Friday 5th September 2025

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to our new school year, it has been a lovely first week back with our children! School is looking fantastic following all of the building work over the summer. Hopefully our new EYFS and SEN outdoor areas will be finished soon.

On Friday, Miss McNally left for her maternity leave, we wish her luck and look forward to hearing news of the birth of her baby over the forthcoming weeks.

Attendance information

Next week, Mrs Howell will be awarding our attendance prizes from last term and academic year. Here are the highlights:

* 48 children had 100% attendance during the summer term
* An additional 53 children had attendance in the green zone (97% or above) during the summer term
* 47 children had attendance in the red zone (below 90%) during the summer term – this was mainly due to taking holidays in term time

Huge congratulations to the 11 children who had 100% attendance across the whole academic year, meaning that they did not miss a single day of school all year!

**Key information**

PE timetable

EYFS:  Friday

Year 1: Wednesday and Thursday

Year 2: Tuesday and Thursday

Year 3:  Wednesday and Thursday

Year 4:  Monday and Tuesday

Year 5: Monday and Tuesday

Year 6: Tuesday and Wednesday

On a PE day, children can come to school dressed in their PE kits (please ensure that you check the uniform checklist to ensure that children are appropriately dressed on PE days)

Musical Instrument Lessons

Mrs Anderson will be returning on Tuesday 9th September to re-commence the violin and keyboard lessons for those children who have tuition.

Welcome Mass

Year 6 will be leading the Parish Mass, at 10.00am on Wednesday 10th September, in our Welcome Mass – spaces will be limited however Year 6 parents are invited to attend.

Year 5 swimming lessons

Swimming lessons at Elswick Pool for Year 5 will start on Friday 12th September.

Jeans for Genes Fundraiser

On Friday 19th September, we are inviting everyone to wear jeans, and donate £1 or £2, as part of the ‘Jeans for Genes’ annual fundraising event to support families in the UK affected by life-altering genetic conditions.

Important Curriculum Evening

On Wednesday 24th September at 3.40pm we are holding class curriculum evenings. Each class from Year 1 to Year 6 will be holding a very important start of year meeting (Reception class will hold their curriculum meeting later in the half term once the children have had time to settle in). Each class meeting will last approximately 30-40mins and it is essential that parents attend as key information regarding teaching and learning, and ways in which you could support your child will be shared. If you have more than one child in school, please attend one child’s meeting and staff will share key information for your other child(ren).

Sacred Heart Open Evening

On Wednesday 24th September, Sacred Heart High School are holding an open evening for the parents of Year 6 girls. The meeting starts at 5pm (we have timetabled our own Year 6 curriculum evening for 3.40pm to help to facilitate Year 6 parents attending both meetings)

Macmillan Coffee Morning

On Friday 26th September, we will be hosting a coffee morning to fundraise for the Macmillan Cancer Research as part of their annual fundraising event. Donations from thousands of Coffee Mornings, big and small, help raise vital funds to support the almost 3.5 million people in the UK living with cancer, from the moment they are diagnosed, throughout treatment and beyond. Please try to support this wonderful cause by popping in for a coffee and a chat in our school hall at morning drop off time.

Polite reminders:

Earrings should not be worn for school as a matter of health and safety. In the vast majority of cases, earrings can be removed approximately 6 weeks after piercing. If there is a reason that your child still needs to wear their earrings, they must be covered for school.

Children should be encouraged not to bring bags to school. There is limited storage space and all equipment is provided for children. School book bags or packed lunch bags are permitted.

If your child has been sick, the best place for them is at home. If the sickness is linked not linked to illness, for example over-eating or linked to a dietary condition, then children can return to school. If, however, a child is sick through illness they must stay at home until the have been free from sickness for 48 hours.

When collecting your children at the end of the school day, can I ask that parents stand well back and allow the staff to safely hand each child over to their adult – this is really important for safeguarding.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions with regard to any of the above information.

Kind regards

Mrs Young

(Headteacher)