



Sacred Heart School

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Fri 25 th May	3.45pm Half Term Begins. Duke of Edinburgh Silver Expedition HALF TERM
Sat 2 nd June	Bach's B Minor Mass, as part of the choir at Norwich Cathedral
Mon 4 th June	8.30am Return to school 7.00pm PTA Meeting in the Prep Room
Tues 5 th June	3.30pm – 5.30 U15 Rounders v TGS. Away
Thursday 7 th June	Sisters, staff and pupils to 150 th Daughters of Divine Charity Celebrations in Vienna Pm Sr Francis, Renata and Michaela to Lambeth Palace for Faith Award Nomination 3.45pm – 5.30pm U13 & U15 Rounders v TGS. Away
Friday 8 th June	9.00am Feast of the Sacred Heart Mass in the gym All welcome
Sunday 10 th June	3.00pm Cancer Research UK All Women Orchestra & Choir at St Andrew's Hall, Norwich. Tickets ticketsource.co.uk/women £10 & £13
Tues 12 th June	10.00am – 12 noon Reception Taster Morning
Wed 13 th June	1.30pm – 5.00pm U11 Boys Kwik Cricket v Glebe School. Away
Sat 16 th June	10.00am – 12 noon Open Morning Volunteer helpers required, please let the office know if you are available for this service and also for the Garden Fete 12 noon – 2.00pm
Sun 17 th June	12 noon – 5.30pm Swaffham & Litcham Home Hospice 'Relay Together' Swaffham Rugby Club
Mon 18 th June	Year 11 Leavers Outing
Tues 19 th June	3.30pm – 5.30pm U11 Rounders v TGS. Away
Wed 20 th June	1.30pm – 5.30pm U9 Boys Kwik Cricket v Glebe. Away
Thurs 21 st June	2.00pm – 3.00pm Whole Lower School Assembly in the Gym. Parents are welcome
Thurs 21 st & Fri 22 nd June	10.00am – 12 noon. Nursery Taster Morning
Fri 22 nd June	All day. Years 3 & 4 Banham Zoo
Sat 23 rd June Sun 1 st July	Ardeche Trip
Wed 27 th – Fri 29 th June	Literary Festival – LP – Y10 and entrants for September from Y6 upwards
Weds 27 th June	3.30pm – 5.30pm U13 Mixed Rounders v TGS. Away

The Senior School competed in the Mid Norfolk Athletics Championships at the UEA in Norwich.



Sports Report - Last week we took 40 children from the senior school to UEA in Norwich to compete in the Mid Norfolk Athletics Championships. It was a great day with all the children playing a part in representing the school in

both track and field events. We had a number of outstanding performances with Demi coming first in all her track and field events and Bonnie, Harry, Alex and Nancy all getting top 3 places. All those that took part were a great credit to the school and

their commitment and desire to do well was much admired. All the children had been practicing very hard over the last few weeks especially in mastering the techniques in events such as shot, discus and javelin. A special thank you to Ryan Nicholls who helped me officiate the discus event, which lasted 3 hours, he did a superb job. Also thanks to Miss Wookey for ensuring that all the children got to their events on time and for her support. *Mr Hodges*

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

Turquoise (75): Year 1 – Poppy Alsop, Inara Huckstep, Henry Loaker-Crane, Charlotte Lomax, Alaina Tritch, Emmanuel Eyide

Year 5 have been learning about Mountains and their features. They have made some of the world's mountains to scale. Scafell Pike is so small you cannot see it behind the class and a human would be just 2mm high.



The swimming pool is being prepared for its annual make over before lessons begin after half term. Please be prepared with costumes and swimming hats obtained from the office (from Year 3 upwards pupils wear house colours).

