



Sacred Heart School

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Friends of Sacred Heart School

Fri 1 st Dec	Swaffham Light Switch On, pupils performing 3.30pm - 4pm at the Buttercross 4.30pm – 6.30pm The Christmas Bazaar in the Sports Hall
Mon 4 th Dec	7.00pm PTA Meeting in the Prep Room
Weds 6 th Dec	4.15pm Parent Meeting about the Ardeche Trip in the Barn Theatre
Thurs 7 th Dec	2.30pm Lower School ‘Retelling of the Christmas Story’ – for all LS Parents – not to be missed. 7.00pm Preparation for Christmas Service in the RC Church – all welcome 4.00pm – 6.30pm U14 Boys Basketball Tournament at KLA. Return to SHS at 6.30pm
Fri 8 th Dec	In school time – Reception, Year 1 & 2 to Norwich Playhouse to see ‘The Tiger Who Came to Tea.’
Mon 11 th Dec	6.00pm Senior School Christmas Concert in the gym
Tues 12 th Dec	Am - House Netball (Closed event) & Pm - Parties in the afternoon 4.00pm – 6.30pm U14 Girls Basketball Tournament at KLA. Return to SHS at 6.30pm
Weds 13 th Dec	Christmas lunch for staff and pupils 7.00pm Town Carol Concert – children’s tableau, volunteers required
Thurs 14 th Dec	3.45pm End of Term 4.00pm – 6.30pm U13 Boys Basketball Tournament at KLA. Return to SHS at 6.30pm
Sat 16 th Dec	7.00pm Dress Up for a Christmas Themed PTA Party in the Sports Hall with The Strollers
Thurs 4 th Jan 2018	8.30am Return to school
Mon 8 th Jan 2018	4.00pm – 4.50pm Lower School Tennis recommences. 5.00pm – 5.50pm Senior School Tennis recommences. Come along and have a try.
Mon 15 th – Wed 17 th Jan	Year 6 Scholarship Assessment Days
Wed 24 th Jan	2.15pm – 3.00pm U9 & 3.00pm – 3.45pm U11 Football v Glebe at Home

Preparations are well under way for the Christmas Bazaar this afternoon.



Thank you for all the bottles, gifts and raffle prizes for the Bazaar. This year everyone has been very generous so we expect a good turnout and result.



A Christmas CD has been professionally produced by Emily Ringwood in Year 11 at the Ashwood Music studios. Everyone heard her lovely voice in Assembly when we played the Magnificat tract.

You will hear all 7 songs / carols at the Bazaar. The twenty CD’s that she has produced will be on sale at £10 each after the Bazaar and as Performing Arts Prefect are in aid of the Drama Department She is

selling these on a first come basis if money is sent to the office on Monday unless you have managed to obtain one from Emily at the Bazaar.

The school form photographs will be displayed at the Bazaar. The photographers have captured happy groups of children. It was also noticeable how smart the uniform looked on these photos. We know it is expensive but pupils look exceedingly well turned out and you should be very proud of how well-groomed they are.

It highlighted an area that needs some thought – pupils need tights or over the knees navy socks and fine stockings are not suitable.

On Tuesday the 28th of November the under 16 hockey team played a match against Hammonds. We won 4-0, well done to Lucy for getting girl of the game and thank you to Mrs Calvert and Miss Wookey for organising, umpiring and supporting us on such a successful game.

On Wednesday the 29th November the U12 netball team played a match against Thetford Grammar. We won 18-4, well done to Demi for getting girl of the game and thank you to Mrs Calvert and Miss Wookey for organising and umpiring such a successful game.

On the 29th of November the under 13 netball team played a match against Thetford Grammar. Well done to Daisy goldsmith for getting girl of the game and thank you to Mrs Calvert and Miss Wookey for organising and umpiring such an enjoyable game. *Connie Wildbur Sports Prefect*

Dance Exams – Miss Helen is extremely proud of her pupils who were all awarded highly commended. (marks to follow). The examiner was very impressed with the standard and courtesy of the pupils.

‘Retelling of the Christmas Story’ Thursday 7th December. It has been decided to hold the Lower School ‘Retelling of the Christmas Story’ in the Barn Theatre in order that all parents have a good view. There are limited places and we therefore need to issue tickets on a first come basis. We will issue numbered tickets to each family and initially would like to offer 2 tickets per family. This will mean that not all parents will have the opportunity to participate in this event, therefore we would like to offer the dress rehearsal in the morning as an alternative. Please complete the ticket request on the email sent home yesterday or confirm to the office your preference. This is a charity event in aid of St Martin’s Housing Trust and the Wheely Big Appeal, Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Kings Lynn. Please return by Tuesday 5th December at the latest to secure your seat. Thank you.

