



Sacred Heart School

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Fri 9 th Dec	7.30am – 5.00pm ISA Junior & Senior Cross Country Non-uniform day – Christmas colours / Christmas jumpers. £1 donation for St Martin's Housing Trust
Tues 13 th Dec	12noon Christmas Lunches followed by Christmas Parties and conjurer for the Lower School
Weds 14 th Dec	3.45pm End of Term (House Netball am)
Thurs 15 th Dec	6.00pm for 7.00pm Town Carol Concert, Volunteers required for the nativity tableau and choir
Fri 16th Dec	7.00pm – Late. Whole School Christmas Party. Family & Friends Welcome. Live Music by The Strollers and Hog Roast and vegetarian option. Adults £10, Children £5.00 in the marquee within the Sports Hall. Tickets available for sale
Thurs 5 th Jan 17	8.30am Return to school
Fri 6 th Jan	Lessons resume with Mrs Brandwood
Mon 9 th Jan	Lessons resume this week with Mrs Bygrave, Mrs Crossman, Mrs Stanghan, Mr Graham
Tues 10 th Jan	5.00pm – 7.00pm Year 10 & 11 Parents Evening
Thurs 12 th Jan	3.45pm U13 Boys Basketball Times TBA 6.30pm Marketing Meeting
Mon 16 th Jan	Tennis Resumes at regular times 7.00pm PTA Meeting in the Prep Room. All welcome
Mon 16 th – Wed 18 th Jan 17	8.30am – 3.45pm Year 6 Assessment and Scholarship Days
Tues 17 th Jan	No lessons with Mrs Crossman
Thurs 19 th Jan	3.45pm – 5.00pm U16 Netball v TGS. Home
Fri 20 th Jan	3.45pm – 6.00pm Boys (Yr 7, 8 & 9) Hockey v Glebe. Away

SCHOOL BAZAAR

The amount raised for the Christmas Bazaar was £2079.26 which is a splendid effort and a reflection of the hard work of everyone involved. Thanks to all the parents, teachers and friends who manned stalls, the café, the grotto and the BBQ. Everyone seemed to be enjoying the festive atmosphere of the Christmas Bazaar again this year. The main raffle, for the luxury hamper, was drawn at the Christmas Nativity Opera yesterday. Sincere thanks to everyone who gave so generously.

Competition Winners were:

Little Pedlars Film Competition – Grace Cushing, Henry Lomax, Mrs McKnight and Ms Wilkinson
100 square Father Christmas was won by Sam Miles

Yr7 Name the Penguin was won by Mrs Woodhouse
Yr 3 & 4 - The Christmas Cake Raffle was won by Mrs Henden

Name the Doll was won by Helen Phillips

Year 8 Red Nose – Daisy Goldsmith

Steady Hand – Lottie Pomeroy-Aldridge

Santa Assault – Keiron Marshall

Bagetelle – Cassandra Teixeira De Oliveira

The winner of the PTA Luxury Hamper was A Clifton.

2nd prize of £50 was won by Mr Lansdell and

3rd of £ 25 was won by Linda.

4th prize was Port and was won by Mrs Restall.
5th was a gift set won by Mrs Lawrence,
6th was crackers won by Mrs Cockman, and
7th; a poinsettia was won by Abigail Flannigan

When Angie met Father Christmas!



Christmas Holiday Challenge -The Door

Each pupil has been given a small wooden door to use creatively. They can be used to write a creative story, illustrated or otherwise, or some factual piece describing the doors open or closed to them.

It may be a 2D or 3D Art piece using a door. Any idea that incorporates the small wooden door will be an appropriate response to this challenge. Pupils have always used their imaginations and astounded us with their ingenuity.

The doors were all donated by the Hazel family – thank you.

Sacred Heart created a little bit of history last week as we entered an Under 14 boys' team in the West Norfolk Basketball tournament, yes that is right basketball!!! The boys have been training really hard over the past 6 weeks and they were practising every lunchtime outside on the astro-pitch. Our first match was against a strong KLA side and despite losing we had the bulk of the play and were ready to take on KES who we beat by one basket. We drew the next two matches against Nicholas Hammond and Smithdon, both games we should have won and then lost to the eventual winners Marshland 7-2, despite controlling large periods of the game. The Head Coach from Lynn Fury (National basketball team) was there and he was so impressed with our boys particularly our attitude and desire to win. Joe Reed has been asked to join their training sessions over the next few weeks. I would like to say a massive thank you to Thomas, Tom, Alex, Joe, Jack, Charlie, Mark, Nestor and Jasper for a truly outstanding performance. Some of the schools have already asked for matches in the future and we are really looking to improve further.

