



Sacred Heart Catholic Voluntary Academy, Sowerby Bridge

Love, Faith and Truth

NEWSLETTER 13 Friday 1st February 2019



Dear Parents/Carers,

Hopefully the snow has fallen for this year. Although due to where they live, a couple of our staff had delayed starts, thank fully it was not enough to cause us any significant disruption. Please be aware that if we do find ourselves in a situation where we need to close we will advise by text message as early as we possibly can.

We are continuing with the Virtue of Gratitude/Thankfulness as our ethos focus for this half term and both myself and our staff are really pleased that when asked, children throughout school are able to talk knowledgeably and give examples of using themselves or experiencing from others the virtues we are focussing on. Next week we will use the parable of 'The Lost Son' to reflect on thankfulness and gratitude.

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.

Internet, Social Media and Gaming The online safety event for parents was a huge success and really well attended. Thank you to all those parents and grandparents who joined us on Tuesday. From the positive feedback/suggestions received, we will investigate the possibility of hosting this on an annual basis. If you were unable to attend we do have a couple of handouts available in school or you can access the information online nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety / Tel: 08088005002



Whilst there has been no charge for the NSPCC workshops, **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 today.

Our PTFA also supported our drive to make children more aware of the dangers of communication on line by paying for Online Safety Workshops for KS2. It is very concerning to learn from the children that despite being fully aware of the dangers of communicating with **people they do not know, many of them do**. Can we please ask that you do frequently remind them and check on their activities.

News from Year 3



On Monday Sycamore Class travelled by train to our sister church Good Shepherd at Mytholmroyd for a day of Reconciliation - saying sorry. The children and staff had a great day and feedback from the children certainly supports this. *"The best bit was the drama and role play"* Tremaine, Olenia, Billy and Archie. *"The pilgrimage*



around the church and looking at the stained glass windows" Isobel and Lottie. *"The liturgy at the end and writing our own prayers"* Maci and finally *"Lunchtime tasty food and treats"* Lottie. I would also like to acknowledge the feedback from the leaders *"...the children yesterday (and staff) were delightful"*.

Parent Governor Required

Please look out for the Parent Governor nomination forms which will be sent home today. If you require any further information regarding what the role entails please do not hesitate to contact school. Forms must be returned to the school office on or before **Friday 15th February**.

Out and about with Year 1

On Tuesday our Sapling Class travelled by train to Eureka for a Space Experience. The children had a fantastic time and were given lots of new experiences. "I really enjoyed going to the bank and wearing a spacesuit" Darcey, "I liked talking to the robot" Logan, "I liked the robot, she sang Baby Shark" Farrah and finally Max "loved all of it!". Again the children's behaviour was fantastic and a credit to both yourselves and staff.



Please keep hold of your copper in order to support the Class Penny Wars fundraising event launched by our PTFA, Monday 11th - Friday 15th Feb. The

winning class will be treated to a Pizza Party on Friday 1st March.



- Next meeting The Hollins Mill Inn Thursday 21st March 8pm - new members welcome.
- Any ideas/suggestions please use the PTFA suggestion box in the main entrance.



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.



	Diary dates to note
Fri 1 st Feb	• Class Sponsor Forms sent out - closing date Fri 15 th Feb
Thursday 7 th Feb	• Reconciliation classes for Year 3 pupils & parents session 3 4:30pm in school
Fri 8 th Feb	• Great Oaks Year 6 visit to Hardcastle Craggs
Fri 8 th Feb	• No Parish Mass for School
Mon 11 th Feb	• Ash Year 4 visit to the York Chocolate Factory
Mon 11 th - Fri 15 th	• Class Penny Wars - PTFA Fundraiser
Wed 13 th Feb	• Elder Year 2 visit to the Piece Hall
Thurs 14 th Feb	• School Council host Valentine's Disco
Fri 15 th Feb	• Great Oaks Year 6 Parish Mass 9:30am
Fri 15 th Feb	• School finishes for half term
Sat 9 th March	• Sacrament of Reconciliation for our Year 3 candidates 2pm St Bernards Church Halifax
Sat 16 th March	• Saturday Morning Forest School

Mrs Sue McManamin and all the Staff.

Have a great weekend everybody

