



Newsletter 14 December 2018

Christmas really is getting closer- and that's got nothing to do with all the fabulous jumpers on display today! We had a wonderful Christmas dinner on Wednesday (thanks to Marisa and her wonderful team for all their hard work) and today, Year 2 told us the Christmas Story with a 5 star Trip Advisor rating.

We still have Year 4's play next week and the Year 5 Carol Service, so there is still time to join us in celebrating Christ's Birthday.

Next Week at Sacred Heart

Tuesday 18 December	Y4 Play 9.30am
Wednesday 19 December	Christmas Maths Workshop for FS & KS1 Y5 Carol Concert at St Mary Magdalen's 6pm
Thursday 20 December	FS & KS1 party (non-uniform day)
Friday 21 December	KS2 party (non-uniform day) Early Finish for all children (see below)

Have you remembered to pre-order your child/children's lunch for next week?

Matchattak cards

We have had some issues around these cards recently, so in order to preserve the peace, please do NOT bring them into school.

Term Dates 2019/20

2019/20 term dates have been added to the website.

Dates For Your Diary

Friday 14th December - Year 4 Cake Sale
Thursday 20 December - Parents' Christmas Party at Totteridge Millhillians Cricket Club
Monday 7 January 2019 - SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF DEVELOPMENT
Tuesday 8 January 2019 - Children return to school
Thursday 24th January 2019 - Bags2School Collection (see below for more details)

Top Table Stars

The 'A' side top table stars on Wednesday 12 December were: Shona & Harshiv, Zara & Ruby, Martha & Thior, James & Niamh, Isabella & Grace, Matilda & Frederica. Congratulations to all our 'Top Table Stars' and thank you for keeping our Golden Rules and showing kindness to your friends.

St Michaels

You are invited to give your views on the consultation of our admissions policy 20-21 and associated

END OF TERM ABSENCES

Following recent guidelines issued from the borough, we have been asked to advise parents about absences at the end of this term and the beginning of the next term in January. A planned absence needs to be requested in writing in advance and will be considered for authorisation by Mrs McMahon. If a parent reports their child sick at the end of Christmas term or the beginning of the Spring term and there is evidence to suggest the claim is false, this will be investigated. This has happened in the past and parents who have falsely reported their child sick for a period of time have been issued with fixed penalty notices. Parents are required to provide schools with evidence regarding flight changes or delays if this is a reason for absence. The guidelines read "**Parents should be advised that they may be liable to a penalty notice if they do not provide evidence to validate their child's absence**". Our school has an exemplary attendance record in borough, one that our children, parents and staff are and should be very proud of. The benefits of excellent attendance are widely spoken about and celebrated at school. This can only be maintained with the support of our parents.

Early Finish Last Day of Term

We break for the end of term on Friday 21 December 2018. It is traditional for us to finish slightly early on the last day before the Christmas break. The Infants will finish at 1.45 pm and the Juniors at 2.00 pm.

Please complete the slip below or e-mail admin@sacredheart.barnetmail.net giving permission for your child to be collected, **indicating who will collect him / her**. All children **must** be collected by an adult. Please let us know by **Monday 17 December 2018**.

The completed slips should be returned to the class teacher, **NOT** the school office as your child's teacher will be dismissing the children.

"

Early Finish - Friday 21 December 2018

Please return to your child's class teacher **NOT** the school office. Alternatively, please e-mail admin@sacredheart.barnetmail.net. *Thank you*

My child: in class:
will be collected by: on the last day of term.

Signature:

Admission to Reception (FS) 2019/2020

Application packs have been sent home to those families who completed our Register of Interest Form (for children born between 1 Sept 2014 and 31 August 2015) . Please return your SIF and documentation to the school office by **21 December 2018**. Thank you

After School Club

We are now taking bookings for the 1st half of the Spring Term 2019 and have opened this up to children in Foundation Stage now.

Bookings must be made using WISEPAY.

The session times are from 15:15-16:30 and 16:30-18:00 costing £5 for each. If you require a full session 15:15-18:00 the cost will be £10.

In order to book:

Log on to **WISEPAY** please click on the Breakfast/After School Club's option.

Scroll down and select the appropriate month and dates required.

Bookings must be made for each session by:

Clicking on the 15.15 - 16:30 option for the first session, or for the second session only the 16:30-18:00 button.

Please note: For a full session 3.15 - 6pm you must select both session times for that day.

IF YOU ARE PAYING BY CHILDCARE VOUCHERS PLEASE TICK THIS OPTION IN THE PAYMENT AREA
If you are late in collecting your child at the end of the session ie after 6pm a penalty charge will be incurred:

"£10 for up to 15mins late and £20 after this time"

Please note -any changes to existing bookings have to be completed by the administrator so please only book the sessions that you need.

Parents' Association

Christmas Ho Ho Ho

We are very very pleased to announce that the Christmas Ho Ho Ho raised an incredible £11,641.30 (plus £130 from last Friday's stalls). Thank you again to all of you who contributed and supported the event. As you saw in yesterday's letter from the Chair of Governors, our school continues to face many financial challenges so your unwavering support for our fundraising initiatives for the benefit of all our children is very much needed and appreciated.

Year 4 Cake Sale

Don't forget Year 4 parents will be hosting the cake sale today so please bring along cash to buy some sweet treats.

2019 Initiatives

We will be holding a Parents Association meeting on **Wednesday 16th January 2019** from 8pm in the Griffin on Whetstone High Street. All are welcome and topics to be discussed will include a review of the Christmas Ho Ho Ho and 2019 fundraising initiatives.

One initiative already for your diary is Thursday 24th January 2019 when "Bags2school" will be collecting unwanted clothes you wish to donate. These clothes are weighed and the school receives payment per kilo. In the past, this has raised £1615 for the school so hopefully we can raise more much needed funds. Clothes must be put into special "Bags2school" bags and these will be distributed in the New Year so please save your unwanted clothes (unfortunately Bags2school do not accept school uniform although these are gratefully received by us to sell to other parents)! Thank you.

200 Club

November's winners were:

1 st prize	-	Phil Powell
2 nd prize	-	Charlotte Frost
3 rd prize	-	Liz Nunn

Cheques should be ready to collect from the office from the middle of next week.

December draw will take place in January.