Quiz n Chips – It was a wonderful night with some challenging questions and lots of humour. The evening started off with homework, and for some reason the joyous competitors were back in school again with a moan! The team monitors did an

excellent job collecting questions, handing back answer sheets, collecting more tasks and forgetting whose team they were on. The singing competition brought out some significant talent, and exposed some strange moments (you had to be there). All in all it was fast and furious (a film question for next year) and an excellent way to spend an early evening. A great thanks to all who helped and to those who took part raising £296! Planning already underway for next year.

The results were:

1 – The Big Pedlars -	87
2 – Teachers’ Pets -	85
3 – Primary Function -	79
4 – The Flat Earth Society -	78
5 – The Dunno Dornings -	68
6 – The Dragon Bunch -	65
7 – McManhuggers -	60
8 – Generation Gap -	58
9 – Individual Maines -	50
10 – DROLLBG -	47
11 – Shield -	44
12 – Smart Cookies –	42

It was a very close competition and we thank Mr Dark for taking over Mrs Calvert’s job as the compare. He livened up the occasion with his wit and charm. Yes, it was the same man who played the Lead Pirate with Years 5 and 6 in Treasure Island.



**Holiday Challenge – Years 1 - 10
Half Term May 2018**

Find an **interesting and unusual item** and bring it into school after half term

The object could be any natural or man- made item. Write a label to name the object and write something about it: *like where it was found, what it was used for or what it is made of or any other interesting facts.*

Last time that we had this holiday challenge Kitty brought in a slender metal tube used for repairing broken legs and no one had any idea what it was.

Some guessed that it was a musical instrument like a flute.

The last holiday challenge to decorate a small piece of wood has proved very interesting. These will be assembled into a large colourful modern art masterpiece. Thank you to all our contributors. The family framed pictures have been on display for some time now, so they should be going home today or after half term. Thank you for helping to give an insight into your family. There were some really original ways of displaying this information.

The School Magazine Spring Term 2018, organised and edited by the Head Girl and Media Prefect is available on our website. It is a really informative magazine and produced totally by pupils for pupils and parents. Please take time to read it. A bird's eye view of life at our school from the pupils' perspective.

Staff Car Park

Unfortunately a car belonging to a parent swerved into the staff car park on Parents Evening and pebbles scattered breaking one of the staff's windscreens. This accident could have been avoided. **Please do not park in the staff car park.**

Summer School 2018 – the school is hoping to run the summer school again this year. This is a week when the children can come into school and have a lot of FUN taking part in lots of activities. These activities include – swimming, cooking, arts and crafts, sports and one of the things they always like to do is playing on the bikes, trikes and scooters whatever their age!!

The dates that we are thinking of running this week are either:

30th July – 3rd August

6th August – 10th August

The cost of this is £35 per child for each day with a 10% discount for siblings. Also, if you send your child for the whole week you would get 10% discount off the total for the week. The times are 8.30am – 4.30pm for the 5 days.

If you are interested in sending your child / ren to this fun activity week please send details into the school office as soon as possible but by 8th June 2018. This is so that we can make sure that it is viable for us to run it. Thank you. *Miss Wookey*

Moving forward with the Free School – We need letters of support from parents re:

- 1) Why you decided to send your child / ren to the Sacred Heart School **or / and**
- 2) What was lacking or needed improvement in the school (name it) that you moved from **and / or**

3) What kind of education do you want for your child?

Please answer one or all three of these questions, as we need to make a really good case and provide evidence for another school in the Swaffham area.

IMPORTANT – General Data Protection Regulations Deadline. It is vital that we receive permission to contact you via email. Please complete the updated Permission & Medical form. An on-line version is available from the school website. We would prefer everyone to return the paper copy sent home last Friday. Thank you for the many that have returned their forms –nearly the whole school, just waiting for the usual latecomers.

The school is holding a Literary Festival on 27th - 29th June whereby the timetable is suspended and pupils not attending the Ardeche trip will attend various workshops, all covering a literary theme. We are inviting authors, storytellers, journalists, illustrators etc. to contribute and work with our pupils, who are aged 3-16 years.

