



Dear Parent and Carers,

What a lovely first week back! It was an absolute pleasure to walk around school last week. The behaviour of the children and their attitude to learning has been exemplary.

Our reception children have had two settling in sessions, where they had lots of fun. We welcome them into our school family fulltime this week. A huge welcome to our new parents too; we are so pleased that you have chosen Sacred Heart as providers of your child's education. We look forward to getting to know you all over the coming weeks.

On Friday, Father Michael has kindly agreed to say mass in celebration of a new school year. You are all warmly invited to attend. Please can you arrive at school at 13:50 ready for a 14:00 start. We hope you can make it.

We hope you have a good week and if you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Mrs Gilhooly.

Kind regards

Mrs Rhodes (HT)

Mrs Gilhooly (AHT)



The Funeral of Queen Elizabeth II

We have all been saddened by the death of Queen Elizabeth II. We will continue to keep her and the Royal Family in our prayers.

The official date of the State Funeral is 19 September 2022. This day will be a bank holiday and settings that are normally closed on a bank holiday should close on this day as a mark of respect. This will include schools and colleges. As a result, Sacred Heart will be closed on Monday 19th September.

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.

Mass

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

www.sacredheartilkley.org.uk and www.ssfishermore.co.uk.

Collective Worship

In Collective Worship today, we listened to Luke 15:1-10 and heard the parables of 'the Lost Sheep' and 'the Ten Silver Coins'.

We thought about what it feels like to lose something that is important to us and what we did to try and find it. We also thought about how we felt if we were lucky enough to find it again.

We wondered why the shepherd was so concerned when he lost one sheep out of a hundred and why was the woman so worried about losing one coin out of ten. Even though it was only one sheep or one coin, it was still very important and valuable to the person who had lost it. The shepherd and the woman searched for the lost sheep and coin. The shepherd's actions showed his love for the sheep.

We reflected on who the shepherd in Jesus' story is meant to be and who are the sheep. Jesus is our shepherd, and we, his followers, are the sheep. In the same way as in the stories, all people are valuable to God, because God made us and loves us. We are all different. We are all special. God cares for us and loves us. God wants us to do what is right. But sometimes we do not listen, we are not very generous, and we can be mean to others, or we do things we know are wrong. At these times we're a bit like the sheep or the coin that is lost, because we are turning away from God. That doesn't mean that God loves and cares for us any less. God cares for us and watches over us always. When we see that we have done something wrong, when we ask for forgiveness and turn back to God, then God is happy and welcomes us back and celebrates because we are no longer lost.

Going forth, we will try not to turn away from God but if we do we will try and put it right and say sorry.

This is our first week of celebrating the virtue **Love of Learning**:

I am a lifelong learner

I am excited and enthusiastic to learn

"Let the wise hear and increase in learning, and the one who understands obtain guidance."

(Proverbs 1:5).



Confirmation sessions

Children in Year 6, who wish to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation, are invited to attend confirmation sessions.

The confirmation programme at Sacred Heart Church, Ilkley, follows the booklet 'Empowered by the Spirit'. It encourages families to support their children in preparing for the sacrament through family catechesis. Candidates explore their faith at home, reflecting and talking about their faith with family members and their sponsor. They also come together to chat and ask questions on aspects of their faith in small group sessions in the parish.

There is a meeting for parents of candidates at Sacred Heart Church at 7pm on Tuesday 13th September.

The Twenty-fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time - Upcoming events this week:

Monday– Whole School Collective Worship; first full day of new reception starters; PE– St Claire Yr 2/ 3; PE St Vincent Yr 4/ 5

Tuesday- - PE -St Francis Reception / Yr 1; PE– St Vincent Yr 4/5; guitar lessons

Wednesday– PE St Peter-Year3/4; PE St Oscar- Year 6

Thursday– PE St Peter-Year3/4; PE St Claire– Year 2/3; Woodwind lessons

Friday– PE St Oscar– Year 6; Brass lessons; Whole School Mass arrive 1:50 for 2pm start

Upcoming events for Half Term One

14th September– PSCO visits Year 6, online safety; Student Council elections (Yr 2 to Yr5); International Day of Democracy

16th September-Whole School Mass arrive 1:50 for 2pm start

19th September– Bank holiday– school closed

21st September– Sports Tots and Little Hearts 9-10:30 am

22nd September– St Francis Transition Stay and Play (details to follow) 3:30– 4:30pm

28th September-Sports Tots and Little Hearts 9-10:30 am

29th September– Phonics Information Meeting 5-6:00pm

30th September– Whole School Special Mentions assembly 2:45pm start-all welcome

30th September– Yr 6 to lead Macmillan Coffee Morning (time to be confirmed)

3rd October– Black History Begins; World Space Week

5th October-Sports Tots and Little Hearts 9-10:30 am; Grandparents Day– grandparents/ carers invited from 2:30pm (more details to follow)

6th October– Year 6 Residential Information Meeting 4-5pm; KS2 (Yr 3 to Yr 6) information evening 5-6pm

7th October- Whole School Special Mentions assembly 2:45pm start-all welcome

12th– 14th October– Year 6 Residential

17th October– World Faith Week; individual photograph day

21st October– School closed training day

31st October– School opens 8:45am

Information for events later in the year will follow including class assemblies

