



Together, We Learn and Grow in God's Love

Sacred Heart
Catholic Primary School
A Voluntary Academy

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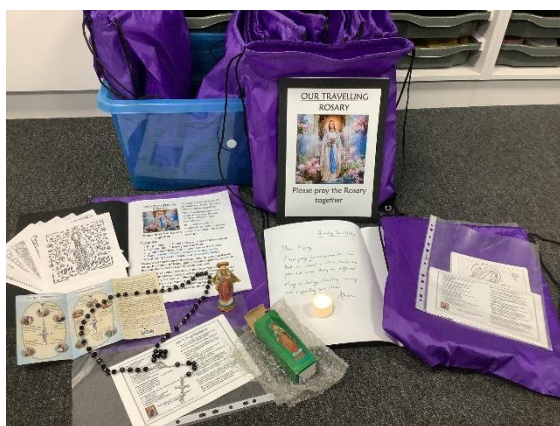
Dear Parents/Carers,

In the Catholic tradition, October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary, with the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary celebrated on October 7th. The Rosary is a beautiful prayer that reflects on the key events in the lives of Jesus and Mary, through the Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful, and Glorious Mysteries.

Praying the Rosary as a family helps children learn about Jesus's life and love, and shows them how to trust in God during both joyful and difficult times.

This month, your child may bring home the Travelling Rosary Bag. Inside, you'll find rosary beads, prayer cards, and a reflection book. We encourage you to pray together as a family, and to write a short reflection or prayer to add to the book before returning the bag. Photos can be emailed to office@sacredheartleeds.org.uk

Let us take this October to deepen our devotion and grow together in faith.



MASS OF WELCOME

As we focus on thanksgiving, our current Virtue to Live By, we gathered as a whole school community to give thanks. Our annual mass of welcome was held in the school hall last week, guided by Father Butler who reminded of us of our call to become the people God calls us to be. We thank God for Father Butler and for the way he guides us on our journey with Jesus.

KEY DATES

Wednesday 8th October – School photos

Friday 10th October – Coffee morning straight from drop off. All welcome.

Friday 10th October – Harvest Assembly 2.00. Parents/carers welcome

Tuesday 14th October - Year 6 leading Whole School Celebration of the Word 9.00am. Parents/carers welcome.

Wednesday 22nd October – Parent/carer consultation evening – 3.30-6.00

Thursday 23rd October – Black History Month assembly. 9.00. Parents/carers welcome.

Thursday 23rd October – Parent/carer consultation evening – 3.45-6.15

Friday 24th October – School closed for a staff training day. October half term begins. School reopens Monday 3rd November.

SAFEGUARDING

As we continue to prioritise the safety of our pupils, we want to remind parents and carers about the importance of monitoring your child's phone usage, especially on platforms like WhatsApp. Keeping an eye on their conversations can help you identify any



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potential issues that may arise in their social interactions.

Please note we have children with severe nut allergies. Please note we do not allow any nutbased products in school, including in packed lunches. Thank you for assisting me in keeping all our children safe.



PRIMARY ADMISSIONS

Primary Admissions open on 1st November 2024. We will be holding open days in school on the 4th and 5th November. If you wish to attend a school tour, please contact the school office. Please share this information with potential families who wish to join our school family next year. All the open day information is also available on the school website

<https://www.sacredheartleeds.org.uk/>

SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

The admission round for high schools is now open so please make sure you have applied before October 31st 2025. Please ensure you have selected five preferences and handed Supplementary Information Forms into any Catholic schools you may have selected.

HARVEST ASSEMBLY

Can we follow the charitable example of St Vincent De Paul? To amplify the spirit of giving, we kindly ask each family to donate a piece of non-perishable food to help those in need. Whether it's a tin of soup, pasta, or cereal, every donation makes a difference.

Your contributions will support local families in need and enhance our school community.

We will be having a short Harvest Assembly on Friday, 10th October at 2.00 alongside our usual Celebration Assembly. The children will share some information about the significance of harvest time.

We warmly welcome all parents and carers to join us in this celebration.



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

This October we are celebrating Black History Month under the national theme "Standing Firm in Power and Pride." Across the school, children will be learning about inspiring Black figures past and present, exploring themes of identity, fairness, resilience and community.

Each year group will approach the theme in creative ways - from stories, poetry and art, to drama, speeches and debates further up the school. Together, we will also create a Pride Wall in the hall, showcasing writing, artwork and reflections from every class.

We look forward to sharing these celebrations at our Black History Month Showcase Assembly on Thursday 23rd October at 9am, when each class will present a short performance of what they have been learning. Families are warmly invited to join us.

COFFEE MORNING

We'd love you to join us at our next Coffee Morning next Friday morning, straight after drop-off in the Top Hall.

This is a relaxed and informal get-together, a chance to enjoy a hot drink and a biscuit, meet other parents and take 10 minutes for yourself.

Our focus this month is Supporting Reading at Home. We'll be joined by our Reading and Phonics Lead Teachers who will share practical tips on:

- Making phonics simple
- Encouraging reluctant readers
- Enjoying books together as a family

The hall door will be open after you drop your child/ren off, so just pop in.

All parents and carers are welcome – we look forward to seeing you there!



SACRED HEART FUTURES

This week, we were delighted to welcome Sylvia Cullen, a barrister, as part of our Sacred Heart Futures programme. Sylvia spoke to our KS2 children about her role, what her job involves, and how the justice system works.

To bring her talk to life, Sylvia set up a real courtroom experience based on the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears. Children took on the roles of the jury and the judge,

carefully considering the evidence and asking thoughtful questions. It was a truly inspiring session that gave our pupils a glimpse into the world of law and justice.

Both children and staff left feeling proud and excited, showing just how powerful it is to put big ideas into little minds.

We are thrilled that there will be another *Sacred Heart Futures* event in October. The next speaker will be confirmed soon, and we cannot wait to see who will inspire us next!



PARENT/CARER CONSULTATION EVENING

Our Parent/Carer consultations will be held on Wednesday 22nd October and Thursday 23rd October. You will have received an email regarding booking an appointment for your child/children using our online booking system.

Please ensure you book an appointment if you haven't already.

We look forward to seeing you all.

ONE MINUTE MATHS

I strongly recommend a free download for our younger pupils in Reception and KS1. One minute maths (from White Rose Maths, our school scheme) is a free and quick activity, encouraged to sharpen mathematical fluency in one minute. Daily practice can sharpen

recognition of numbers by subitising and basic addition and subtraction.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support.

God bless
Mrs Nichol



ATTENDANCE THIS HALF-TERM

Reception: 92%

Year 1: 83%

Year 2: 97%

Year 3: 97%

Year 4: 95%

Year 5: 95%

Year 6: 96%

Overall: 95%

Government Target: 95%

School Target 97%

Congratulations to YEARS 2 AND 3 who are
our ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS so far this half
term.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

