



Sacred Heart School

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Tues 24 th Jan	12noon – 3.45pm Norfolk Cross Country at Norwich Showground. (Alice, Harriet & Connie) 2.15pm – 5.30pm Mass & 6.00pm Governors Meeting in the Prep Room 3.45pm – 6.10pm U12 & U15 Netball v Springwood. Away 7.00pm Free School Parent Committee in the Junior Common Room
Thurs 26 th Jan	6.00pm Marketing Committee meet in the Prep Room. All welcome
Fri 27 th Jan	3.45 – 6.00pm Year 7, 8 & 9 Boys Hockey v Glebe. Away
Mon 30 th Jan	12noon – 5.00pm Year 11 GCSE History Trip to Norwich Playhouse
Tues 31 st Jan	9.15am Years 5 & 6 Assembly in the Gym 3.45pm – 5.30pm U15 Netball v TGS. Home 7.30pm NarVOS meeting entitled 'Birdtrack'
Fri 3 rd Feb	8.45am – 4.30pm ISA Football Stoke College
Tues 7 th Feb	9.15am Year 3 & 4 Assembly in the Barn Theatre. Parents welcome to make refreshments beforehand 3.45pm – 6.10pm U12 Mixed Hockey at Lynnsport
Weds 8 th Feb	5.00pm – 7.00pm Year 10 & 11 Parents Evening. Please note change of date
Fri 10 th Feb	3.45pm Half Term begins
Mon 20 th Feb	8.30am Return to school

The Speech & Drama Examination results were impressive again. Congratulations to the following pupils who gained LAMDA passes:

Gold Medal: Samantha Brain

Grade 5 Pass with Distinction:

Thomas McDermott

Grade 5 Pass with Merit: Kitty Yazdian-Tehrani, Elizabeth Napper, Constance Wildbur

Grade 4 Pass with Merit:

Charlotte Napper, Alice Strafford, Emily Ringwood

Grade 3 Pass with Merit: Elizabeth Wainer,

Leanna Dorling, Daisy O'Brien, Nestor Bausbacher

Grade 1 Pass with Distinction: Sam Miles,

Rebecca Cotterill, Eliza McRann, Tara Nathan,

Lucy Brain, Grace Cushing

Grade 1 Pass with Merit: Harry McKnight,

Emilia Judges, Lea Buzhala, Oskar Harris

Stage Two Pass with Merit: Jamison Valentine,

Bethany Lansdell, Isabelle Dorling, Grace Whelan,

Isobel Clifton

Stage One Pass with Merit: Ravon Valentine,

Lauren McKnight

Stage One Pass: Gabriel Huckstep

Entry Level Pass with Distinction

Rebecca Whelan, Verity Yazdian-Tehrani

Entry Level Pass with Merit: Olivia Clifton,

Madelaine Goldsmith, Phoebe Cushing,

Keiron Marshall, Archie O'Brien

Entry Level Pass: Seth Manning

J'adore le fromage!

Pupils in Year 5 and 6 and our Year 6 Scholarship visitors enjoyed a cheese tasting session in their French lesson this week. Pupils tasted five different types of cheese from France, ranging from a mild and creamy Brie, to a garlicky Roule cheese, through to a rather strong French blue cheese. I was impressed with how many pupils were brave enough to try types of cheese that they had never sampled before and many were pleasantly surprised!

Throughout the lesson, pupils learnt an assortment of opinion phrases in French, in order to express their reactions. Pupils were not just able to say if they liked or disliked the cheese in French but were also able to justify their opinions by giving reasons why- a skill which is essential in languages, even at GCSE level. *Mrs Ahrenfelt*



Year 7s assembly this morning was on Donald Trump's inauguration.

An important part of the United States government is the right of every person over the age of 18 to vote. Voting is not only a right, but a privilege and a responsibility. Who can vote? When the US government was first formed only white men over the age of 21 were allowed to vote. This was changed over the years to include everyone regardless of race or gender. Today anyone who is a citizen and is over the age of 18 can vote. Is Voting Important? Yes. It's important that each person vote and get their voice. Even though it may seem to not make a difference as your vote is one in millions, it's important that each citizen cast their vote. This is important for democracy and for all countries that people get to have their say and place their votes. The US economy is very powerful and lots of what the President and his politicians decide will affect us and most of the world. An example of the strong links the US and the UK have is that the US have airbases on our land, like RAF Lakenheath. We trade with the US and if its economy crashed we would lose some of our imported goods. All global economies depend on each other, and the bigger they are the more influence they have on the rest of the world. The US economy is one of the biggest so it has a large effect, for example the Wall Street crash in 1929 which led to the Great Depression.

