



We have made it to half term! Thank you for helping us to make the school as safe as we can. We have been very lucky that we have not been majorly affected by the virus so far, but we cannot afford to become complacent. Half term will be a welcome time for us all to rest, recuperate and gather the energy for the next seven weeks of staggered timetables, hand washing, disinfecting and socially distancing. We can do this! I would like to take a moment though, to thank all the staff who have worked so hard to keep school as normal as possible for the children whilst dealing with all the restrictions we put on them. And thank you to those of you who have sent in such supportive comments; they really do make a difference.

I'm sure you have been following Marcus Rashford's campaign to help those families most affected by the loss of earning during the pandemic. If any of you would like to support his work you can make donations of money via the website <https://fareshare.org.uk/donate/>, or the local foodbank <http://chippingbarnet.foodbank.org.uk> would be happy to take food donations. We will be asking for collections as part of our Reverse Advent Calendar next month.

Parents in Year 2 may have noticed that Mr Molyneux is no longer with us. Unfortunately, he decided not to pursue his teacher training and we wish him all the best with his future plans. However, this did mean we had a schools direct training place vacancy and we are delighted that Miss McMahon has taken this up. She will work alongside Miss Byrne and Ms Giannotto in 6A. And no; no relative- she even pronounces her name differently!

Remote learning

Hopefully, you will all receive your new login details for Teams by the end of today. If you haven't, it's because Mrs Box, Mrs Murray and Mrs Lahiff have finally succumbed to RSI after cutting and pasting 400 passwords and emails! Please do log in over half term so that you can have a quick look at the site. I should have said in my letter yesterday that, while lessons won't be "live", the new platform will allow staff to record lessons and instructions in a way we couldn't before and which we hope will benefit the children.

Inset day

A reminder that November 2nd is an Inset day for staff training. The staff will be learning how to use Microsoft teams and practising with the software for parent's evening.

School reopens for children on November 3rd.

Please don't forget to pre-order your child/children's lunch for after half term



Breakfast Club

Reminder, there is a breakfast club at school which is run by Non Stop Action, where children can be dropped off from 7.45am. They are provided with breakfast and are taken to class for the start of school. If you would like to avail of this service, please contact Non Stop Action www.NonStopAction.co.uk tel: 020 8446 0006

Secondary Transfer

Reminder, the closing date for Secondary school applications is **31 October 2020**. Applications should be made online via www.eadmissions.org.uk

Parents' Consultations - Autumn 2020

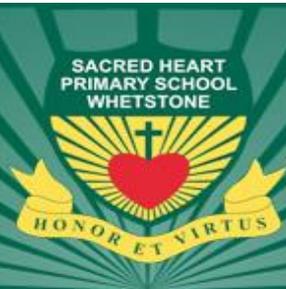
Parent consultations will be held on Tuesday 3rd and Thursday 5th November. These meetings will be booked online and then **held by video meeting** rather than in-person at the school.

Appointments will be available to book **from 6pm on Friday 9th October until midnight on Friday 30th October**. To make your appointment(s) please log-in at: <https://parents-booking.co.uk/sacredheart>

Please note that appointments are for 10 minutes and will start and finish at the times specified in your booking. On the day of your appointment you will need to re-login at the website address above. Please do this 10 minutes before your appointment is due to begin.

Our SENDCo (Mrs Vyas) will also be available for video consultations with parents on both evenings (appointments are 10 minutes). Mrs Vyas will be holding a separate video meeting event for the parents of pupils with support plans during the week commencing 16th November (more information will be given to these parents soon).

If you are unable to book at home, please contact the school office for help.



After school Activities After Half Term

Don't forget that Non Stop Action clubs are now taking bookings for after October half term!

If you would like your child to attend these clubs, make sure you book in plenty of time as these can only go ahead with sufficient interest. Book online at www.NonStopAction.co.uk - it is a brand new booking system so you will need to create a new account, even if you have booked with them before Summer. Speak to Non Stop Action directly on 020 8446 0006

FS 2021

Parents/carers of siblings born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017 should register their interest in a school place for FS 2021 via email admin@sacredheart.barnetmail.net FAO Mrs Box. Please note that the admissions policies were revised for this year which meant that Catholic applicants no longer require a certificate of catholic practice (baptism certificate still necessary though.)

Free School Meals

Please remember to let us know if you think you are eligible for free school meals especially if your child has moved into KS2 (Y3-Y6) and is no longer entitled to universal free school meals. The eligibility criteria is on our website <https://www.sacredheartprimary.co.uk/1331/free-school-meals-1> Please apply even if you are in FS/KS1 at the moment as things like the FSM vouchers which ran through the lockdown are triggered by this.



