



Love, Faith and Truth

## Sacred Heart Catholic Voluntary Academy, Sowerby Bridge

**NEWSLETTER 10** Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018



Dear Parents/Carers,

Well this is the final newsletter for our Autumn term. After such a long term I am sure the children and staff are all ready for a well - earned rest and some fun and festivity. Once again we would like to thank you for your continued support in all aspects of school life. Although we have had a considerable number of children who have had to have some days off due to sickness our overall attendance for the Autumn Term was just 0.1% below National at 95.6%. We are really proud that 84/178 children achieved 100% for the  $\frac{1}{2}$  term, 44/178 achieved 100% for the whole term and our congratulations go to Mr & Mrs Odd who won the £10 voucher this time.

*Our Christmas Ball was a huge success and a massive thank you to our school council for their organisation and to the staff and PTFA members who gave their time to support it. After taking out the overhead costs - food, prizes and a small gift for the DJ the Ball generated a profit of £100 which will be held in the School Council account to help with future events.*



### The donations for our Advent Project

'When a Child is Born' were collected by Catholic Care on Monday. Once again your generosity was amazing and the donations are guaranteed to bring some joy to those who find themselves in difficult and trying circumstances. Whilst we have run the project throughout Advent we will always be able to receive any unwanted baby items in school, which will be passed on to Catholic Care.



Over the previous two weeks our school choir supported by Mrs Bridges, Mrs Short and Mrs Skwarek have visited the Good Shepherd Parish and White Windows to sing for the parishioners and residents. In both venues the choir were very much appreciated, praised and thanked for their musical talents and abilities.

Year 3 enjoyed a wonderful trip to Yorkshire Water in Leeds as part of our 'Sustainability' topic. When we were there, we learnt about what happens to our water when it goes down the drain and how they clean it. We then got to have a tour of the water works and see how they clean our water. We then learnt about Yorkshire Water's projects in developing countries.

Class 2 had a lovely time during their trip to the Square Chapel to see the Nutcracker: Story Teller. The show was fantastic and we even had time for some Christmas colouring! Their behaviour was excellent throughout and we were so proud of them. Well done Class 2.





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 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019.**



No doubt there will be many requests for Father Christmas to deliver electronic devices, mobile phones, games consoles etc, this year. In an attempt to keep you informed on how best to ensure your children are safe from the dangers of social media 'Musicalternative' have provided access to this jolly online safety jingle for parents

Please watch and feel free to share this song 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=gq8CtHpszi8&feature=youtu.be>

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



Saturday Morning Forest School

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

**Next one Sat 26<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:admin@sacredheart.calderdale.sch.uk)



Diary dates to note:

<i>New School Year Dates</i>	
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2019	• School re-opens for the Spring Term
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup> Jan	• Mass for the Epiphany in school 10am
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup> Jan	• Reconciliation classes for Year 3 pupils & parents start 4:30pm in school
Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup> Jan	• Year 3 Stoneage Day
Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup> Jan	• PTFA meeting 8pm The Hollins (formerly The Works)
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Jan	• Year 1 Willow Class at Parish Mass 9:30am
Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup>	• Reconciliation classes for Year 3 pupils & parents session 2 4:30pm in school
Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup> Jan	• Weigh and Measure Reception and Year 6 More information to follow
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> Jan	• Reception Saplings Class Parish Mass 9:30am
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> Jan	• Year 3 Sycamore Class at Good Shepherd for Reconciliation Workshop
Tues 29 <sup>th</sup>	• NSPCC SAFEGUARDING FOR PARENTS 9am in School Hall

**We would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy and fulfilling New Year**

**Mrs Sue McManamin and all the Staff.**

