



Sacred Heart School

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Mon 9 th Jan	Lessons resume this week with Mrs Crossman, Mrs Stanghan, Mr Graham, Mrs Levy
Tues 10 th Jan	12.40pm – 3.30pm Mid Norfolk Cross Country at Neatherd 19.00pm Free School Parent Working Party – if interested to belong contact Sr Francis Year 10 & 11 Parents Evening postponed to Weds 8th Feb in order to discuss Mock Exam results
Thurs 12 th Jan	3.45pm – 6.45pm (6.00pm at Kings Lynn Academy) U13 Boys Basketball Times 6.30pm Marketing Meeting
Mon 16 th Jan	Change of date - Lessons resume with Mrs Bygrave Tennis resumes at regular times 7.00pm PTA Meeting in the Prep Room. All welcome
Mon 16 th – Wed 18 th	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
Tues 24 th Jan	3.45pm – 6.10pm U12 & U15 Netball v Springwood. Away
Thurs 26 th Jan	3.45pm – 5.30pm U14 & U16 Netball v Springwood. Home
Mon 30 th Jan	12noon – 5.00pm Year 11 GCSE History Trip to Norwich Playhouse
Tues 31 st Jan	7.30pm NarVOS meeting entitled ‘Birdtrack’
Weds 8 th Feb	5.00pm – 7.00pm Year 10 & 11 Parents Evening. Please note change of date

Sr Thomas More and the Sisters send their thanks to parents, children and staff for the many generous Christmas wishes, cards and gifts.

Lower School – As the weather gets colder it is recommended that the children wear uniform hats, scarves and gloves. We try to go outside whenever possible at break times. These should be school uniform and must be named. Thank you.

The PTA Christmas Party was a great success both financially and socially. There were 90 tickets sold which included a fair number of children from 2 – 15 years old who were very well behaved. The Sports Hall is huge and we had plenty of personal space on the evening. The organisers Mrs Dorling, Mrs Milne, Mrs Restall and Mrs Pomeroy did a sterling job with the delicious food, decorations and the amazing Auction. The total raised was over £820. They would like to repeat this event next year if we are able to have the marquee free of charge, kindly donated by Weatherill Brothers Ltd organised for us by the Polish Community. Many thanks to them and also to Peter and the Strollers Band who gave their services free as they practice in school on a regular basis. The music certainly kept the evening alive and moving. Please contact the team if you would like us to duplicate this event.

Please find Y11’s school magazine on our website. We are very proud of their efforts, particularly Cayman Evans who edited and organised this feature.

The Nativity Opera videoed by the Crackit Film Co can also be viewed on the website. It is an edited edition. We have the full version but have not been able to view it as it takes hours to download. Cayman as Media Prefect also took some video footage and photographs, but these have not been processed yet.



New Year's Freedoms from Thursday Assembly
I might be **free** if I'm enthusiastic about change and renewed efforts.

I might be **un-free** if my movement toward change is sluggish.

I might be **free** if I can focus on the next step.

I might be **un-free** if I keep getting distracted by past mistakes and struggles.

I might be **free** if I expect good outcomes.

I might be **un-free** if I notice that my attitude is negative and cynical, or fearful.

I might be **free** if I can find the time and space to make changes and step forward.

I might be **un-free** if my life is too cluttered to make room for anything new or revised.

The Holiday Challenges that I have seen so far are very creative, original and colourful. These are always proof of the pupils' ability to rise to a challenge, be self-motivated, think laterally, produce work of a high standard and share their talents with others – very impressive as usual. It would be good if they could all be displayed by 16th January and reviewed by the PTA at their meeting.

Senior School Awards / Trophies need to be returned to the office within the next two weeks. Please make sure that they have been engraved.

Mr Kevin Penney, ICT, Maths and Science Teacher will be retiring at the end of the term for health reasons. He has been a great asset to the school and although a secondary teacher by practice has taken on the role of Years 5 and 6 Form Teacher most successfully.

Mrs Kathy Laban is returning to her homeland, Australia and her family at the end of the Summer Term. She is a very talented lady and besides teaching Biology, stepped in to help with the Chemistry classes when a member of staff left with little warning. She also teaches Mathematics and has managed and encouraged the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze and Silver Award Scheme in the school. These positions will be advertised locally.

Scholarship & Assessment Days on Monday 16th – Wednesday 18th January for Year 6 pupils. Pupils will all take Maths, English, Verbal and Non Verbal Papers. There is no need for pupils or parents to worry about these tests. Pupils have sat them before and there is no revision required although a thorough knowledge of tables is always useful. If you know of anyone who is interested in sending their children to the Sacred Heart please encourage them to telephone for more information.

As there have been so many near misses with car accidents at the front of the school it has been decided that the registration numbers of any

offending vehicles will be taken and individuals contacted.

2016 – 2017 Term dates:

Spring Term:

8.30am Thurs 5th Jan 17 – 3.45pm 10th Feb 17

8.30am Mon 20th Feb – 3.45pm Fri 31st March

Summer Term:

8.30am Mon 24th April – 3.45pm Fri 26th May

8.30am Mon 5th June – 3.45pm Wed 12th July

Staff inset days: 13th & 14th July

Sam Miles in Year 7 will be taking part in the Downham Amateur Dramatic Society performance of 'Dick Whittington' 80's style, at Downham Market Town Hall from Fri 13th Jan – Sun 15th Jan with matinee and evening performances. Tickets are available from Lewks (01366 383762) or for information go to www.dadsdrama.org.uk.

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

Please send in any unwanted Christmas cards for the Art Department to use. Thank you.

The National Young Musician Competition is being promoted by Swaffham Rotary. Some forms have been issued but if you would like your child to enter a local heat, please go to www.rotarygbi.org and complete the entry form and return it to school on **Monday 9th January.**

On Sunday 8th January we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany. As in previous years, Bishop Alan has invited young people to join him for the Epiphany Candlelight Mass in Poringland followed by a barbecue, fireworks and a bonfire. Traditionally, everyone brings a wrapped-up small present (up to £5 worth), which is placed in a big basket in front of the altar. At the end of the Mass all young people are given presents from the basket to commemorate the three Wise Men's offerings to the new-born Child Jesus. The Mass starts at 5pm, so we shall be leaving by minibus from the Sacred Heart Convent at approximately 3.45pm.



Sr Francis and staff