



# Sacred Heart School

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Friends of Sacred Heart School

Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	4.30pm – 6.30pm Christmas Bazaar
Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	12noon – 5.00pm Swaffham Christmas Market & Light Switch on at 5.00pm
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	After school to 5.30pm Christmas Opera Rehearsals for Act 1. Years 3 - 10
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6.30pm Moving Forward Committee Meeting in the Prep Room. All welcome
Weds 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Whole School Non-Uniform Wear Denim Day. Donation of £1 please After school to 5.30pm Christmas Opera Rehearsals for Act 2. Years 3 – 10 6.45pm Preparation for Christmas at the Catholic Church, collection for our Sisters in Uganda
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	1.30pm Little Pedlars, Year 1 & 2 Nativity 3.45pm – 6.00pm Year 9 Boys Basketball Tournament at KLA
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Collection for Sugar For Shelters Donations 7.00pm Churches Together Film Evening in the Barn Theatre
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	1.45pm Year 3 - 11 School Christmas Opera. Matinee and 6.30pm Evening Performance
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	3.45pm – Year 9 Girls Basketball tournament at KLA
Weds 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	1.00pm 5.30pm Years 3 – 6 Sleeping Beauty at Kings Lynn Corn Exchange 7.00pm Churches Together Carol Concert
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Lunches & Parties 6.30pm School Christmas Opera. Evening Performance
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	House Netball 3.45pm End of Term 5.00pm – 10.00pm PTA Free Christmas Disco (Donations please)
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2019	Staff Inset
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2019	8.30am School Resumes

**The Gold Bar Awards this week were presented to Christopher**, Year 3. Since Christopher started at our school at the beginning of November he has settled down really well and has become a role model for the children to follow with his neat presentation and maximum effort.

Also, to **Madison**, Year 7 for her fantastic dinosaur History project and for working hard and doing well in lessons.



**Year 10 Assembly** –Year 10 delivered the following lines: ‘In church on Sunday, we will be celebrating the first week of Advent. In churches at this time you will find an Advent wreath. The Advent wreath is a German tradition. It is used to celebrate the coming of Christ – the ‘light of the

World.’ The circle represents God’s unending love, just as a circle has no end and no beginning. The evergreen leaves represents God’s everlasting love, which never dies.

We will put four candles on our Advent wreath to remind us that Jesus comes to spread the light of love to the four corners of the World. Each candle signifies one week of Advent. This helps the countdown to Christmas. The candles represents Jesus the ‘light of the World.’ The first candle represents the first week of Advent. It is purple and is a symbol of hope.

The second candle represents the second week of Advent. It is purple and is a symbol of love. The third candle represents the third week of Advent. It is purple and is the symbol of joy. The fourth candle represents the fourth week of Advent. It is purple and is a symbol of peace. The final candle is the most important candle. It is white and is lit on Christmas Day. It signifies the birth of Jesus.

Preparation for Christmas is on 5<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm (children involved to be ready for 6.45pm). Please come, this is an opportunity to prepare for the real Christmas, the birth of Jesus. We are so busy at this time with all the material aspects of Christmas

that we can forget the spiritual side. We need time to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas.

**BINGO** - Our thanks to Mrs Allen and her supporters for making the Bingo another enjoyable evening and excellent fundraiser making £500 at the event last week. The bingos so far raised £2500!! Mrs Allen worked tirelessly to gain really good prizes for the Bingo. We would also like to thank all contributors, including the ladies who helped with refreshments, everyone who came along on such a wintery night and those who generously donated prizes:

Barry Bingo, Palace Cinema , Great Yarmouth, Anne Marie Hair Salon, Wellbread Bakers, White Hart Public House, Red Lion Public House, Subway, Swaffham, Sealife Centre, Princess Theatre, Hunstanton, Strikes Kings Lynn and Hippodrome Great Yarmouth.

**A big thank you to Mrs Smith for joining the Reception Class** on Monday afternoon and showing them how to make delightful hanging snowmen ready to be added to the Westfield's Care Home Christmas tree which will be on display at the town's Christmas Tree Festival in St Peter and St Paul's Church, Swaffham.



**Thanks again to Mr Wilkinson, who has been running the Garden Club on Friday lunchtimes.** The pupils working hard are photographed below.



**The LION KING** was a great success. The children looked as if they really enjoyed their performance and had worked really hard to learn their lines and dress up in appropriate animal costumes. The show attracted about 70 parents and friends and made £70 in the collection. Congratulations to Mrs Loaker who used her love of the performing arts and her boundless energy to bring this show to life with so many young children – Year 3 age. Isaac was the only senior pupil and he must be congratulated for his great performance and care of the younger pupils.

**Nativity Mime for Churches Together.** Harry and Isaac from Year 8 are seeking pupils to take part in the Nativity Mime which is part of the Annual Carol Concert. The Salvation Army are playing the carols and they have requested that they would like our children to attend as they enjoyed their singing so much last year.

**School Christmas Sugar Collection** – The annual collection of sugar, tea, coffee, biscuits and festive packaged foods for ‘Sugar for Shelters’ will be made on 7<sup>th</sup> December. If you would like to donate to this charity which supports the homeless, needy and vulnerable in Norfolk and Suffolk, please send donations on or before Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December ready for collection. British Sugar will match our donation with up to 2 tonnes of Silver Spoon sugar.

