

Week 39 Newsletter

Week beginning 15th July 2024

Summer Term 2



Dear Families,

We can hardly believe that a year has passed and we have reached the last day of school. It has been a fantastic year with so many successes. Over the last couple of weeks, we have welcomed our new reception 2024 children into school and we have been so pleased to see how they have settled in.

On behalf of all the staff, we would like to thank you for your kind words and generous gifts. We do not expect it but we are very grateful. It has been a privilege to lead the school this year and to spend time with your children. We hope that you all have a wonderful summer and we'll see you in September!

Best wishes,

Mrs Rhodes and Mrs Gilhooly

Good bye Year 6

Today is tinged with a little bit of sadness, as we bid farewell to our brilliant Year 6 children. However, we know that they are more than ready to move on and grasp the new adventures that lie ahead. Over the last few weeks, they have really blossomed. We were astonished by the Year 5/ 6 end of year production, Peter Pan, with every single child giving their all; it was a fantastic performance. Last Thursday, they danced their socks off at the Leavers' party. They thoroughly deserved to let their hair down and after producing an amazing set of SATS results. On Tuesday, Father Tim led a very moving mass for us and in the evening, we were entertained with an abundance of talent at Year 6's talent show. Today is our Leavers' assembly and a time to reflect and celebrate Year 6's achievements and time at Sacred Heart.

For many families, this is the end of an era with their youngest child leaving. Some have had associations with the school for 14 + years. We would also thank all the families for their support over the years and we hope you will keep in touch.

Mission Statement

"Do Everything in Love" 16:14 Corinthians

Love Ourselves. Love Others. Love Learning. Love Our World.

You may remember some time ago that a survey was sent out asking you about our mission statement and whether it was time to change it. We also spoke to the children, Academy Council and staff. 89% of children (104/116 pupils) felt that the current mission was difficult to understand. 90.5 % (105/116) felt that the proposed mission 'Do Everything in Love' was easier to understand. Staff and parents were asked for their views, 7 and 34 views respective responses were returned. Staff -66.7% did not feel the current mission statement was child friendly and 57% felt it should be changed and 28.6% were unsure. Parents- 58.8% did not know what the school mission was. 84.8 % did not think it was child friendly and 73.5% thought it should be changed. Please find attached the new mission statement and the rationale behind it. This will come into effect in September.

News and Notices

Goodbye and Welcome

This week we say goodbye to Mrs Morgan, Mrs Hallworth and Mrs Johnson. We thank them so much for their wonderful teaching, hard work and commitment to Sacred Heart this year. We wish them the best of luck for the future.

In September, we are excited to welcome Miss Cheetham and Mrs Hunter to the Sacred Heart Family. They have met the children in our September Wharfe class and Wheatley class.

Lorcan's 3 Peaks Challenge

Good luck to Lorcan, in Year 6, who along with his siblings and a gang of cousins, are attempting the Yorkshire 3 Peaks Challenge (26 miles in under 12 hours) on 20th July. They have taken up this challenge in memory of two of his cousins' families who lost their fathers at a young age.

They are raising money for 'Winstons Wish' a child bereavement charity.

We wish them the best of luck. If you would like to sponsor Lorcan and support this worthy charity please go to:

https://www.justgiving.com/page/kids3peaks-1713519406838?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Fkids3peaks-1713519406838&utm_source=copyLink&utm_campaign=pfp-share

Save the Date

Friday 19th July - 13:45 Leavers' Assembly; School Closes for Summer at 15:15

Tuesday 3rd September – School opens at 8:40am- 8:55am

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED CHILDREN'S LITURGY SS JOHN FISHER AND THOMAS MORE BURLEY

We are looking for some willing volunteers to help with children's liturgy at 11am mass. We have done lots with the children in engaging them with the Live Simply messaging and we want to build on that. We would welcome new volunteers with new ideas for the liturgy but equally materials and plans can be supplied and you would be fully supported. We have wonderful children in the parish and want to do more with them but we need more volunteers. If you want to find out more or think you can help, please get in touch with Mary Preston on mary.preston@googlemail.com or on 07759516386 .

Wednesday Word

Please find below the link to the Wednesday Word. This is an excellent resource that can be used at home to reflect on the issues and messages from Sunday's Gospel.

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/hope?pid=MTA101634&v=113.2>