Sacred Heart News

Week 7 17th October Half term 1

Dear Parent and Carers,

Well, our first half term has disappeared in the blink of an eye. It's been a busy and productive seven weeks and the children have worked so hard.

Following half term, we will be introducing class assemblies, where each class will share their learning with you. Special mentions will also be awarded at this time. If your child has achieved something they are proud of, then this can be shared with the school during this assembly time. Please send certificates / medals into school on that morning. Dates can be found at the end of the newsletter.

On Saturday 5th November between 10am-12pm, we will open our doors to current and prospective parents. It will be an opportunity for you to visit classrooms and see what fantastic learning opportunities the children have at Sacred Heart. We hope you will be able to make it. Please spread the word to anyone, who is looking for a school place for their child in September 2023.

We hope you have a fantastic half-term break and don't forget that Friday is a training day.

Kind regards

Mrs Rhodes (HT)

Mrs Gilhooly (AHT)

Year 6 Residential

On Friday, we welcomed backed a tired but happy group of children. They had a fun packed time at Peat Rigg. Mrs Eccles, Mrs Allanson and Mrs Horsfall were so impressed with the courage and determination the children showed, tackling activities such as abseiling and tree climbing. They also had an amazing time developing their archery skills, apple picking and feeding the pigs. Apparently, the meals were delicious too! Thank you to staff and volunteers, who gave up their time too so our children could have this fabulous experience. Have a look on our Facebook page for more photos.

We look forward to hearing all about it at our first class assembly on Friday 4th November.

The Twenty-Ninth Sunday of Ordinary time

In Collective Worship, we heard from Luke 18:1-8. Jesus told us a story about a bad judge and a widow who wants justice – who wants what is right.

Judges are supposed to be fair and honest, but this isn't always the case. The prophets in the Bible were always getting angry with bad judges who thought more about themselves than about the people who needed their help. If the judges didn't sort out the problems fairly then people would suffer again and again.

We came up with some things that seem unfair to us and how we feel when someone has treated us unfairly.

The widow was ignored by the law, but she didn't give up. She just kept asking the judge to make things right. Eventually, just to get rid of her, he gave her what she wanted, justice. Her prayers were finally answered.

We thought about why Jesus told us this story and what he want us to understand. The widow is like us - we call to God in our prayers to give us what we need and want. But if this bad judge eventually did the right thing, how much more will God, who is all-powerful and good, do what is right? So, if we don't get what we pray for the first time, should we just give up?

Jesus says that God hears the cries of all who call out to him day and night. God will certainly answer our prayers, even if it's not in the way that we expect. We reflected on good it makes us feel to know that God always hears us when we pray. There are many things that are unfair in our world and there are many people, like the widow in the story, who struggle to make their voices heard. We can pray for these people, but we also have to do what we can to make sure all people are treated fairly. Who knows, we might even be the answer to someone's prayers!

Prayer for the Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

God who always hears us, help us to make a change when we see something that is not right in our world. May we find strength to keep going, even if at first we are not heard. Amen.

This is our third week of celebrating the virtue **Citizenship:**

I am a good citizen

I show love for my neighbour through my actions

"Do not forget to do good and to help one another, because these are the sacrifices that please God." (Hebrews 13:14; 16)

Mass

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

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

Cross Country Leagues

Well done to all our cross country runners on Saturday. Thanks to all, who turned out to compete. It was a great effort from everyone and fantastic results. In particular, congratulations to Lottie (Year 5- 1st); Grace (Year 3– 2nd) and Betsy (Year 2– 3rd). The next cross country event is on Saturday 12th November at Ghyll Royd. We would love to put a team together for each year group. Previously, we have had up to 35 children attend and we would love to match or beat this number. To help the children prepare, we will be running a cross country club on Tuesday Lunchtimes after half term, more details to follow.

