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Dear parents, children, staff and parishioners,



I can't quite believe six weeks have been and gone and that a half term has passed us by. This half term has presented us all with many challenges: we have seen the partial closure of schools; we have used technology as a means to bring classrooms into homes; we have dealt with yet another lockdown; we have probably been on enough walks to last us all a lifetime, and to top it all off – we have also had the added bonus of snow! They say that the only time you should look back is to see how far you've come and looking back we have all achieved so much in such a short space of time. I now hope that we are able to look forward to next half term with as much positivity as we are ending this one. I hope for us all that it brings brighter times; times when once again, the classrooms are filled with the laughter of all children and times in which we are able to create those moments that become memories - as we have lots of exciting things in store when we return after a well-earned break. I really do wish you all a wonderful half term! Rest, relax and enjoy your time as a family

– we really have all earned it 😊



February Half Term - CLOSED!

Please note, that staff will not be online or contactable on Friday 12th February or over half term and our online platforms will not be monitored. Staff have risen to the challenge of working in a completely different way and understandably, that has brought with it a tiredness that only a real break and rest can cure. I am sure you will join me in thanking them for their contributions and hard work and wish them a restful break.

** We break up today (Thursday 11th February) and we return after half term on Monday 22td February**



MR EVERETT

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Covid-19 Test Results during Half Term

Please note, that if you or anyone in your household tests POSITIVE for COVID-19, please can you email evidence of this test result to p.madia@romeromac.com. It is really important that I am made aware of this for our records — even if your child has not been attending school at the moment. Please can I strongly advise that you book a test if anyone in the family is feeling unwell, as the COVID-19 symptoms can be very varied. I sincerely hope

that everyone stays well during this time.



During half term we will be celebrating 'Shrove Tuesday'. Have you ever wondered why we use up our eggs in pancakes? Do you know how to make tasty pancakes? Well do not worry as Jane Andreassen from our catering team, is on hand. Watch out for our social media posts next week to find out how to make tasty pancakes and use up your eggs too. Look out for Mr Everett, Principal of Cardinal Wiseman, who has a challenge for all our staff and pupils across the MAC. Will you get the highest score? Our social media posts

will also share why there is a tradition of using up all your eggs ahead of Lent. Happy pancake Tuesday!



Lent 2021

Wednesday 17th February 2021, is Ash Wednesday and the start of the season Lent. It is a day of fasting and abstinence. As it is half term, and we will not be in school, please consider taking your children to Mass. During the 40 days and 40 nights please look at the Lenten Walk With Me calendars – we will send these out shortly.

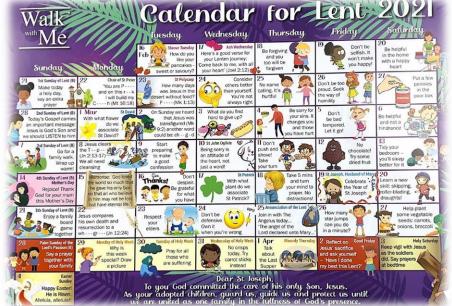


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Screen Free Day

In order to help reduce the stresses of home learning, each year group will be hosting a series of 'Screen Free Days.' The aim of this is simple: step away from the screens and have some creative fun. It will also hopefully relieve some of the pressures upon you as parents, and give staff and children some well needed time away from the screen. The activities will be designed so that the children can complete these in a more independent way, leaving you some time to get on with your work or tick a job off that never ending to do list. The days for the children's screen free days will be **Today** and **Wednesday 3rd March**.

Sacred Heart's GOT TALENT 2021

Thank you for the entries so far.....please send in your video entries using We Transfer, as the files will be too big to email and send to my email address p.madia@romeromac.com. Closing date 22/02/2021.

(I will need the child's name, year group and what their act will be please): https://wetransfer.com



Spelling Shed

The King Bees and Queen Bees for this week are:

Class 2E	Freya S
Class 2F	Isabal O
Class 3G:	Jeremiah D-F
Class 3H:	Karen A
Class 4I	Kyran C
Class 4J:	Stefhan B
Class 5K	Jovin J
Class 5L	Bryan S
Class 6M	Jacob G
Class 6N	Max M



Times Tables Rockstars

Our top Rockstars are:

Class 3G	Joanna M
Class 3H	Yvan B
Class 4I	Jessica P
Class 4J	Dhairya P
Class 5K	Ariel G
Class 5L	Ciara A
Class 6M	Elaina M
Class 6N	Balpreet K



Well done to our winners for this week! If you want to be in with a chance of winning a prize next week, make sure you log on to your Spelling Shed and Times Tables Rockstars account and get practising those spellings and tables.

