardian about planning a safe route to secondary school and how to stay safe on the road because **it's a jungle out there!**

Click this link to see the animation and download your guidebook:
itsajungleoutthere.info



After school 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 released places up to the end of the summer term. Please be aware that we can only have maximum of 30 children per session. There is no longer any **emergency bookings** so please ensure you book in advance. **You are able to cancel and make changes to bookings yourselves.**

Date for the diary: Friday 23rd July 2021 Summer Party 4pm – 8pm

Parents Association **Summer Party**

The Summer Party is almost upon us and we are so thankful to everybody who has bought tickets and helping to make this amazing event happen.

Just to remind you of a few key pieces of information:

- A "guest list" will be at the door for all those who have bought tickets. All you need to do is give the surname of the child under whom you bought your ticket.
- You will be given a token which you can exchange for a hotdog/burger at the BBQ. Please can you claim your hotdog/burger before 7pm.
- Please do not turn up if you have not bought a ticket as we do not want any disappointed children.
- Children must be accompanied by an adult or they will be denied entry and it is your responsibility to supervise your children for the whole duration of the event.
- You are welcome to bring in your own camping chairs, picnic blankets, cushions etc to sit on at the party as we would like you to stay as long as possible and have a lovely, relaxing time.
- It is a fundraising event so please do not bring your own drinks/alcohol. Rod's bar and the Gin Inn will provide you with a fabulous selection of refreshments and there will also be a Mocktail bar for the children.
- Please can all secondary school children and grown ups take a lateral flow test before they come to the party.
- Whilst at the party, please ensure you are regularly sanitising your hands
- Face masks must be worn by grown ups when ordering from the BBQ and bars
- If any members of the family have Covid symptoms, please do not come to the party until you have received a negative PCR tests. Symptoms are:



- a high temperature, or
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual), or
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

The weather is staying hot so we do need more gazebos. If you have one you can lend to us, please let Angela Togher know on 07511 782 820. We will be at the school at 7.30pm tonight to assemble gazebos and move tables so muscles are welcome especially if you are not able to help tomorrow.

Entry to the Summer Party will be via the main school entrance.

We are sure we are all going to have an amazing time – it's been so long since we've been able to celebrate but we do want to remember it for the right reasons!

Raffle/Silent Auction

If you made a bid on the Silent Auction, please can you transfer the money to the following bank account by the end of this week:

Sacred Heart Primary School Association
Account No. 30790206
Sort Code: 20-95-61

To arrange collection of your Silent Auction prizes and raffle prizes, please contact Rachel Spragons on 07713 642703.

Fancy Dress Parade for FS/Year 1 Children

If you wish for your child to take part in the FS/Year 1 Fancy Dress Parade at the Summer Party, please ensure you are at the school at 4pm (upper playground). A special guest will be coming to the Party so they do not want to miss meeting them!!

Year 6 Families

At the end of each academic year, it is always extremely sad to say goodbye to the year 6 children and their families especially if they now have no other children at Sacred Heart. A big thank you from the Parents Association team for all your help and support over the years – you have all been amazing and whilst we will miss you, we



hope you know you will be forever “green” in your hearts and always welcome at our events.

The Parents Association needs you!

With Kian Togher leaving today, we are so sorry to say goodbye to Sharon Togher who has been a core member of the Parents Association Team over the years. Thank you Sharon for your hard work, your can do and positive attitude and for making such a difference to the team and the school. We will really miss you (but know where you live, ha ha)! It is also time for key roles in the Parents Association to change and we would love (and need) parents to become part of our fundraising team. It is hugely rewarding to be part of the team, great friendships are always made, your children will love seeing you so involved at the school and it's so important to be a key part of the school community!

School Uniform

You are welcome to drop off good condition school uniform this Sunday from 10am – 11am. The car park will be open.

Looking to sell/rent a property?

Are you a landlord looking to let a property, or are you thinking of selling your flat/house? If so, Hamptons International will donate to the school, £500 for every sale and £250 for every letting, instructed via the Sacred Heart (parent, friend or teacher).

To date, they have donated £1750 through sales/lettings affiliated with the Sacred Heart so please consider Hamptons if you are looking to sell or let and let Angela Togher know on 07917 060342. You can contact Michael Quinn (Year 1 parent) on 07511 782 820 or email him on quinnm@hamptons-int.com. Alternatively, you could call into the Whetstone branch - 1370 High Road N20 9BH. Please ensure you let Hamptons know at the outset that you are from Sacred Heart (there is a flyer on Facebook that you can present to them or please contact Angela Togher who can give you a copy of the flyer).

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 **AND FOLLOWING
THE RULES** 

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