



Love God, Love each other, Love Learning

NEWSLETTER July 2020

UPDATE ON PHASED RETURN TO SCHOOL

Following approval from the Local Authority and the Governing Board we were delighted to be able to welcome back our Year 1 pupils from Wednesday 1st July.

Thank you



SCHOOL CLOSURES ON THURSDAY 16th JULY

We are all pleased that school will re-open to all pupils on **Wednesday 2nd September 2020**.

In order to do this safely, school has followed Government and Local Authority advice to ensure that robust risk assessments and safety measures are in place for staff and pupils. This means that for some time to come, school will need to continue to operate differently and we respectfully ask that all parents, pupils and visitors adhere to the measures in place.

During the school day, year groups will work as, “bubbles” this means that, as much as possible, children will not mix with pupils in other year groups. This is so that, if a case of Corona Virus is confirmed, only specific groups of children and adults will need to isolate allowing everyone else to continue to attend school.

Attendance at school from Wednesday 2nd September is statutory and the normal attendance policies and procedures will apply.

Staggered Start / Finish Times

To reduce congestion, year groups will have staggered start and finish times as well as separate lunch and break times. Only one parent / carer is permitted onto the school premises for drop off / collection and you should **only arrive at your child’s specific time**.

The Kingsway Gate is the large double gate leading directly onto the school playground.

The Main Pedestrian Entrance is the small gate leading down the main school drive.



Year	Gate	Start	Finish
N	Kingsway Gate / Rainbow Gate	8.40am	2.45pm
R	Kingsway Gate / Rainbow Gate	8.40am	2.45pm
Y1	Kingsway Gate	8.50am	2.50pm
Y2	Kingsway Gate	9.00am	3.00pm
Y3	Main Pedestrian Entrance	9.00am	3.00pm
Y4	Kingsway Gate	9.10am	3.00pm
Y5	Kingsway Gate	8.50am	2.50pm
Y6	Main Pedestrian Entrance	8.45am	2.45pm

For those who could not make the New to school Early Years Parent Info Zoom. Follow the link to the school's YouTube channel. <https://youtu.be/1oO2dSyhBpY>

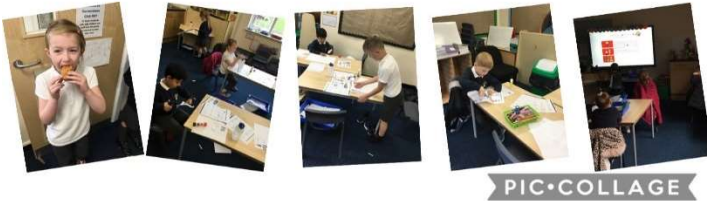


On Tuesday we celebrated Bastille Day where we learnt that the French people, who were against the unfair system, were often imprisoned in the hated fortress known as **La Bastille Saint Antoine**.

On 14th July, 1789, hungry, angry rioters broke into the prison, set the prisoners free and stole the weapons which were kept there. Many of the guards and officers were killed. Only seven people were in the prison cells at the time, but the **'Storming of the Bastille'** was regarded as a triumph of the common people over the ruling classes.



Bastille Day



We have been keeping busy in school, enjoying the lovely weather and participating in a little cooling down activity. We all seem to have learnt how to make and receive a Zoom call, even though a few weeks ago none of us had heard of the app. Y6 enjoyed a quiz, kindly organised by Miss O'Malley, the children loved seeing each other, if only on a screen.



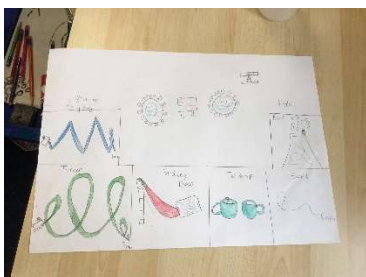
Y6 thoroughly enjoyed making their draw string bags.



KS2 bubble A have been designing and making worry monsters and playing 'Roll a Picasso' with Mrs Baylis.



KS1 Bubble have been busy! They have enjoyed playing games on the yard such as stuck in the mud, Simon says and they have even made up their own games. They have had a lot of fun on the ipads playing KAHOOT quizzes. Alongside the work the class teacher sets they get to be more creative in the afternoons designing their own board games, farms, zoos and even their very own theme parks.



THE PUBLIC CELEBRATION OF MASS AT SACRED HEART CHURCH

Monday, Wednesday, Friday
Holy Mass at 9:30am

Tuesday, Thursday
Holy Mass at 7:00pm

Saturday
Holy Mass 12:00 noon
6:00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday
9:00am, 11:00am

**IF POSSIBLE PLEASE TRY TO
ATTEND MASS DURING THE WEEK
RATHER THAN ON SUNDAYS**

**THE CHURCH WILL BE OPEN 20 MINS BEFORE EACH MASS.
ONCE MASS HAS BEGUN NO ONE WILL BE ABLE TO ENTER THE CHURCH**

Coming to Mass will feel a little different than usual. The wearing of face masks is not compulsory but feel free to do so. Father will wear one for the distribution of Holy Communion. Please also be aware of the following:

- 1 On arrival you will need to sanitise your hands.
- 2 You will then be guided by the stewards to sit in a particular place. Your 'usual seats' will not be available.
- 3 If you wish to light candles please do so **BEFORE MASS**.
- 4 You will stay in your place and Holy Communion will be brought to you.
- 5 At the end of Mass you will be dismissed row by row by the stewards. Sanitise your hands on leaving and please **DO NOT** congregate in the car park after Mass.



Take a look at <http://www.rochdale.gov.uk/events-and-activities/events/Pages/things-to-do-during-the-holidays.aspx>

- [Hollingworth Lake Country Park and Visitor Centre](#)
- [Things to see and do on a budget](#) there are plenty of FREE or low cost things you can do
- [Your local library](#) for FREE internet access, learn about your local area, use the study area or simply read a book, there's something for everyone in our libraries
- [Touchstones Rochdale](#) something for all ages and ideal for families, with hands on activities in a child-friendly environment. FREE entry, open Tuesday-Saturday from 10am-5pm
- [Visit Rochdale](#) has lots of information on what you can see and do in the Rochdale borough
- [Countryside events](#) discover the parks and countryside. Learn about bugs, flowers and trees or join the Rangers for a walk in the countryside
- [Activities at Sure Start Children's Centres](#)
- Keep up-to-date with all of our [events and activities](#) during the holidays.

Y6's last day

What a strange year this has been but we still managed to enjoy an amazing last week where the children brought in to school a shirt which was left here for the week and signed by all of their class. It took some time to manage this in line with current guidance but they were ready to take home with them on Thursday 16th July.

On Wednesday we will celebrate a 'virtual leaver's assembly' together in school and this was shared with parents via a link on our Facebook Page/ Website. Children then had party food with music and games outside.

On Thursday, the children had a special breakfast followed by their favourite school dinner, as voted for by the class. Parents were invited onto the school playground (at a social distance), with all of the staff and children currently in school, to wave our children off with a special guard of honour.

Since joining us in nursery, our children have grown into wonderful young people and despite the challenges we have faced more recently, we can confidently say that they are ready to move on and can be proud of the many achievements and success they have celebrated during their time at Sacred Heart RC. Despite a year like no other, the children will have many happy memories of their time here at Sacred Heart and all of the staff and children currently in school will be working hard to make sure that, our year six enjoy their last days of primary school.

