



Love, Faith and Truth

Sacred Heart Catholic Voluntary Academy, Sowerby Bridge

NEWSLETTER 15 Friday 15th February 2019



Dear Parents/Carers,

Well despite being quite a lengthy half term the weeks have flown by. Once again we would like to thank you for your continued support, especially with all the fundraising initiatives which have been promoted. Significant amounts have been raised for all events the School Council have added a further **£95** to their account from the Valentine's disco, and today your generosity has raised **£108** for Smartmove who support the homeless in Calderdale. Despite the coughs, colds, ear infections etc which always hit us at this time of year our overall attendance has remained in line with national at 96.4%.

Internet, Social Media and Gaming

Despite our best efforts we are still hearing, even from our youngest children, that many of them are regularly accessing websites and playing on games such as 'Fortnite & Momo' which contain content, images and behaviours which are both disturbing and age inappropriate. Whilst we can only advise that you:



- regularly monitor what your children are accessing/playing
 - that you have ensured that strict parental controls are in place ,
- we need to make you aware that if we observe behaviours/language displayed in school which is concerning we may seek advice from the Local Authority Safeguarding team.

Your involvement at home can help reinforce these key messages and help your child become more confident and stay safe online. Visit the **Be Internet Legends** website to try some fun family activities to help your child learn how to make the internet a safer and kinder place for everyone at g.co/BeInternetLegends/Parents



Out and About

On Monday Ash Class Year 4 went on a school trip to York Chocolate Story. We took part in a workshop based around the Mayan art of chocolate making. We ground and made our own drinking chocolate, and then added chilli and vanilla to flavour! Later in the day, we had a tour of the Chocolate Story, learning more about the Maya and Aztec history of chocolate and we got to make our own white chocolate lolly!



On Wednesday 13th February, Elder class Year 2 went on a very exciting trip to the Piece Hall. This was part of our local History study, in which we found out what the Piece Hall was built for. We went on a cloth hunt around the Piece Hall, to find different objects used in the making of cloth. We then had a go at each



step of the cloth making process: picking, fulling, carding, spinning and weaving!



Penny Wars

What a **fantastic fundraiser** this has been! Despite the competitiveness and on occasion tears when faced with the threat of 'silver' the children have really engaged with this PTFA initiative. The winning class announced in

Starworker was Willow Year 1. These lucky pupils will be treated to 'pizza party' on Friday 1st March. However the runner up class great Oaks Year 6 have received a £20 boost to their weekly attendance collection, and every pupil in school has been given a small sweet treat for taking part. In

total the Penny wars has raised **£600** which at some point will be used by the PTFA to support something for the children in our school.



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.

The next PTFA fundraiser will be a 'Recreational Bring & Buy' Friday 8th March. Please start sorting through your *books, electronic and traditional board games and DVD's* (we cannot accept anything rated higher than a 'U'). Donations can be left at the school office please.



In response to requests/suggestions from the parent questionnaire **Elder Class Year 2** will be hosting a 'session for parents' on **Tuesday 19th March 2:30pm**. Further details will be sent out after half term.

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.



On Monday 25th February the NSPCC will be in school to hold a thank you assembly for the money raised through sponsored events . The total to date is **£725.80**. If you have not yet sent in the sponsor money can you please ensure it comes into school on

Monday 25th February.



Diary dates to note	
Mon 25 th Feb	School re-opens
Mon 25 th Feb	• Beech Year 5 visit to the Royal Armouries Leeds
Thurs 28 th Feb	• Reconciliation classes for Year 3 pupils & parents session 3 4:30pm in school
Fri 1 st March	• Beech Year 5 at Parish Mass 9:30am
	• Pizza Party for Willow Class Year 1
Wed 6 th March	• Ash Wednesday Whole School in Church 9:30am Please join us if possible
Thurs 7 th March	• <i>World Book Day - Dress as your favourite character</i>
Thurs 7 th March	• Reconciliation final preparation 4:30 -5:30pm in school
Fri 8 th March	• PTFA Recreational Bring & Buy Books, DVD's and Games
Fri 8 th March	• Year 5 & 6 Football Match RVHS
Sat 9 th March	• Sacrament of Reconciliation for our Year 3 candidates 2pm St Bernard's Church Halifax
Sat 16 th March	• Saturday Morning Forest School

Mrs Sue McManamin and all the Staff.

Have a great half term break everybody.

