



Love, Faith and Truth

## Sacred Heart Catholic Voluntary Academy, Sowerby Bridge

**NEWSLETTER 12** Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2019



Dear Parents/Carers,

Apologies for the lack of a newsletter last week. We do hope you have had a good week so far and are looking forward to the weekend.

As a school we take great pride in teaching and encouraging all members of our community to observe what are often referred to as 'British Values'. This term we are extending this by focussing on Virtues. A value is something we may see as important but not necessarily follow. A virtue is something we aim to show, be or use in all we do and say.

**Our Ethos focus for this half term is the Virtue of Gratitude/Thankfulness**

So far we have reflected on the story of Creation and The Widow's Coin

Are we **grateful for what we have?**

Do we say **thank you for what others have given to or done for us?**

Do we **appreciate the beauty of the world we live in?**

Are we **taking care of the wonderful world God created for us?**

Do we **appreciate the value of an act of kindness?**

Please do encourage your child/children to talk to you about their understanding of virtues. Please share with us any examples where you feel they are trying to use these virtues in their daily lives.

As you will be aware there are now national concerns regarding the ease of access that children have to media, games and TV/films which are often age inappropriate and unsuitable. Please do your best to join us next **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January at 9am** for the following event.

### Free online safety workshop for parents and carers

Muddled by Minecraft or rattled by Roblox? NSPCC and O2 are running an hour-long interactive workshop with tips, tools and advice on how to keep your child safe online. Talking about online safety with your child doesn't need to be difficult – build your confidence to have those important conversations, get to know your child's online world and learn where to go for help and advice.

The workshop will take place at **9:00am on 29<sup>th</sup> January**. Don't miss out on this great opportunity! Make sure you RSVP by letting the office know.

The NSPCC will also deliver workshops to our pupils. Whilst there is no charge for this, each year group have planned a sponsored event to support the great work that they do. Please look out for the sponsor forms which will be sent out shortly.

### News from Year 3

On Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January, Jeffrey Andrews from Creative Archaeology Calderdale came to deliver a Stone Age Day with Year 3. The day began with looking at lots of exciting fossils from Prehistoric times. We then explored different replicas of Stone Age weapons and tools which was very exciting! We then got into the role of archaeologists and had an actual archaeological dig in our classroom! We found fossils, bones, seeds and pottery! In the afternoon, we created our own cave paintings using real cave paintings as inspiration! We had a fantastic day!



**Online Safety Workshops for Parents**

We will be hosting our free online safety workshop for parents at our school on

Date: **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

Time: **9am School Hall**

O2 and the NSPCC have joined forces in a mission to help all children and their families in the UK stay safe online.

The hour-long workshop is a great opportunity to gain skills and knowledge to understand the internet and technology as children do.

To book your place, or for more information, please contact our school office 01422 831369



Do you know of any boys and girls who are looking for a place in school? Although the majority of our classes are full/almost full, we currently have space in Year 1 and Year 3. Please encourage any prospective parents to come and have a look around.



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

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? 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.



Although small in number our PTFA are working really hard to plan and support a variety of fund raising events. All monies raised are used to provide the little extras such as gift tokens, Christmas gifts, books to extend our library to name but a few. The next meeting will be held in **The Hollins Mill Inn Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 8pm - new members are welcome.** However if you cannot make the meeting but have any ideas/suggestions please use the PTFA suggestion box which is located in the main entrance .



Diary dates to note:

<i>New School Year Dates</i>	
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> Jan	• <i>Sycamore Year 3 visit to the Good Shepherd Reconciliation</i>
Tues 29 <sup>th</sup>	• <i>NSPCC workshop for parents 9am</i>
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> & Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	• <i>No Parish Mass for School</i>
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	• <i>Reconciliation classes for Year 3 pupils &amp; parents session 3 4:30pm in school</i>
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	• <i>Great Oaks Year 6 visit to Hardcastle Craggs</i>
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	• <i>Ash Year 4 visit to the York Chocolate Factory</i>
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	• <i>School Council host Valentine's Disco</i>
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	• <i>Great Oaks Year 6 Parish Mass 9:30am</i>
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	• <i>School finishes for half term</i>

Mrs Sue McManamin and all the Staff.

**Have a great weekend everybody**

