



Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back to school! We hope you were all able to enjoy the week away from school or from remote learning. As you will be aware, the government is making an announcement this evening on children returning to school and a possible easing of lockdown measures. Until further notice, we will continue with our staggered entry and exit times as well as staggered break and lunch times. School continues to comply with our extensive risk assessment.

The RSE (relations hips and sex education) consultation closes this Friday 26th February.

We welcome Miss Li to our teaching team today and we're sure you will make her feel a part of our Sacred Heart family. Miss Li has experience of teaching all age groups and key stages across schools and we are delighted to have such an experienced member of staff working with us at Scared Heart.

At the end of last term, we said a sad farewell to Mr Snelson. We wish him every success in his new venture. He has contacted school and wants to share this message with you all.

I would just like to thank the whole school family for the many kind words and generous gifts on my departure. However, I most want to thank all of you for the many wonderful years I have been able to spend with you all. Children, families and staff, you are a wonderful, welcoming and loving community so I am terribly sad to have left. You will always remain in my heart, in my prayers and my fondest memories. Mr Snelson

Yours faithfully,
Alison Ashworth (EHT)

Weekly Family Prayer for the First Sunday of Lent (Year B)



God of life, your Son Jesus went out into the desert to talk to you in prayer.

Help us to talk to you and get closer to you this Lent, in our prayers and in our actions.

Through Christ our Lord, Amen.



Many happy returns to our children who celebrate their birthdays this week!

They are:

Samuel K

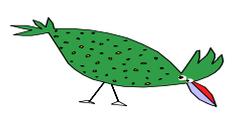
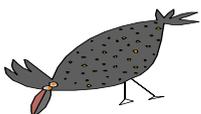
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Please visit the websites of our parishes to access the bulletins.

www.sacredheartilkley.org.uk

and

www.ssfishermore.co.uk.



Preparation for First Sacraments

If you are the parent/carer of a child in Years 3 or 4 and live in Sacred Heart Church Parish, we would like to invite your child to begin to prepare to receive, hopefully later this year, the sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation (Y3) or First Holy Communion (Y4). Each programme is very much a learning partnership between the child and their family, with support from the catechists, and plentiful resources are available to assist parents/carers in this task.

If you and your child would like to join either preparation programme, please send your contact details and the name and age of your child to catechist.sacredheart.ilkley@dioceseofleeds.org.uk, or if you prefer, please telephone the Presbytery on 01943 607690.

We hope to begin the programmes after February half-term and will give more details of what is involved, timetables etc. during an on-line meeting once we have an idea of who is interested.



Upcoming events for this week, the first week of Lent (YearB)

- Daily Live sessions, Monday to Friday, from 1pm and then every 15 minutes for each class.
- YR/ Y1 Thursday – Lower Bubble PE in school, 2.00-3.00pm
- Y1/ Y2 Thursday – Lower Bubble PE in school, 2.00-3.00pm
- Y2/ Y3 Thursday – Lower Bubble PE in school, 2.00-3.00pm
- Y4 Wednesday PE in school, 1.15-2.15pm
- Y5 Tuesday PE in school, 1.15-2.15pm
- Y6 Monday PE in school, 1.15-2.15pm
- Friday – Collective Worship at 2.40pm for the Lower Bubble and at 2.40pm for the Upper Bubble.

Children in school please wear your PE Kit on your allocated day.

Update from the DfE regarding remote education

On the 16th February, the DfE provided updated guidance for parents for supporting children's remote education which can be found below.

'We have updated the guidance for parents to support their children's remote education to provide more information for parents and carers as they support their children at home.

We have added top tips for supporting children during remote education, including links to information about the Reading Well book-list that supports mental health. We have also provided information on how to access online resources and services through your local library and online support for parents and carers to keep children and young people safe from online harm.'

A big thank you to everyone at home and at school for continuing to social distance, wear masks and keep each other safe.

This will be even more important once all children return to school.