Trump Facts: *Donald John Trump was born on June 14th 1946. He is now 70 years old. He was born in the family's hospital – the Trump Hospital. He is one of 5 children.

*Trump will be the 45th President.

*His Mother is Scottish and his Father is American.

*He has 5 children.

*He is said to be worth 4.5 billion dollars.

*He owns 3 Trump Towers.



On the 19th January the U16 netball team played our first match of the term against Thetford Grammar School. The final score was 28 – 19, to them. The team played well consistently throughout and considering we had not practiced in a while this was a pleasing result. Well done to Madie who got

girl of the game. Thank you to Mrs Calvert and Miss Wookey for organising and umpiring such an enjoyable match. *Madie Hitchcock. Sports Prefect*

We were pleased to have so many Year 6 pupils joining us for the Assessment and Scholarship 3 day event. Pupils worked hard at the National NFER tests in English, Maths, Verbal and Non Verbal Reasoning. They also had fun lessons like the French cheese tasting and constructing a balloon powered vehicle from cardboard, milk bottle tops and straws. There were comments from our visitors as to the good choice of our lunches. They were a successful three days and we await the results of their tough tests.

The Door Holiday challenge was again a great success and showed great skills from the majority of pupils. The PTA were impressed by the diversity of responses when they viewed the pupil's work. Each person awarded a 1st, 2nd and 3rd ticket to pupils of their choice (except their own child). I had hoped that each class would be awarded a 1st, 2nd and 3rd but my instructions were obviously unclear and the group chose from the whole school, which meant that some children had more than one award. This was an interesting exercise and many thanks to the PTA who stayed after an already lengthy meeting. The results are as follows:

Years 1 & 2: *Sophie Restall* – 1st & 1st. *Sophie's House*

Gabriel Huckstep – 2nd & 2nd. *The Story of the Manx House*

Matilda Ahrenfelt – 2nd & 3rd. Inspired by 'A Very Noisy Night'

Oliver Bourdon 1st. *House with Lights*

Grace Whelan - 1st. *The Fairy Grotto*

Abigail Wilkinson - 3rd & 3rd. *The Log House*

Years 3 & 4: *Adrianna Norman* - 1st, 1st & 1st. *The Round Church*

Phoebe Cushing – 3rd. *Unicorn Tree*

Archie O'Brien – 1st & 2nd. *Lego House*

Sonny Harris – 2nd. *The Eco House*

Lottie Pomeroy-Aldridge – 3rd. *Looking Ahead Tree*

Years 5 & 6: *Jack Traylor* – 3rd. *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*

Lucy Brain – 1st. *The Tiled House from Barcelona*

Olivia Clifton – 2nd. *Prayer*

Elanda Cundy – 2nd, 2nd & 2nd. *The Mushroom House*

Isaac Riedlinger – 2nd. *Leyton Orient FC*

Year 7: *Daisy Goldsmith* – 2nd & 3rd. *The Castle*

Rebecca Cotterill – 3rd. *Opportunity House*

Year 9: *Lucy Skerry* – 1st. *The Wooden House*

Joseph Reed – 2nd. *A New Door, a New School*

Harriet Horton – 3rd. *Door quotations*

Year 10: *Catherine Hazel* – 1st. *The Mouse House*

Jack Reed – 3rd *Remembrance Gateway*

We were pleased that Crackit Films were able to take a professional version of our Sharma Opera. They filmed the Sisters for a pilot trailer for Channel 5. Apparently Fr Christopher Jamieson, former Abbot of Worth Abbey, where the Monastery was filmed, receives at least two phone calls a week from radio and TV companies who wish to film Sisters / nuns. He says No to these enquiries, but he was very impressed with Crackit Films and agreed to work with them. Hence our involvement with the Pilot. We have now been approached and agreed, after much soul searching, to take part in a TV series. (separate email to follow)

Little Pedlars are being creative and making collages in their workshop. They would be grateful for donations of interesting small boxes, wrapping paper, bows and rosettes, coloured pipe cleaners, pieces of card, ribbons, sequins and stickers or anything glittery. Thank you.

