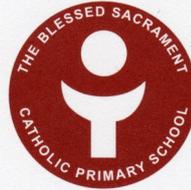




# The Blessed Sacrament Catholic Primary School

## October 2017 Newsletter



How quickly the time seems to go. As we approach half term I would like to thank all the staff and pupils who work so hard to make The Blessed Sacrament the school that it is. Thanks also to Parents for their support.



### Staff updates

Year 6 :Mr Earl & Mr Oxley  
 Year 5 :Mr Hicks & Mr Newton  
 Year 4 :Mr Box & Mrs Wilson  
 Year 3 : Mrs Ibison/Oxley & Miss Notman  
 Year 2 : Mrs Billingsley & Mr Thompson  
 Year 1 : Mrs Morris & Mrs Southward  
 Year R : Mrs McGowan & Mrs Thompson  
 Nursery : Mrs D. Jacques

We are hoping that Mrs Oxley will soon be back in school after breaking her leg in the summer holidays.

Miss Nightingale is looking forward to returning to school but is not well enough to be able to return.

We have two teaching assistants who have recently joined our staff : Mrs Ryan and Mrs Lee.

**Thank you so much to all the families who sent in food for the Harvest Festival.**



We were overwhelmed by your generosity All your donations will be used to help people in the community who are in need.

Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Harvest Celebration Mass
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	Flu vaccinations
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Mass 4H
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Break up for half term
Tues 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Closing date for secondary school applications
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	School re-opens
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Class Mass 5N
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Parents Evening 3:30 _5:30
9 <sup>th</sup> —17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Book fair
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Class Mass 5E Parents evening 3:30 -5:30
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	Mass
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	Open morning for parents of Children starting in Sept 2018
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Mass to celebrate the Feast of Christ the King
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Advent Liturgy
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Year 2 Christmas play 2:00
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Year 1 Panto trip Year 2 Christmas Play 5:30
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Reception Christmas Assembly
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Nursery Christmas Assembly Years 5 & 6 Christmas Party
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Lunch
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Reception class party Year 3 & 4 party
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Carole Concert Y2 – Y6 Years 1 & 2 Christmas Party
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	School Christmas Mass 1:00 School closes

## CONFIRMATION

The Bishop will be visiting The Blessed Sacrament Parish in November to confirm some of our young People. Confirmation classes are on Fridays after school. Thank you to Mrs Charnley for organising this preparation.



### Parents' Evenings

There will be signing up sheets available in the school reception area for you to make an appointment to see your child's teacher.

Please do make an appointment—if you are unable to come into school to sign up, please call school and we will give you a time.



## CLUBS

Monday : Y5/6 football, Minecraft, art

Tuesday: girls' football

Wednesday : choir

Thursday: Y5/6 netball, y3/4 football

## Keeping Everyone safe— Reminders

- **Dogs are not allowed in the playground.**
- **Please do not ride bikes in the playground**
- **Hoop ear rings are not allowed—only small studs.**



## FLU Vaccination

From October 2017, all children in England in reception class and school years 1, 2, 3 & 4 will be offered the flu vaccination in the form of a nasal spray.

On Friday October 20th the Immunisation Team will be at The Blessed Sacrament . Please make sure you have returned the consent form if you wish your child to have the vaccination .

## Medicines in school

**I**f your child needs to bring prescribed medicine into school, a medicine form needs to be completed before staff can administer the Medicine. Forms are available in school.



## Homework

Y1 Homework is given out on Friday and is expected to be handed in the following Friday.

Years 2—6, Homework is given out on Tuesdays to be handed in the following Monday.

## Reminder

Large hair bows are not part of school uniform .