If you know of anyone whom you think would be suitable and willing to offer a session or more then I would be very grateful for the contact.

Sally Gooderson. Literary Festival Organiser
Miss Gooderson has worked hard, with some help, to find interesting speakers for this event. People that will appeal to all age groups. We would like to decorate the gym in an appropriate manner and as Biggles is a Swaffham author, we would like a Biggles section complete with motorbike. Any Harley gathering dust?

Open day and the Garden Fete is approaching and we will need to gather in items for the Fete – bottles are a must from every family as well as raffle prizes. We also need helpers for the morning Open day both pupils and parents. Sometimes parents say that they did not help because they were not invited - no invites just volunteer and turn up.

Sad news – Sr Jude's mother died yesterday, known as Miss Jude when she was helping in Little Pedlars. She has suffered from cancer for some time but her death was unexpected. We offer our deepest sympathy and prayers to Sr Jude. Those who knew her might want to write to her at St Joseph's Convent, 42 Newbold Rd, Chesterfield, S41 7PL.

She would appreciate the thought and your prayers.

Little Pedlars
Early Years Level 3 member of staff
Required asap
Please contact the office for more information

We have appointed an Early Years Leader for Little Pedlars. Next year there will be a separate Reception class under the leadership of Miss Joanne Sandford. Until fairly recently she taught at Greshams Prep. Mrs Clifton, who also taught there for a brief time, has worked with Miss Sandford before. Mrs Clifton will be job sharing Reception with Mrs Bogusiewicz.

There will still be some free flow between the Nursery and Reception. We are pleased with our appointments and along with Mrs Cockman we can expect a strong team.

Mrs Ranner has had a difficult time gaining the Early Years Funding Forms from parents. Just a reminder, that these forms are required by NCC every term. Those not returning forms are in danger of losing this government benefit. They are time consuming, but we need to remember the old adage, 'No pain, No gain'

Uniform Shop – If you wish to enquire about uniform or have a request then please ask in the office for a 2nd hand uniform form or contact Mrs Liselle Dorling via the friends of Sacred Heart facebook group as the shop will open on request only. Thank you

A reminder to mark all uniform clearly, biro pen is not sufficient, it washes out. This is the time of year that children shed jumpers, like snakes shed skins. They are dropped everywhere!

Senior School Skirts – Please make sure that all girls have skirts of the correct length. Test: kneel on the floor and the skirt must touch the floor. Obviously it is smarter to buy a longer a skirt so allow for growth spurt.

Mobile phones may not be used on the mini buses. It is very tempting to take photos and then post them on Instagram or other social media sites. Some time ago we had a formal complaint from a lorry driver who was behind the school minibus. He reported that pupils using phones were distracting him from driving and were therefore a danger to drivers!

It is also dangerous for pupils to be walking to school listening to music when they should be aware of the traffic.

Pupils working after school is not conducive to school work and prevents children from representing the school in matches or taking part in other activities. It is permissible by law for 2 hours on week days but we have always had the unwritten rule that this is not appropriate at our school.

Saturday jobs are not frowned upon as long as pupils are available for Open Days / Garden Fetes etc.

A Tennis Taster for Kids in Years 1 – 6: 6 coaching sessions, a racket & ball set and a personalised t-shirt for just £25. Go to: tennisforkids.co.uk and search postcode PE32



On Sunday 17th June from noon to 5.30pm, Swaffham & Litcham Home Hospice Support will be holding a community event they are calling 'Relay Together' at the Swaffham Rugby Club, North Pickenham Road. It involves teams which can be any number of people, walking in relays round a track for a fixed period of time – the walk will be from 1.30pm – 4.30pm but there will be lots of activities: stalls, tombola, refreshments, BBQs, music and a raffle on the day.

We are looking for your support to raise funds for this valuable charity by putting up your own team or sponsoring and supporting one of the teams we are putting together. Go to: homehospice@care4free.net or telephone: 01760 722937 Mrs Heale

Sr Francis and staff