

Sacred Heart News



Dear Parent and Carers,

The last week of term is upon us and we wanted to let you know how immensely proud of the children we are. They have worked so hard and they exhibit our virtues in everything they do. The children are a credit to you and we thank you for your continuing support.

In Collective Worship today, the children heard the message of Luke 3:10-18. We learned about the importance of sharing. John the Baptist says that anyone who has two shirts should share with the person who has none. And he says that anyone who has something to eat must do the same. We asked ourselves, are we always good at sharing? How do we feel when we share or when others share with us? Does it make us feel happy?

Unfortunately, we are seeing a rise in positive COVID cases and we feel it is prudent to make some changes to our end of year festivities. We hope that you understand the rationale behind these changes as we do our best to protect our families, and not jeopardise your Christmas celebrations. With this in mind, Christmas parties will take place in the classroom to avoid the mixing of classes. Sadly, we have also decided to cancel the Christmas Liturgy and carols, due to be held on Friday 17th December.

Wishing you all a joyous Christmas and a very Happy New Year. Keep safe and we look forward to welcoming children back into school on Tuesday 4th January .

Best wishes

Mrs Ashworth (EHT)

Mrs Gilhooly (AHT)

Mrs Rhodes (AHT)



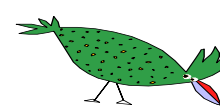
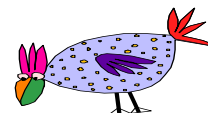
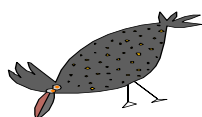
Family prayer for the Third Sunday of Advent

Christ Jesus, as Christmas approaches, we look forward joyfully to your coming. Help us to share what we can so all people may have what they need. Amen.

Mass

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 (who is a baptised Catholic) 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 during Spring 2022, the sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation (Y3) or First Holy Communion (Y4). (Before making their First Holy Communion, the child needs to have received the sacrament of Reconciliation).

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, the place and date your child received the sacrament of Reconciliation if appropriate, and their name and their age to

catechist.sacredheart.ilkley@dioceseofleeds.org.uk.

We hope to begin the programmes after Christmas and will give more details of what is involved, timetables etc once we have an idea of who is interested.



Leadership in School

Unfortunately, Mrs Ashworth is unwell and will not be in school for the rest of the week. I'm sure you will all join us in wishing her a speedy recovery.

Mrs Rhodes and Mrs Gilhooly are in school and will deal with any queries that you may have. Please note that both Mrs Rhodes and Mrs Gilhooly are also teaching in class but they will endeavour to get back to you as quickly as possible.

Christmas Cards

Children are welcome to bring in Christmas Cards for their classes this year.



Wriggly Nativity

Well done to all the Reception and Year 1 children for entertaining us with their wonderful performance of 'Wriggly Nativity'. The children worked so hard to learn the songs and their lines. It really was a joy to watch. We are also so pleased that we were able to welcome parents into school and they were lucky enough to see the performance live.

For those who didn't get to see it, a recording will be available to view on our website later this week.

Congratulations to our certificate winners for the virtue Patience .

They are:

St Francis- Alex

St Bernadette- Ariana

St Clare- Helen

St Peter- Hannah

St Vincent- Frances

St Oscar- Maeve



Third Sunday in Advent- Upcoming events this week:

Monday- 9am Collective Worship in class; Y6 PE; Y5 PE

Tuesday- Reception PE; Y3/4 PE

Wednesday- Y1/2 PE; Y2/3 PE; Guitar lessons from 12.40pm

Thursday- Brass lessons from 10.30am; Woodwind lessons from 11.55am; Y1/2 PE; Y2/3 PE;

Friday- Y5 PE

Upcoming events for Half Term 2

- ◆ ***Tuesday 14th December- Christmas Lunch. * This date has changed.**
- ◆ Wednesday 15th December- Christmas party day
- ◆ ~~Friday 17th December Year 2,3,4,5 and 6 carols~~ **Cancelled**

Upcoming events for Half Term 3

- ◆ **Monday 3rd January- Bank Holiday, school closed**
- ◆ **Tuesday 4th January- School opens to children**
- ◆ Wednesday 12th January - Boys football at Ben Rhydding Sports Club
- ◆ Wednesday 19th January - Girls football at Ben Rhydding Sports Club