



# Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter January 2016

"Love one another as I have loved you"

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### Dates for your diary:

#### February

**Tuesday 9th** - Year 3  
Service at St Mary's

**Friday 12th February** -  
break up for half term  
(Non Uniform day)

**Monday 22nd**  
**February** - return to  
school

#### March

**Thursday 17th March** -  
Infant/Junior discos

**Tuesday 22nd March** -  
Year 6 Service at St  
Mary's

**Wednesday 23rd**  
**March** - Easter Fair

**Thursday 24th March** -  
End of Spring Term  
(Non Uniform day)

#### April

**Monday 11th April** -  
start of Summer term

Have you got any questions, concerns or queries? Please don't  
hesitate to come in and see us.

### Staff Changes

After half term there will be several changes to the staffing arrangements in school which you need to be aware of.

Firstly, it is with much sadness that I have to inform you that Mrs Crabbe will be leaving us and Year 6 in particular, due to on-going health problems, following cancer. Mrs Crabbe has worked at our school for 12 years and in this time has worked exceptionally hard to ensure that all the children in her care have achieved to the very best of their ability. The children in Year 6 have always made outstanding progress as a result of her teaching and, just as importantly, been helped to develop and mature in readiness for the transition to senior school. In more recent years, she has been an extremely valued member of the senior leadership team, working with myself, Mrs Beach and the governors to bring about many improvements to teaching and learning throughout the school. She will be greatly missed but we wish her every happiness and a return to good health in the future.

Her Year 6 teaching role will be covered temporarily by Miss Jenny Corbett, who is currently covering Mrs Marshall's maternity leave.

In Year 5, Mrs Kaighan will be starting her maternity leave and obviously we wish her well and will be waiting excitedly to meet little baby Kaighan! The class will be taught by Miss Bridget Penellum until we finish in July.

Finally, in Year 4, Mrs Jesson will be reducing her teaching commitment. In order to ensure continuity and stability for the children, we have temporarily employed another teacher, Mrs Lorna Thompson, who will be able to work full-time in the class. We warmly welcome our new staff and I know they will soon settle in and you will get to know them.

If you have any concerns at all about these unavoidable changes, please don't hesitate to contact me.

**Statutory Testing**

The dates for this years tests are as follows:

**KS2 SATS - Monday 9th May to Thursday 12 May**

**Year 1 Phonic Screening Test - Monday 13th June to Friday 17th June.**

**KS1 - Throughout May**

Please ensure that you do not book holidays during this time as your child needs to be in school for these tests.

**Playground Issues**

I have asked by some concerned parents to remind you of the following rules:

- **Dogs are NOT allowed in the playground—some parents are still bringing them in with them when they are dropping off or collecting their children.**
- **Unless children are coming into breakfast club, they should not be arriving into the school playground unaccompanied before 8.45am as there is no adult supervision to ensure their safety.**
- **Please remind your children if they come to school on a scooter or a bike, that these must be wheeled not ridden through the playground and must be taken home each evening. We seem to have a collection left each night and school is not responsible for them.**

These rules are place to ensure the safety and welfare of all children so please ensure that you abide by them. Thank you.

**Sacred Heart Showcase Concert**

Date: Monday 8th February 3.30pm in the School Hall

A production of singing and dancing from the choir! Please come along and listen to our fabulous children

**Facebook page**

We have finally managed to set up our school facebook page so we can share what the children have been up to and send you notifications or reminders about what's happening in school.