Napkins & Candles – Sr Danuta is collecting paper napkins and wide candles (preferably white or cream) for her half term project. If you have a spare napkin with a printed pattern on (eg. Flowers, birds etc.), it would be gratefully received. Thank you

I'm raising donations for Sacred Heart School every time I shop online through

easyfundraising.org.uk and wondered if you'd fancy joining me in a spot of feel good shopping? It's so simple to get going all you have to do is:

1. Go to <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/sacred-heart-school->

2. Sign up for free

3. Get shopping and start raising

No catches, no hidden charges and Sacred Heart School will be really grateful for your donations. It would be fantastic if you could join me and really help make a difference! *Liselle Dorling*

On Sunday 22nd January 2017 at 3pm at the Swaffham Community Centre. 'George and the Dragon' will be performed by Garlic Theatre puppet show.

Come with us to England in the Middle Ages, add a fiery dragon with an appetite for monks, knights, sheep and princesses, then a sprinkling of a simple country lad called George. Now that sounds like a recipe for fun!

We are over the moon to welcome back the award winning Garlic Theatre after their sold out show in Swaffham last year. A wonderful afternoon of puppet magic awaits. Suitable for all children & adults with a good sense of adventure and fun. Refreshments available. Enquiries: 01366 328648

Tickets £9 members, £12 non-members, Children free (max 2 per paying adult).

Kumon Maths and English Study Centres are offering a two week free trial between 1st and 28th February. If you are interested and would like more information please contact Sarah Burke on 01553 841557. Sarah previously taught Maths at the school.

Nar Valley Ornithological Society (NarVOS)
Tuesday 31st January 2017, 7.30pm in the Barn Theatre.

Please come along to this illustrated talk by Stephen McAvoy, entitled: BirdTrack
Stephen McAvoy works on BirdTrack for the BTO (British Trust for Ornithology). BirdTrack is an exciting project that looks at distribution of birds across Britain. Stephen will talk about the scheme to which anyone with an interest in birds can contribute. You can use it for your own records and for supporting conservation. Please come along and find out more. Visitors most welcome. Admission £2 on the night if you are not a NarVOS member. For more information about this meeting or NarVOS call Ian Black on 01760 724092.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: 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.

We would like to clarify that if pupils are dropped off before 8.15am then it should be at the front gate. The back gate is opened at 8.15am for the safety of the children as there is no one at that end of the school before 8.15am and we would be leaving the premises open and unattended. Pupils arriving by car after 8.15am should only be dropped off at the back gate.

The snow came to very little last week, but despite that a few cheeky Y10 pupils asked if they could go home at lunch time, knowing full well that was not going to happen! Please remember that the school will, as always remain open if another flurry of snow should appear. We are very willing to provide a 'child sitting' service for those who can safely bring their children to school. No one should attempt to travel if the roads are dangerous. The minibuses will not run if there is any doubt about safety on the roads. Please bring

wellingtons / boots for outdoor wear and shoes for inside in snowy weather.

We have had a complaint from the Business Manager at Manor Farm Medical Centre that parents are parking there to take their children to and from school. Parking is very limited for this busy surgery and spaces are required for their patients.

They are taking registration number and are considering clamping cars. Please park in town or at the back of the school to drop off and pick up your children.

Head-lice in Lower School – We are aware of an outbreak of head-lice and ask that you check your child's hair thoroughly and treat accordingly. Tea tree oil and conditioner are common treatments.
Thank you

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

2017 – 18 Term dates:

Autumn Term:

8.30am Wed 6th Sept 17 – 3.45pm Wed 18th Oct 17

8.30am Mon 30th Oct 17 – 3.45pm Thurs 14th Dec 17

Spring Term:

8.30am Thurs 4th Jan 18 – 3.45pm Fri 9th Feb 18

8.30am Mon 19th Feb – 3.45pm Fri 23rd March 18

Summer Term:

8.30am Tues 17th April 18 – 3.45pm Fri 25th May 18

8.30am Mon 4th June 18 – 3.45pm Thur 12th July 18

Staff inset days: 4th & 5th Sept 2017, 15th Dec 2017, 16th April 2018, 13th July 2018

Sr Francis and staff