Jeremy Hodges

On Thursday 1st December the U14 boys went to a basketball tournament at Kings Lynn Academy. The team was: Charlie, Jack, Joe, Thomas, Alex, Mark, Tom, Jasper and Nestor. Overall we played very well only losing three of our games, winning one and drawing two. I believe it was an outstanding performance from everyone considering the fact that we haven't played much basketball at all and everyone played very well as a team. Congratulations to Joe for getting player of the tournament and thanks go to Mrs Calvert and Mr Hodges for organising such a fun and enjoyable tournament. Well done everyone!

Jack Reed Year 10

Scholarship Days for Year 6 will take place on Monday 16th – Wednesday 18th January 2017. Scholarships are available on entry to Senior School and are awarded on merit. Everyone in Year 6 will be assessed alongside external candidates and the most successful candidate will be given an academic award up to a maximum of 50%. Scholarships are not related to parents' income.

The Nativity Opera Sharma has been a wonderful whole school experience. Despite the complexity of managing a whole school performance with very few practices it has been amazing to see how everyone has pulled together to produce an outstanding opera. Under Miss Williams' amazing direction it has become a special production in many ways: pupils of all ages helping to shape the production, compose some of the music, organise the lighting and sound and work together as a team to support younger members of the cast. This Libretto has been lovingly composed by Miss Williams, who despite not feeling at all well this week has overcome her aches and pains and enthused everyone.

We are delighted that Crackit Productions, who filmed the Sisters volunteered to professionally film snippets of our Opera. This will be our website version and a full school recording should also be available for sale. Remember this is an original production.

We are very proud of all pupils and staff for their commitment. No one had to be reminded to learn their lines, this must be a welcome FIRST. This has required a great deal of commitment from Y10 and 11 who only have an Assembly music making session – the rest has been accomplished in their free time.

The 100 Square Hamper was won by Mr Wilkinson and raised £157 which will be added to the amount of £507 raised at The Advent Service. This amount will be sent to the Sister's Mission in Uganda. Thank you for your generosity.

Stamp Appeal – Sr Emilia would like to ask that any stamps that you receive on Christmas envelopes be sent in for her charity collection. Thank you.

The Churches Together Poetry competition winners were all from Sacred Heart School. They were: Rebecca Cotterill, Year 7, Sam Miles Year 7 and Mermaid Sandelson Year 11. They have been invited to read their winning entries at the Carol Concert at the Assembly Rooms on Thursday 15th December where they will be presented with a book voucher. Congratulations!

Party Day – On Tuesday 13th December the Lower School may come to school in sensible non-uniform clothes. (A coat and sensible footwear must be worn). A Christmas lunch will be followed by a special show and party. *Miss Gooderson* Seniors come in uniform and bring a change of clothes. Y11 to bring in any items for the event such as games, food etc.

IMPORTANT NOTICES:

A resident who lives in the cottage next to the front of the school called yesterday afternoon to voice her concern about parents parking half on the road and half on the pavement outside her property

She cannot see to get her children to school when trying to get out of her own drive.

Needless to say it is not only dangerous but illegal as there are double yellow lines all along Mangate Street. The resident has been told to ring the police if this happens again.

Parents have also been concerned that some parents who are dropping the children off at the front gate are endangering the lives of children who walk to school.

We have a parent gate at the back of the school, please ensure, if you are driving your children to school you use this entrance and only this entrance and that pupils are collected only from the school side of Sporle Road. **We have been advised that a child was very nearly knocked over when they ran across the road to a parent waiting in a car on the opposite side.**

We encourage all visitors, parents, pupils and staff to be extra vigilant when walking on school premises. We are fortunate to have mature trees on our grounds but the fallen leaves and damp

conditions will make the surfaces slippery at this time of year. Particular care must be taken on the ramp in the field. We are doing our best to keep it safe.

PTA School Christmas Party on Friday 16th December from 7.00pm – Please come along and enjoy an evening with family and friends in the Marque set up in the Sports Hall. It really does look very special. Tickets are still available at a cost of only £10 for adults and £5 for children. The event has been well supported by businesses in the town and there will be wonderful prizes to be won.

The ticket includes a choice of Hog Roast or a Vegetarian option and dancing to live music performed by The Strollers.

Sr Francis and staff



The Finale of the Nativity Opera