



ALL THE NEWS FROM SACRED HEART



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What a wonderful month of November we have had at school! As we approach the bustling month of December, it is important to pause and reflect on the wonderful accomplishments we have celebrated together as a school community. November is traditionally a time of reflection and remembrance, allowing us to honour those members of our school community who have gone before us, yet continue to guide us every day.

God Bless.

Alan James



During November we celebrated interfaith week where the children studied Islam as part of their RE curriculum. We were lucky enough to have a visit from Molana Owais ('Molana' is a title just as we call a priest 'Father'). Molana Owais explained to the children many aspects of the Islamic religion which they then used in their RE lessons.



ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 2024

11th -17th November

Our wonderful Anti Bullying Champions here at Sacred Heart arranged Odd Sock Day on the 11th November. This coincided with a national Anti-Bullying week and the children were invited to wear odd socks to support this initiative. Wearing odd socks demonstrates our pledge to celebrate differences and encourage kindness at Sacred Heart. The theme of 'Choose Respect' is to empower children to do something positive to counter the harm and hurt that bullying causes. It was a very successful week with lots of informative activities carried out in classrooms.





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Eco News

Our eco initiatives are in full swing! Recently, **Jasmine Walker, Project Officer for the Sustainable Schools Team with Leicester City Council**, visited our Eco Team. She completed an environmental re- view with the Eco Champions and generously provided us with litter-picking equipment on loan, which will help our team make an even bigger impact.



- Photos Included: Litter Picking pose October 2024 and Photos of Jasmina from Leicester City Council working with Eco Champions.

We have ongoing litter-picking opportunities – if your child would like to join the Litter Picking Team, please sign up on the sheet outside Silver Birch Class. The **Eco Club** runs on **Tuesdays from 12:30 PM to 12:50 PM**, and we also have **Energy Rangers** who help by ensuring classroom lights are off to save energy. If your child would like to be an **Energy Ranger**, please sign up on the sheet outside Silver Birch Class.

Energy Rangers

Our school's **Eco Champions** and **Energy Rangers** are keeping an eye on saving energy and reducing CO2 by ensuring all electrical equipment—interactive boards, laptops and lights—is turned off when not in use, especially when a room is empty. The team will conduct a daily **Energy Check**, scoring each class on their energy efficiency, with a maximum of 4 points awarded if all equipment is switched off.

Energy Efficiency Scoring:

- **1 point** if all lights are off when the room is empty, or partially off if someone is working.
- **1 point** if the interactive board is off.
- **1 point** if the laptop is off.
- **0 points** if lights are left on when the room is empty.

Each day, Year Group Eco Champions and Energy Rangers will check their year group classrooms to monitor energy use. Let's work together to **SAVE OUR WORLD!** ☺

Bonfire Night School Dinner

A huge thank you to Sharon and the culinary staff for the fantastic school dinner on Bonfire Night. The dinner received a huge 10/10 rating from the kids, who loved it. We are also grateful to the School Councillors who helped promote the event.

Look out for further themed meals that will be take place during the academic year!!!!





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Remembrance Day Liturgy

Oak Class had the honour of leading the school in a respectful and reflective Remembrance Day collective worship. During this poignant gathering, we were all reminded of the sacrifices made by countless individuals for our safety and freedom. Through their prayers and readings, we reflected on the importance of remembering these sacrifices, ensuring that they are never forgotten. We were reminded in Oak class that at times of disagreement, it is crucial to look for ways to understand and encourage one another. More importantly, we must remember how Jesus calls us to remember so that we can move on with compassion and love, healing from previous wounds.



Wraparound Care Survey:

Thank you very much to the parents who replied to the Wraparound Care survey that was sent out in September. The response for a paid after school service was very low and therefore not feasible to run here at Sacred Heart. However, we have been in touch with a nearby nursery, Kiddisafe (Coleman Nursery), who do run an afterschool provision. They also have a nursery vehicle so they can pick up from Sacred Heart and bring the children to their setting; which is fantastic.

Currently they have a transport fee of £6.50 followed by an hourly session rate of approx £5.00. They are open until 6pm and children can be collected from Sacred Heart just after the school day finishes at 3:15pm.

If you have an expression of interest in using Kiddie Safe's facility, please contact our school office so we can liaise directly with Kiddisafe and give them an approximation of those who may want to avail of their provision.



Kiddisafe:

Our Vision is for all children to have access to expert educators and enriched environments that give them the best start to life.

We care for:

- Children 7 months to 5 year
- Holiday clubs for children up to 12 years
- School pick up and drop off service
- Parent Partnership: Stay and plays, educational workshops and more
- Eat better, Start Better accredited: Fresh healthy meals prepared daily
- Qualified professional staff.

If you need to contact them directly, please do so on the following:

Kiddisafe Coleman Nursery: 0116 276 2422

Open 7:45am – 6pm.



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Christmas Capers at Sacred Heart

December is going to be a hive of activities! Between Christmas plays, carols, raffles, discos, mass, Christmas dinner...the list goes on and on!!

Below is just a reminder of what is happening and when.



- **Christmas Jumper Day**

Our annual Christmas jumper day is set to happen on **Wednesday 18th December**. We encourage everyone to wear their silliest, most Christmassy jumper to spread the fun and joy this holiday season. In support of a worthy cause, we kindly request a **£1 donation**. All money should be handed in to your child's class teacher which will then be donated to charity.

- **Christmas Disco**

Discos are here again! Get ready for some festive fun on the dancefloor.

- **The Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and 2) Christmas Disco on Tuesday 17th December.**

- **The Key Stage 2 (Year 3, 4, 5 and 6) Christmas Disco on Thursday 19th December.**

These events will be non-uniform, so please come dressed in your finest attire – think glad rags, glitterballs, fancy shirts, and dancing shoes!

We kindly ask for a **£1 donation**, which can be handed in to your child's class teacher on the day of their disco. During the discos, our dedicated **Disco Divas** have arranged numerous Christmassy surprises for everyone to enjoy.



- **Christmas Raffle (To be held in school on Friday 20th December)**

You will notice our wonderful staff members selling raffle tickets for our annual **"CRAZY CHRISTMAS RAFFLE"**. Prizes have started to arrive at school (donated by staff at Sacred Heart) and there are LOTS of very exciting prizes up for grabs this year!! **Be in it to WIN IT!!!!**

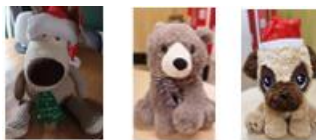
Tickets are priced at **10p each**

OR **50p for a strip**.



In addition to the raffle, we have an exciting competition called **"Guess the Christmas Teddy"**. Guess the name of a beautiful, big teddy bear for a chance to win it and give it a home of its own!! There is a teddy for EYFS, KS1 and KS2 to be won! Name to be revealed on Friday 20th December!

20p a guess.



- Guess the correct weight of the Jelly Bean Jar and WIN IT!! **10p a guess**

Dates for the diary:

EYFS: Tuesday 3rd December at 10am and Thursday 5th December at 10am

Whole School Mass at church: Tuesday 10th December 10am

KS1: Tuesday 10th December at 10am and Wednesday 11th December at 5.00pm

KS1 Christmas Disco: Tuesday 17th December

Christmas Jumper/Christmas Dinner Day: Wednesday 18th December

KS2 Christmas Disco: Thursday 19th December

Christmas Raffle: Friday 20th December

****School closes for Christmas Friday 20th December at 1:30pm ****