



Sacred Heart School

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Friends of Sacred Heart School

Fri 30 th June – Sun 2 nd July (Bronze) or Mon 3 rd July (Silver)	3.45pm Friday depart for Duke of Edinburgh Yr 9 Bronze Expedition, 5.00pm Sunday return 3.45pm Friday depart for Duke of Edinburgh Yr 10 Silver Expedition, 2.30pm Monday return
Mon 3 rd July	7.00pm PTA Meeting Prep Room
Tue 4 th July	7.00pm – 8.30pm Years 9 & 10 Shakespeare Performance in the Barn Theatre – Much Ado about Nothing. Tickets £3 in aid of the Drama Department. Please come and support the pupils' efforts. Please send in money for the required number of tickets.
Weds 5 th July	9.00am – 3.00pm Little Pedlars – Year 4 trip to Bewilderwood
Thurs 6 th July	5.45pm arrival for 6.00pm Dance Show in the Barn Theatre. Dancers to come dressed in dance wear and hair ready. Please come and see if your child would like to join the group.
Fri 7 th July	1.15pm Lower School Sports followed by Prizegiving, 3.45pm Splash Evening - £3 entry for swimming and buy BBQ and other refreshments. Adults bring own alcoholic drink and glasses
Mon 10 th July	House Swimming – Years 3 – 10 Parents and visitors welcome
Tues 11 th July	House Sports – Years 3 – 10 Parents and visitors welcome
Weds 12 th July	House Rounders and end of term Assembly 3.45pm End of Term
Weds 6 th Sept	8.40am Return to school – Walsingham Pilgrimage Years 3 – 11 Bring a packed lunch

Well done to the following pupils who have reached Star Award milestones:

Turquoise (75): Ryan Duarte, Isobel Clifton, Bethany Lansdell, Abigail Wilkinson, Leo Williams

Well done to the following pupils who have reached Service Award milestones:

Bronze (25): Aurelia Eburne, Sam De Souza Silva Sam Miles. Silver (50): Kitty Yazdian-Tehrani, Lucy Skerry, Daisy Goldsmith. Turquoise (75): Nestor Bausbacher, Daisy O'Brien, Daisy Goldsmith, Aurelia Eburne. Gold (100): Aurelia Eburne, Hannah Turner, Daisy O'Brien, Charlotte Napper. Sapphire (125): Leanna Dorling, Charlotte Napper. Emerald (150): Emily Cox, Leanna Dorling, Lily Wainer, Charlotte Napper. Ruby (175): Charlotte Napper

Well done to the following pupils who have reached House Point milestones:

Bronze (25): Charlie Spurling,, Sam De Souza Silva Kitty Yazdian-Tehran. Turquoise (75): Aurelia Eburne. Gold (100) Aurelia Eburne, Sam Miles, Charlotte Napper, Jasper Hunt, Alex Grapes, Oskar Harris, Daisy O'Brien. Sapphire (125): Daisy O'Brien. Alice Strafford, Daisy Goldsmith, Hannah Turner. Ruby (175): Charlotte Napper, Daisy Goldsmith. Platinum (200): Lily Wainer. Rhodium (225): Lily Wainer

A Taste of the French Trip



Our trip to France is now sadly over but the memories will be with us for a long time!

It has been an action-packed week for everyone involved and lots of fun from start to finish. Every day was filled with various activities, including visits to a large aquarium, a snail farm, a goat farm, a traditional sweet shop and a bakery, where pupils learnt how to roll croissants. Between these visits, we also managed to squeeze in some time for picnics and games on the beach, sand dune racing and of course a onesie party! A particular highlight of mine was visiting the French primary school where pupils met their pen pals. It was so lovely to see how after the initial nerves when pupils were introduced to one another, language was not a

barrier and British and French pupils were soon playing games and having fun together in the playground! I was so impressed with the behaviour of the pupils at all times and it was an absolute pleasure to spend time with them all. Many thanks to Mrs Calvert, Mrs Henden and Mr Murphy for all their help and support during the week. I think pupils and staff are all looking forward to catching up on some much-needed sleep over the weekend! Only 103 weeks to go until the next visit so Years 3,4,5 and 6 can start counting down... But what colour should we choose for the hoodie next time...?!
Mrs Ahrenfelt



Life at the Sacred Heart while the French Trip takes place. Year 8, 9 and 10 have been concentrating on practising for their Shakespearian play, Much Ado about Nothing. Years 3- 7 have been exploring the local area and recording their experiences. LP – Year 2 have enjoyed the extra time in the swimming pool with Miss Wookey and Mrs Allen.

Holkham Beach

On Tuesday the 27th of June Years 3 to 7 went on a trip to Holkham beach. The beach at Holkham is one of the most unspoilt and beautiful stretches of sand in the country. Behind the shore line lies a semi-circular basin, which, at very high tides rapidly fills to form a spectacular shallow lagoon Holkham beach is also part of one of the largest national nature reserves in the country. It is managed by natural England in partnership with Holkham estate and is home to many rare species of flora and fauna. When we arrived we started to walk from Wells car park to Holkham although it was a 5 mile walk we were rewarded with a beautiful view. We walked bare footed in the sand, dunes and met a lady on a handsome looking horse, who is called Robbin. We had lunch and then played in the water and went to the woods. We then arrived at the car park and had

ice cream we were able to pick which one we wanted and most people had a 99 with a flake it was delicious.