Please do not send your child to school if they have any of the following symptoms:

A high temperature – this means they feel hot to touch on their chest or back

· **A new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if they usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)

· **A loss of, or change in, their normal sense of smell or taste** – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

It is also important that you **do not send your child to school** if somebody in your household has tested positive for, or has symptoms of, coronavirus.

As a precaution, your child must not come into school for **14 days** after coronavirus has been identified in your household, whether confirmed or unconfirmed.

Please notify the **school office** via **telephone and email** as soon as possible if your child, or somebody in your household, is showing symptoms of coronavirus and your child cannot come into school

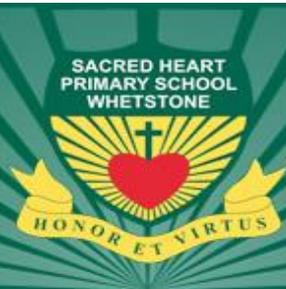
ParentMail

We use 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 as we may not have the most up to date email address for you.

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. There will no longer be any **emergency bookings** so please ensure you book in advance. **You will be able to cancel and make changes to bookings yourselves.**

Non Stop Action run breakfast club, bookings can be made via the website www.NonStopAction.co.uk or by phone 0208 446 0006.



Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 3rd November: deadline for Christmas Ho Ho Ho Programme Front Cover Competition (see below)

Saturday 14th & Sunday 15th November: Bag2School drop off (see below)

Parents Association

CHRISTMAS HO HO HO PROGRAMME

At this time of year, we are usually busy organising one of the school's main fundraisers, the Christmas Ho Ho Ho. Sadly, due to the pandemic, we cannot go ahead with the event but the Parent Association's elves are busy working to see what we can extract from the event to raise money for the school, inject some goodwill into the season and have some fun. We have therefore decided to go ahead with producing our wonderful Christmas Ho Ho Ho Programme as well as our Christmas Raffle and Silent Auction. In order to ensure our costs are covered (and to raise money for the school), we do need local businesses to place adverts, display a banner on the school fence and/or donate a raffle prize. We know everybody has had a tough year but we are hoping local businesses will still see that our Programme is a cost-effective way of advertising their goods and services to 600 local households and support our school community.

If you (or somebody you know) would like to place an advert in our A5 professionally printed colour programme and/or display a banner, the costs are as follows:

- Quarter Page: £40
- Half Page: £60
- Full Page: £90
- Double Page £120
- Centre Pages: £150
- Banner (premium position on the external school fence): £25 per week for a max. period of six weeks from Monday 9th November - Friday 18th December. Banner size cannot exceed 0.6 square metres.
- Banner in the upper playground (on the Foundation Stage fence): £15 per week. Banner can be any (reasonable) size and be displayed as per the above dates.

If you are able to donate a suitable prize, you will be eligible for a discount on the above prices.



If you would like to place an advert, display a banner, donate a raffle prize or simply need more information, please email sacredheartschoolpaevents@gmail.com. The deadline for all artwork for the programme is **Friday 6th November**.

We are also aiming to press ahead with other Christmas Ho Ho Ho stalls such as an online "Christmas Stocking" catalogue from which you can buy lots of lovely Christmas treats for family and friends and the "Secret Gift" stall where your children can purchase a Christmas gift for you or other loved ones so please keep reading the newsletter for information to keep up to date on what is in store for Sacred Heart families.

CHRISTMAS HO HO HO PROGRAMME FRONT COVER COMPETITION

As we do each year, we would like to invite your children to design the front cover of our Christmas Ho Ho Ho programme. The overall winner will have their design featured on the front cover of the programme and the runners up from each year group will be featured inside. All winning designs will be displayed on the gate outside the school. Templates will be emailed to you and Class Reps will also be asked to circulate copies. Designs must be in colour and posted into the "postbox" under the bike shelter near the main gate by 3:30pm, Tuesday 3rd November 2020. Late entries cannot be considered due to strict printing deadlines so please use this half term to get your children in the Christmas mood and design a fabulous front cover. If you have any queries or do not have access to a printer, please email sacredheartschoolpa@gmail.com as soon as possible so that we can try to get a hard copy to you.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE

Due to popular demand, we will be accepting good condition second hand uniform today at drop off today. This will be an exception as we need school uniform to be dropped off at the School Uniform Sales which we now hold at weekends to make it easier for parents to browse at their leisure and drive into the car park to drop off school uniform. The sales take place twice a term and are always advertised through this newsletter and via Class Reps so please note the dates when they are mentioned.

CARDS FOR SCHOOLS

Thank you to all the children who submitted their lovely designs. Templates of the cards (for those who submitted the designs on time) should be available after half term. We hope to receive templates for those who were not able to make the deadline too but this is not guaranteed (you will still be able to order

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cards/mugs/coasters/gift tags even without a template) so we will keep you posted once we hear more.

