



Friday 10th January 2025

Dear Families,

Welcome back after the Christmas break - I hope you had a lovely holiday and I wish you all the very best for 2025.

Parent Governor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor and are inviting anyone interested to get in touch to potentially stand for election. No special qualifications are required; the most important factor is a keen interest in the school and a willingness to invest time in playing an active role in the Governing Body's work. The core strategic functions of a Governing Body include ensuring clarity of vision, ethos, and strategic direction; holding the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils; and overseeing the financial performance of the school to ensure its funding is well spent.

Nominations must come from parents or carers with children currently at the school. If you would like to stand for election, please complete the information [HERE](#) to express your interest by Friday, 24th January.

If multiple parents are interested in the role, you will be asked to provide a personal statement to support your nomination. This statement will be sent to families, who will then participate in a secret ballot.

Many thanks in advance.

Sacred Heart Pantomime

As mentioned in a previous newsletter, every year, Sacred Heart parish put on a pantomime performance in the church hall for people of all ages - this year, it is Robin Hood.

The performances are due to take place on Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th January at 7pm and Saturday 25th January at 2pm and 7:30pm.

Tickets are priced at £6 for adults and £3 per child which includes refreshments during the interval.

Tickets can be bought online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/posh-players or after all weekend masses.

Parking

I have received a request from residents on Granville Road (the street outside the school) regarding the situation at pick-up times at the end of the school day. Some have expressed concerns about parents and grandparents arriving early, sitting for extended periods with the car engine running, and playing music loudly. Can I kindly ask for your support in being mindful of the neighbours as it helps maintain a positive relationship with the local community. Your co-operation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Dates for Diaries

Please find below some updated key dates for the Spring term:

January

Monday 13th January – Year 4 First Holy Communion parents' meeting in Sacred Heart Church hall 7pm

Tuesday 14th January – Reception Class Parents' Evening

Monday 20th January – Reception Class Parents' Evening

Thursday 30th January – Year 4 trip to the Laing Art Gallery

Friday 31st January – Year 2 Celebration of the Word for parents in school 9am

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February

Friday 7th February – Year 4 Celebration of the Word for parents in school 9am

Monday 10th February – Year 3 and Year 4 Team Games session in school led by the Newcastle Sports Service

Thursday 13th February – Year 4 First Confessions at Sacred Heart Church 7pm (new date)

Friday 21st February – Year 5 Celebration of the Word for parents in school 9am

Friday 21st February – Break up for the half term holidays

March

Monday 3rd March – School re-opens for the second half of the Spring term

Friday 7th March – Year 1 Celebration of the Word for parents in school 9am

Friday 14th March – Year 3 Celebration of the Word for parents in school 9am

Friday 21st March – Red Nose Day 2025

Friday 21st March – Year 6 Celebration of the Word for parents in school 9am

Monday 24th March – Year 6 trip to Safety Works

Wednesday 26th March – Year 4 Stations of the Cross at St Mary's Cathedral with other Newcastle Catholic schools

April

Tuesday 1st April – Year 4 Dance Festival at the Whitley Bay Playhouse (details to follow)

Monday 7th April – Easter Egg competition in school

Tuesday 8th April – Big Lent Walk (details to follow)

Tuesday 8th April – Parents' Evening (all classes)

Wednesday 9th April – Year 4 & Year 5 Easter Production at Sacred Heart Church 7pm **TBC**

Thursday 10th April – Parents' Evening (all classes)

Friday 11th April – Reception class Easter Story for parents in school 9am

Friday 11th April – Break up for the Easter holidays

Monday 28th April – School re-opens for the Summer term

With my very best wishes,



P Marley