



Sacred Heart News

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back, children! It is fabulous to have our school family back together again. We will spend time getting to know each other again, re building friendships and getting back into our school routines. At the end of the day, each bubble will line up in the playground and then you will be invited onto the playground to collect your children.

Target sheets for children with SEND will be sent home in phases.

Sue Rix has sent the following thanking you all for your cards and gifts..

Thank you for all the beautiful items for Father Michael

Alex was amazing... he listened to and followed all the instructions perfectly. How proud his parents must be to see such progress and competence.

In this troubled world it is lovely to share good news and witness the resilience of our children in these restrictive times. They never cease to amaze! Thanks to our teachers they will blossom and flourish despite all odds.

May God Bless all at Sacred Heart and keep you safe and well

Sincerely

Sue Rix

This week's newsletter contains a lot of information. Some will be repeated in the forthcoming weeks so please be aware that items are ongoing.

Yours faithfully,

Alison Ashworth (EHT)

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



God of justice, help us to stand up for what we believe in as we try to make the world a fairer place for everyone.

Amen.

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

They are:

Max L-L



Mass

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

www.sacredheartilkley.org.uk

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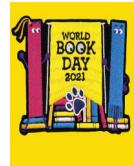
www.ssfishermore.co.uk.



World Book Day by Felicity, Year 6

Thursday 4th March was World Book Day. We had lots of fun and activities. The day started with English and we watched a video of Katherine Rundell sharing some of her adventures and writing tips. She told us how, when she was in Oxford University, she climbed the rooftops every night! She once found an empty beer bottle and thought someone might be living up there and that gave her the spark for her novel, 'Rooftoppers' and 'Skysteppers'. Then she asked us to think of a character from our favourite book and their backstory.

On Tuesday 2nd March, we watched an interview with David Walliams and he also gave us some writing tips and we read some extracts from his books. I didn't know he had written 30 books!!



Asymptomatic testing information for parents and adults in households with children at school or college

DfE Thursday 4th March 2021

NHS Test and Trace announced earlier this week, that all adults in households with school and college age children without symptoms can now access regular rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing.

Test kits can either be collected or ordered online, as set out below. You should not give test kits to parents, carers or household members and should not order more test kits for this purpose. Secondary school and college students will continue to access testing through their school or college.

Please share the information below with your parent networks to help answer any questions they may have.

Undertaking regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing helps reduce transmission of the virus. Parents and other adults in households with children at school or college, who do not have symptoms, can now access regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. This includes childcare and support bubbles.

Tests are fast, easy and completely free. There are [different ways](#) for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect their test to take at home, twice-weekly:

- ◆ through your employer, if they offer testing to employees
- ◆ by collecting a home test kit from a local test site – anyone aged 18 or over can collect 2 packs of 7 tests
- ◆ by ordering a home test kit online – please do not order online if you can access testing through other routes, this frees up home delivery for those who need it most

If you have any queries about the tests, and you live in England, please call 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day from 7am to 11pm.

Children of primary school age (and below) without symptoms are not being asked to take a test.

Testing is voluntary, but strongly recommended to all who are eligible. Alongside the vaccine, washing hands, wearing face coverings, and maintaining social distancing, rapid testing plays a vital role in reducing transmission rates. Getting into the habit of regular testing as part of our everyday lives will help us all to play our part and do what we can to protect each other.

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.

Virtues to Live By

Our virtue for the next 3 weeks is

Charity Week 2 of 3



We will be looking at ways in which we can show our love for God through our loving concern for everyone especially those in need of our help.

We will treat others with the respect and kindness that we would want for ourselves.

Over the next 3 weeks, children will take part in an act of worship with their class to explore what this means for all of us.

Our key words will be: Love, Neighbour, Charity

We will be looking for **signs of living the virtue of Charity:** and asking questions: such as

- How do you show your love for God?
- Why is love the most important virtue?
- How do you show your love for other people



Mr Gibson's Holiday Club will be running at the start of the Easter Holidays.

The dates for the clubs are as follows:

Week 1 (Lower Bubble only)

Multi-Sports- 6th & 7th of April (£30 for 2 days)
Arts & Crafts- 6th & 7th of April (£40 for 2 days)
Lego®- 8th of April (£15 1 day)

Week 2 (Upper Bubble only)

Multi-Sports- 12th & 13th of April (£30 for 2 days)
Arts & Crafts- 12th & 13th of April (£40 for 2 days)
Lego®- 14th of April (£15 1 day)

Please note you must attend both days of the course.

**Please register your interest by Monday the 15th of March on
matt@wharfevalleyactive.co.uk or 07999 059629**

If courses are over-subscribed a general ballot will take place, we will be following government guidance and maintaining consistent groups with a maximum of 15 children per group.

Mr Lorimer has arranged another competition this week for Easter!



We are delighted to announce our Easter Biscuit competition which we are running to support families in the local community who may not be as fortunate as us this Easter holiday. You need to make at least six biscuits or nests.

Please note that all biscuits need to be brought into school on Thursday 25th March and as the biscuits are being passed on to the Ilkley Great Get Together Team who will distribute them, they will need to be brought in a container you will not get returned eg. An old shoe box, egg box or old cake tin.

We can't wait to see all of your egg-cellent creations!

Happy Baking!

Upcoming events for this week, the 3rd week of Lent

- Monday—All children return to school; Collective Worship for the Lower Bubble; PE for Y2/3 St Clare and PE for Y4 St Peter.
- Tuesday—PE for YR/ Y1 St Francis and PE for 5 St Vincent.
- Wednesday- PE for Y1/ Y2 St Bernadette and PE for Y6 St Oscar.
- Thursday- PE for Y1/ Y2 St Bernadette and PE for Y2/3 St Clare.
- Friday- PE for Y4 St Peter

MUSIC LESSONS , LARKS AND NIGHTINGALES AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS RESUME THIS WEEK.

Upcoming events for this term AND BEYOND

Week beginning 15th March – 4th Sunday of Lent; Charity Virtue; World Faiths Week; Collective Worship for the Upper Bubble

Week beginning 22nd March– 5th Sunday of Lent; Forgiveness Virtue; Lower Bubble Collective Worship; Baking to be brought into school on Thursday of this week

Week beginning 29th March– Forgiveness Virtue;

Holy Week :

Monday– Jesus clears the Temple; Stations of the Cross with the Lower Bubble, Stations of the Cross with the Upper Bubble

Tuesday– Jesus goes to the Mount of Olives

Wednesday– Holy Wednesday and filming of the Easter Story with all of Y2 and Y3

Thursday– Passover and the Last Supper

School closes on Thursday 1st April and reopens on Monday 19th April

Half Term 5

Week beginning 19th April– 2nd Sunday of Easter, Forgiveness Virtue; Collective Worship for the Upper Bubble

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