Trainers are not classed as school shoes. Children wearing trainers will be asked to change into pumps in school

## Absence

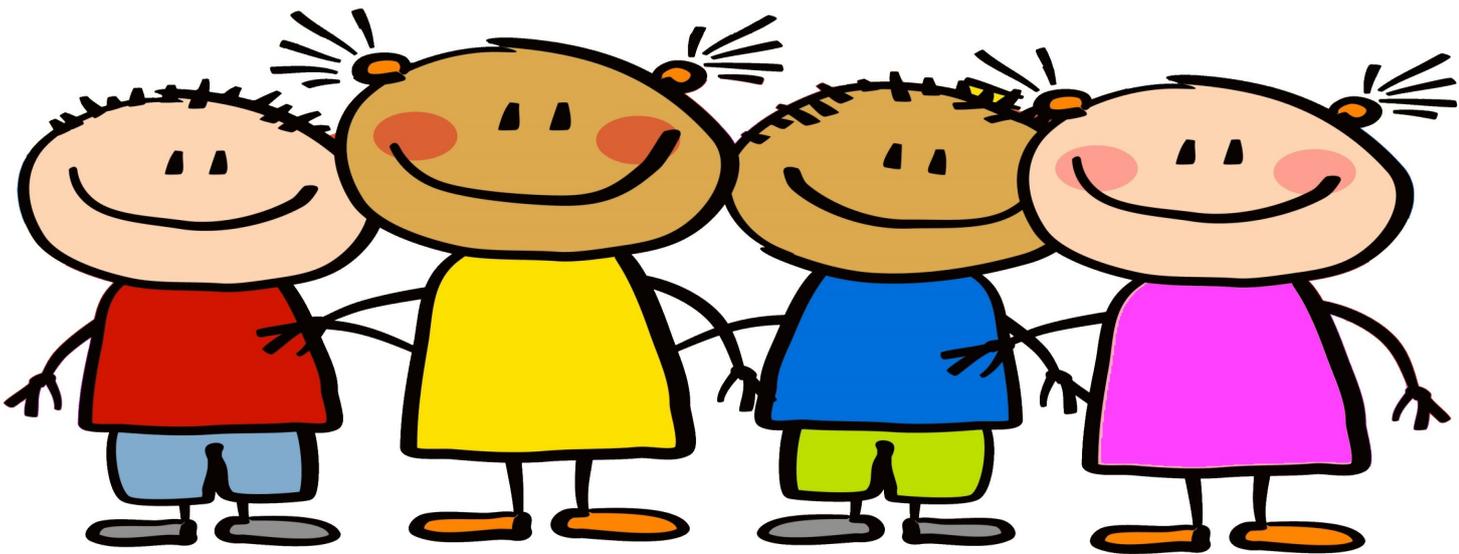
Please telephone school by 9:30 if your child is to be absent from school. To keep the children safe it is important that we know the whereabouts of all our pupils.



# Seasonal Flu Programme for children in Reception Class, & School Years 1, 2, 3 & 4.

## Background to the programme

From October 2017, all children in England in reception class and school years 1, 2, 3 & 4 will be offered the flu vaccination in the form of a nasal spray. The reason that the programme is being offered in schools is because school-based immunisation programmes provide a highly effective means of delivering important health programmes to school-aged children, ensuring good uptake. Flu can be a very unpleasant illness in children. Annual immunisation will not only provide important protection to individual children, but will also reduce the spread of flu to their families and the wider community e.g. protecting younger siblings, grandparents and those who are at increased risk of becoming seriously ill from the flu virus. The continued rollout to new cohorts of primary school-age children is based upon advice from the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI), an independent expert committee which advises the Government on vaccination policies.



## Flu vaccination benefits to schools

- Helps to protect children against flu, which in turn, may help to protect other pupils and staff and reduce absenteeism rates;
- Promotes a healthy working environment in schools and the wider community, including amongst parents;
- The engagement in public health programmes, including vaccination, will help to evidence criteria relating to personal, social, health and economic education (PSHE);
- Provides an opportunity to integrate learning about the benefits of vaccination into the school curriculum including history and science.