**Christmas Bazaar Appeal** – Thank you for your generosity.

**Years 4-6 visit to France, June 2019 -**

We're getting very excited about our trip to France, especially now our first round of letters to French penpals is underway! Over the past couple of weeks, pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6 have been busy writing and decorating letters to be sent to school pupils in France. This week, the letters have been sent to a school in the town of Outreau, in the Pas-de-Calais region of France. Each pupil who has written a letter will be partnered up with a French pupil and will receive a reply straight after Christmas. We are hoping to send and receive letters on a regular basis throughout the year, putting into practice phrases covered in lessons and reinforcing our writing skills. Pupils who are participating in the French visit in June will also meet their ‘*correspondant(e)*’ as we will be spending a morning at their school. We can't wait! **For parents of those pupils going on the trip in June, please remember to follow the payment instalment dates sent out in a letter last month. The next instalment of £195 is due on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January. Many thanks.**

*Mrs Ahrenfelt*



**The school Inspection was a complete surprise and rather a shock on Monday morning.** We thought that at this difficult time it was not appropriate, but once the wheels of power are in place nothing can stop it rolling, although we tried. The Inspectors were very sympathetic to our circumstances and did not make too many demands, while at the same time undergoing a thorough and professional manner. They were pleased with the questionnaire responses and thank all parents and pupils. Our pupils were as usual polite, confident and open to their discussion groups. The inspectors had nothing but praise for the way that they support one another and consider the school their second home. You can all be proud of their behaviour.

**Parents are encouraged to add themselves to the Friends of Sacred Heart group so they can see any updates and ask any questions rather than cause worry or concern on community social media pages. *Social Media Group***

**Moving Forward** – We have news from the Diocese regarding the VA Catholic Primary School. The timeline is shown below:

Stages	Dates
Meeting of the VA Steering Committee (Diocese and School) To begin the process of putting forth the proposal for a VA Primary RC School	3 December 2018
Informal consultation (6 term-time weeks)	7 <sup>th</sup> January 2019 to 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2019
Proposers consider responses received and approval to continue to next stage (2 term-time weeks)	15 <sup>th</sup> February 2019 to 11 <sup>th</sup> March 2019
Statutory consultation and publication of notices (4 term-time weeks)	11 <sup>th</sup> March 2019 to 5 <sup>th</sup> April 2019
Report on responses received and send proposal report to decision-maker (2 weeks)	5 <sup>th</sup> April 2019 to 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2019
Determination by decision-maker (up to 2 months)	Between end April and 21 <sup>st</sup> June 2019

The minutes of the Grosvenor's / Parents Meeting last Friday will be sent out next week. Thank you to Mrs Dorling who completed transcribing this marathon task. Unfortunately Mr James Dixon is unwell at the moment. He has prepared the Moving Forward Report which will be emailed next week. We thank him for collating all the questionnaires and for organising groups. A profound thanks to all who have completed questionnaires and have given their time to come in and talk to James Dixon. Please could all those involved or interested in marketing and communication come to the Prep Room in the House on Tuesday at 6.30pm. We move forward and have set up a just giving page.

**Reminder to Parents of Children in our Reception & Nursery who are claiming / intend to claim 30 hours funding. You must ensure that:**

- 1 – You apply for the 30 hours up to 16 weeks before your child becomes eligible.
- 2 – If you do not apply before the start of the term you want to start claiming the 30 hours, **you will not be able to receive the free hours that term.** It is important that you apply in advance to ensure you get your entitlement. Terms start on 1 January, 1 April and 1 September.
- 3 – To keep your 30 hours free childcare, you need to check your details are up to date every 3 months.

**Non Uniform Day** - On Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> the whole of Sacred Heart School is having a non-school uniform day where we wear denim, to raise money for the Benjamin foundation. The Benjamin Foundation

exists to help children and adults of all ages deal with many of the challenges that life throws at them. They have accommodation centres for homeless young people where they provide support and a safe place to live for vulnerable 16-25 year olds with no home.

If you would like to take part please wear denim and bring in £1. Regards your Charities prefect,  
*Bonnie Matthews*

**Christmas Opera Rehearsal** - Rehearsals are well underway for our Opera, Poor Eli. It opens on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December where there will be a matinee (1.45) and an evening performance (6.30) and ends on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December with another evening performance.

I am ever so sorry to demand extra rehearsals out of school time but this is the only time I can see all the people involved at the same time before we tech and then dress rehearse. It benefits all and I then know where the gaps are. I am asking for two after School rehearsals next week from all and then it is likely that I will want to see certain people from a specific scene during the weekend on December 8/9 to polish. I appreciate this can be awkward but it does support them so they gain confidence in their delivery and performance.

You will have received a costume list so please be sure to put the required items together this weekend and bring to school in a labelled bag on Monday. That way I will have time to source the missing components.

Speaking of which I would like to specifically request a few odd items that somebody surely must have lying around; silver foil tubular ducting, two large pieces of matching trellis to act as windows (2m by 1m ish), a wooden hat stand and two solid plastic garden chairs.

Lastly, please come and see our wonderful show. The children have worked really hard on all aspects of this piece and I hope it will be memorable and meaningful for all. It has been written specifically for your children so it should feel personal and be a touching reminder of the spirit of Christmas and of Joy-something we all need during difficult times. Tickets will be available from the office, £5 a seat and children under 10 go free.

Thank you so much, *Miss Williams*

**Headlice** –there has been a notification of headlice in the Lower School. Please check your child and treat if required. Thank you.

**Sr Francis and Staff**

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Family  
Christmas  
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*Free!!*

*Games*

*Prizes*

*All Ages  
Welcome  
Bring A Friend*

*Fancy Dress*

*Friday  
14th Dec*

*5pm  
til  
10pm*