



Love, Faith and Truth

Sacred Heart Catholic Voluntary Academy, Sowerby Bridge

NEWSLETTER 11 Friday 11th January 2019



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back and a very Happy New Year to all. We would like to express our sincere thanks for all the cards, gifts and good wishes expressed to myself and the staff and hope that you all enjoyed the festive break.

The first week back has flown and despite us all feeling the shock of the early mornings, I am pleased to say that both the children and staff have settled back in to the routines of school like the holiday has never happened!

Now the festivities are over, can I take this opportunity to remind everyone that we do discourage the wearing of make-up, jewellery and nail varnish for school. Your support in this will be much appreciated.

Our Christmas Ball was a huge success and our School Council are now busy planning fund raising events for the new term. They are currently obtaining ideas and suggestions for a Year Group Sponsored event to raise funds for the NSPCC and are also hoping to organise a Valentine's Disco Thursday 14th February.



From talking to the children and staff it is apparent that Father Christmas did indeed respond to many of the requests to leave a variety of new technological devices under the tree. In an attempt to keep you informed on how best to ensure your children are safe from the dangers of social media we have arranged a series of 'Safeguarding Workshops' with the NSPCC for both **parents and pupils**. **These are planned as follows: Tuesday 29th January 9am Parents Workshop (1 hour)**

KS1 pupils and staff 10am (30 mins)

KS2 pupils and staff 11am (35 mins)

Can I also remind you that 'Musicalternative' have provided access to this jolly online safety jingle for parents. **Please watch and feel free to share this across your social media platforms:**



Twitter: <https://twitter.com/natonlinesafety/status/1070288625877872641>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/NationalOnlineSafety/videos/1080494295458667/>

Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qg8CtHpszi8&feature=youtu.be>

Download: Please request here > <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/platform-guides/stay-safe-at-home-on-devices-this-christmas/>



Do you have or do you know of any boys and girls who are due to start school in September 2019? Please encourage parents to come and have a look around. Information packs will be sent out to any family who register an interest and guidance will be provided on how to complete the **Local Authority online application which must be submitted by 15th January 2019**.



Saturday Morning Forest School

When: 10:00am to 12:00 pm every third Saturday of the month.

Next one Sat 26th January

What: Games, food, craft, play, fun

Who Anyone of primary school age, bring a friend, relative or neighbour

Cost: £4 a child

Booking essential as places are limited due to health and safety, contact the school office to book a place. Tel: 01422 831360 email: admin@sacredheart.calderdale.sch.uk

Are you able to support a child with reading or support our gardening club?

Have you made your New Year resolutions yet? If not, or you have room for another one, why not consider giving a little time volunteering at our Primary School? This is a very rewarding way to spend your time and we have two initiatives that may interest you.



Reading Friends - we are looking for volunteers who would be willing to give up a small amount of time throughout the school year to support some children with their reading. This will be on a one-to-one basis and it needs to take place on the same day and same time to provide the children with some consistency. No past experience is necessary, and you will be given some training before you start and support throughout.



Gardening Club - again volunteers are needed to provide some support and knowledge to our gardening club. Many children these days do not spend enough time outdoors and this is a great way for them to enjoy and learn about their environment whilst gaining some basic gardening skills.

Anyone who is interested in finding out more about either of these can contact the school office on 01422 831360.



Diary dates to note:

	<i>New School Year Dates</i>
Thurs 17 th Jan	• Year 3 Stoneage Day
Thurs 17 th Jan	• PTFA meeting 8pm The Hollins (formerly The Works)
Fri 18 th Jan	• Year 1 Willow Class at Parish Mass 9:30am
Thurs 24 th	• Reconciliation classes for Year 3 pupils & parents session 2 4:30pm in school
Thurs 24 th Jan	• Weigh and Measure Reception and Year 6 More information to follow
Fri 25 th Jan	• Reception Saplings Class Parish Mass 9:30am
Mon 28 th Jan	• Year 3 Sycamore Class at Good Shepherd for Reconciliation Workshop
Tues 29 th	• NSPCC SAFEGUARDING FOR PARENTS 9am in School Hall

Have a great weekend everybody

Mrs Sue McManamin and all the Staff.