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

Monday– Individual school photos; PE– St Clare 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 Year 3/4 ; St Oscar– PE; 3pm Year 6 parents invited to watch dance performance

Thursday– PE St Peter Year 3/4; PE St Clare– Year 2/3; FoSH-St Vincent Cake Sale

Friday– Training day

Upcoming events for Half Term One

17th October- Individual photograph day

21st October– School closed training day

31st October– School opens 8:45am

Save the Date

Monday 31st October– Other Faiths' week

Friday 4th November– 2:40pm St Oscar (Year 6) Assembly and special mentions

Saturday 5th November– 10-12pm Sacred Heart's Open morning for current and prospective parents

Wednesday 9th November– Parent meetings 3:30pm to5:50pm (face to face)

Thursday 10th November– Parent meetings 3:30pm to 5:50pm (virtual)

Saturday 12th November– Cross Country Ghyll Royd

Monday 14th November– Antibullying Week

Friday 25th November– 2: 40pm St Vincent (Year 4/5) Assembly and special mentions

Thursday 1st December to Friday 2nd December– St Vincent's residential to Nell Bank

Friday 2nd December– Set up for Christmas Fayre after school (volunteers need)

Saturday 3rd December– 2-4pm FOSH Christmas Fayre

Wednesday 7th December– 2:00pm Reception/ Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity performance

Thursday 8th December– School Christmas Lunch

Friday 9th December– 2:00pm Reception/ Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity performance ; St Peter's Cake Sale

Monday 12th December– Advent School Mass led by Father Michael (time tbc)

Tuesday 13th December– Whole School Elf Fun Run for Simon on the Streets

Wednesday 14th December– 6:15pm KS2 Christmas Carols at Sacred Heart Catholic Church

Friday 16th December– Term finishes

Tuesday 3rd January– 8:45am School opens

Friday 6th January– Feast of the Epiphany; School Mass (time tbc)

Friday 13th January– 2:40pm St Clare Assembly and Special Mentions

Wednesday 25th January– St Peter's trip to Leeds City Museum

Friday 27th January– Holocaust Memorial Day; 2:40pm St Oscar's (Year 6) Assembly and Special Mentions

Friday 3rd February– 2:40pm St Peter's Assembly and Special Mentions

Saturday 4th February– Cross Country Ben Rhydding

Friday 10th February– St Francis' (Reception) Assembly and Special Mentions; St Francis' Cake Sale

Wednesday 22nd February– Ash Wednesday and launch of Lenten Projects

Thursday 2nd March– World Book Day ; 14:30pm St Francis ' Stay and Read

Friday 3rd March– 2:40pm St Peter's Assembly and Special Mentions

Saturday 4th March– Cross Country– All Saints @ Ilkley Lido

Thursday 9th March– 14:30 St Clare's Stay and Read

Thursday 16th March– 14:30 St Peter's Stay and Read

Friday 17th March– St Vincent's Assembly and Special Mentions

Saturday 18th March– Cross Country Nell Bank Relays (yr 3-6)

Thursday 23rd March– 14:30 St Vincent's Stay and Read

Wednesday 29th March– 2:00pm Year 3 and Year 4 Easter Production; Parent meetings (face to face) 3:30pm– 5:50pm

Thursday 30th March– 2:30pm St Oscar's Stay and Read; Parent meetings (virtual) 3:30pm– 5:50pm

Friday 31st March– 2:00pm Year 3 and Year 4 Easter Production; St Oscar's Cake Sale

Monday 1st May– Bank Holiday; Carnival

Friday 5th May– St Francis' Assembly and Special Mentions

Week beginning 8th May– KS2 SATS week

Thursday 8th June– Tempest Class Photos

Friday 9th June– St Clare's Assembly and Special Mentions

There are further dates to follow but we are awaiting transition dates from High Schools. As soon as we have this information we will provide you with dates for the Year 5/6 production and Sport's day.

Other dates will be added but hopefully this gives you advanced notice of key events.