The Head Girl’s Speech for Prizegiving 2017

‘Good evening, parents, staff, pupils and guests. I would like to begin by thanking our guest speaker Dame Stella Rimington for taking the time to join us this evening.

I am very fortunate and proud to have the opportunity to be a part of this celebration of the fantastic achievements made by our pupils last year. Although the best award for hard work is our own personal sense of accomplishment, it is always hugely encouraging to have those successes publicly celebrated.

I joined Sacred Heart School four years ago but from the very first day I could not help but be impressed by the way in which pupils and staff alike treated each other; by their mutual respect, enthusiasm and understanding. These attitudes certainly made me feel both valued and an important part of our school family. All the teachers ensure that we achieve the best of which we are capable. The one-to-one teaching opportunities that come with smaller class sizes at Sacred Heart help every pupil succeed in a way that is unique to them, and the commitment of the staff is second to none. When I first joined I had no self-confidence. I don’t think I ever dreamed that I would be standing here, speaking to you as Head Girl, and I was so painfully shy that I don’t think I would have wanted to. I owe all of this to Sacred Heart.

In our school you are given so many fantastic opportunities, and you are encouraged to seize them, even if it pushes you completely out of your comfort zone. All of the awards presented today started as someone simply taking part, then practising and working hard in order to succeed.

However, it is impossible to mention all of the school’s achievements in the space of one evening. There are always those personal goals that are just as important as the GCSE results you receive at the end of your time here. Whether it is performing in a play, competing in House events or surviving Duke of Edinburgh, it is important to be reminded of these goals and to be proud of them.

Pupils also have the opportunity to go on exciting trips, both locally and internationally, to places like Northern France, Italy and, later this year, Ardeche. Sacred Heart makes going to school an experience worth holding on to. It is evident today that this school helps you develop academically, but it also succeeds in creating well-rounded, caring, and passionate young people. I believe this is a real testament to the dedication of our teachers and staff, as well as the commitment and hard work of all the students.

Over the past three years I have had far more fun than I thought I could whilst at school, I have learned and experienced so many more things that I

do not think could have occurred in another environment and have made friends whom I will remember forever.

I wish all the students of Sacred Heart School, both past and present the very best wishes.

Thank you all, once again for joining us tonight. I hope that you have enjoyed the evening.'

Please complete the PTA Christmas Party Flyer that was sent home at the beginning of the week to confirm whether you are able to attend.

PTA Christmas Party in the Sports Hall with music from 'The Strollers' – Dressing up with a Christmas theme is encouraged; please come along and enjoy this evening with music through the ages. Tickets cost £10 for adults and £5 for children or £25 for a family ticket (2 adults & 2 children). This includes a buffet so please let us know of any specific dietary requirements when booking tickets. We are very fortunate that the Polish Community are providing a marquee interior to the Sports Hall complete with a carpeted floor and dance area. **This is a whole school fun evening and we need to have everyone's support to raise funds for the ICT and HE Departments, for some more playground equipment and for All-in –one suits for Little Pedlars in the woods.**

Tennis Club – After Christmas the after school tennis club will be run by Mr Hodges as Ashley will be taking up his new role at KES. We are looking to increase the numbers attending so that we can compete in tournaments during the summer months at all ages. The club takes place on Mondays and the

times are as follows: 4.00 - 4.50 for the lower school Years 2- 6 and 5.00 - 5.50 for the senior school Years 7-11. The cost is £47.50 for a 10 week term and throughout the course the children will learn lots of new skills and be ready to play matches and compete if they wish to. If anyone would like to come along for a Taster session, just turn up and join in, hopefully you will enjoy it so much you will want to continue. I look forward to seeing all the players after Christmas. Lessons start back on Monday 8th January 2018. *Mr Jeremy Hodges*

PARKING WARNING

It is deeply concerning when members of the public contact us and our neighbours tell us about verbal abuse received when asking parents not to block the entrance to their property.

We have been advised that illegal parking on the double yellow lines at the front of the school will be reported to the police in the future.

We regularly request that there is no parking at the front at the busiest times and that parents are courteous to our neighbours and drive and park safely.

Blue Badge Parking Rules – we researched the documentation on Blue Badge Parking and it clearly states that holders should not park where it would endanger, inconvenience or obstruct pedestrians or other roads users. This includes school entrances or where it would make it difficult for others to see clearly.

Sr Francis and Staff

*Sacred Heart
School*

*In the
Sportshall*

7pm til 10pm

*with
Live music from
The Strollers
&
Buffet
Available*

*Tickets
Available at Reception*

*Family of 4
£25*

*Adults
£10*

*Children 3-16
£5*

*Under 3's
Free*

Christmas Party

Saturday 16th December