Oxburgh Hall



On Wednesday the 28th of June Years 3 - 7 went on a trip to Oxburgh Hall. It is a moated country house in Oxborough. It was built in around 1482 by Sir Edmund Bedingfeld. It has always been a family home. We split into two groups; one group went off to make seal stamps out of clay. The other group had a tour around the manor house. We then went to the chapel and sang a hymn and said a prayer. In the King's room there was a priest hole that was very cramped. The priests would hide there because they were being persecuted. The two groups then swapped and by the time they finished it was lunch time. After lunch we played chess and croquet on the grounds. Overall our trip was a lot of fun and

thanks a lot to Mrs Wilson for organising such an enjoyable day. Sam De Souza Silva Year 7

The Year 9 & 10 Performance of 'Much Ado about Nothing' – Tickets will be available to purchase from the office on a first come first served basis at a cost of £3. Please make payments on Monday

Yarn Bomb Holiday Challenge – must be in school on Monday for collection by Green Britain Centre.

Little Pedlars Plea – Please send us any unwanted stationery and any small, medium or large, neutral coloured baskets or wicker baskets.

ALL Dancers to attend Miss Helen's Tuesday Lunchtime dance lesson to practise for the Performance Evening on Thursday 6th July. The after school lesson will still take place. Also, please arrive on the evening of the performance at 5.45pm dressed in your dance wear and with your hair ready, as discussed with Miss Helen. Thank you

Summer School 2017 – We are hoping to run the Summer School again this year. The week we are thinking of is 31st July – 4th August. The cost will be £35.00 per day, per child with a 10% discount for siblings. If you are interested, please confirm the name(s) of the child(ren) attending, your chosen days and the payment due. Payment must be made in advance by 12th July. Thank you. *Miss Wookey*

There is nothing much to report on the Free School as the DfE does not require the Application to be submitted until September and according to our Consultant they may change the criteria for this next wave. This is very disappointing and may jeopardise a Sept 2018 opening as a Free School. It is a difficult political climate at the moment so we cannot obtain any further information.

The numbers are growing quickly and will probably exceed 150 by September 2017. This is a 50% increase in pupil numbers over the last year. Some people are indeed joining to gain a place in the Free School but others have chosen this school regardless of the fact that education will be free in the future. We have been very heartened to hear good reports of children's behaviour, high standards and aspirations from staff and a culture of positivity and an ethos that is palpable.

There have been some parents who have worried about the school's special ethos being diluted. We

all continue to actively work towards our high standards of work, play and enthusiasm and tackle any problems immediately. We rely on parents upholding our values and it is soon apparent if some people feel restricted by our boundaries and standards and after a taster day seek a different approach in another school. The system is almost self-selecting. We are proud of all our pupils and the way that they support one another and give such a good example. Minor infringements are rare.

There have been reports that some new parents are not paying any fees. This has to be vehemently refuted. Every effort has to be made to keep the school economically viable. Any parent may seek help through filling in a Bursary Form and revealing their financial situation. This is not a task many people relish and those who gain assistance must promise to give back in kind. There is also a confidentiality clause which means that the bursary can become null and void if it is revealed.

We are actively seeking external funding from two sources in case the opening of the Free School is delayed until September 2019. The Sisters put their trust in the power of prayer and the fact that a Catholic School is required in this part of the Diocese of East Anglia.

Thank you to the many parents who have encouraged friends and neighbours to bring their children to the school that we all love. May you be rewarded for your continued help in keeping our very special school alive and well.

Please do not forget to show your appreciation in the usual way for those members of staff who are leaving at the end of the term. The office will willingly relieve you of your donations. Mrs Leader, Year 3 and 4 teacher who as an experienced career lady but new to education, has done a sterling job with Year 3 and 4 class. Mrs Laban who has brought her distinctive kind of Australian education and logic to our school and Miss Gooderson who will be completing 41 years of teaching at this school and whose wealth of knowledge is phenomenal. We will miss them all but look forward to those who will walk in their footsteps.

Mrs Lorraine Copeman who gave so much voluntary time to Years 1 and 2 left in a hurry to move to West Yorkshire after a fight that she won against cancer. We do wish her a happy 2nd retirement or is it a 3rd. She moved in such a hurry (exchange of houses) that she was not even able to come in and say goodbye to everyone. She was an unassuming lady of extraordinary talents and loved by all the children.

Annual Pupil Permission Form and Medical Review Reminder:

Please complete and return the **Pupil Permission & Medical Review Form** as soon as possible. If there have been no new immunisations in the last year and you have previously provided dates, noting that section form, 'as before' in that section will be acceptable. Thank you.

The latest, and possibly last, tally of Sainsbury vouchers is 3251. Please send in any that you find in the bottom of shopping bags to increase the final total!

Volunteers to Cover Hymn Books needed – If you are able to spare some time to help with the task of covering our hymn books, please let the office know.

**Learning Support
Vacancy from September 2017**

Little Pedlars Early Years Unit require a suitably qualified Level 3 Learning Support to start from September 2017

Please contact the office if you or anyone that you know requires an application form

URGENT – Lower School

Please ensure all children are protected by **sun cream, can be applied before school and have school hats at school at all times.** There is little shade on our field. Miss Gooderson

All Parents and Carers

Please do not park in the school car park when picking up or dropping off children. Part time staff arriving for meetings after school are unable to park. Thank you for your consideration.

School Computers

The PTA and Peter Young have discussed the replacement of at least 55 computers throughout the school. These have been sourced and the brand selected is a Hewlett Packard i5 with a 250 gb HD, 8 gb ram, DVD drive and run Windows 10. These units cost £186 inc and have a two year warranty. Are there any comments?

Sr Francis and staff