21 free (or very cheap) ways to sprinkle joy for kids over half term

Many families will take a break from home-schooling next week - just listen closely to the collective cheering of the nation's kids (and parents). If you're running out of steam to keep them entertained for less over the February half term, we've come up with some tips to help to bring young children joy for little or no money.

https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/team-blog/2020/04/free-or-cheap-ways-to-entertain-kids-indoors/

Secondary School Places (YEAR 6 Parents)

All parents and children in Year 6 will receive official notification on Monday 1st March, on which Secondary school you have been allocated, either by e-mail or through the post. We will be supporting Year 6 in transition to Secondary school over the next 5 months as we work in partnership with Cardinal Wiseman and the other secondary schools. If you have any immediate queries, then please speak to Mrs Taggart in the school office.



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Sports Stars

We've been really impressed with how the children are continually engaging with the different P.E activities we've set them. See below for this week's sports stars. If your child's name is listed, please check your emails for a video message for your child congratulating them \bigcirc

The children really have made us smile this half term, please see the school's Facebook page for a special video we've made for them all 🚳



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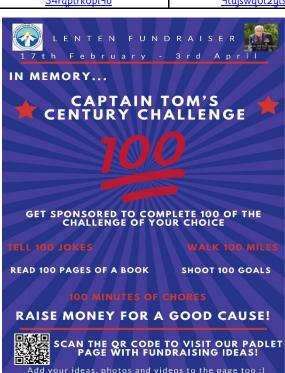
Go Parks Active Schools Challenge and COMPETITION!

Let's go Team Sacred Heart! Over the last week we have been climbing the leader board thanks to all of your amazing efforts to get out and scan the QR codes ① The competition is running all the way up until 28th February so let's keep going and see if we can climb into the top 3. Keep an eye on the school's Facebook page for updates on Flash Challenges and our position on the leader board. Stay local - Stay Safe ②

Padlet Pros

This week, it has been fantastic to see more and more children posting on their Padlet pages with videos and photos of how they are keeping fit and active at home. Keep it up and we look forward to crowning the next KS1 and KS2 Padlet Pros next week for their regular engagement ©





Sir Captain Tom - Lenten Fundraising

This year, for our Lenten fundraising, we've decided to use the amazing charitable fundraising Sir Captain Tom Moore did as inspiration for our fundraising.

This year's challenge is called 'Captain Tom's Century Challenge'. We are challenging you to get sponsored to complete 100 of something. Please follow this link to find a list of fundraising ideas https://padlet.com/mtaggart4/qsh0uiu9htvmn711

Here, you can not only find ideas for your own fundraising, but you can also add more ideas and photos/videos of you completing your century challenge. We hope you will be able to support the school in raising some money for our Lenten charities.



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World Book Day World Book Day

Join Sacred Heart on Thursday 4th March 2021









A virtual theatre production



A book diorama competition



Theme Make your own costume



Create a cosy reading corner









This year, World Book day is on Thursday 4th March and we have LOTS of wonderful things planned for you all. Our dress-up theme this year is: make your own Book Character costume. We think the homemade costumes are always the best as they are so creative, so to ensure you have enough time to get book day ready, we are going to allocate some of your time in the afternoons to work on your costumes. You will have the chance to show off your costume via our Padlet page and also in your class parade. A winner and a runner up will be awarded in each class and those children will receive a lovely prize. Please do not feel under any pressure to take part in this activity, we just thought it would be a nice "screen free" activity while the children are at home.

We have some very exciting activities planned for the day, such as: a virtual theatre production, the masked reader, a Kahoot book quiz and a QR code story stroll.



We have lots of lovely prizes to give away if you enter our exciting competitions 🙂



Competition 1:

There will be a book diorama competition where you will need to create your favourite book scene in a shoebox (there are lots of fantastic online examples)

Competition 2:

The cosy reading corner competition, for this competition you will need to create a cosy reading corner at home, with lights, cushions etc.

If you would like to take part in either of these competitions, you will need to submit a photograph of your book diorama or cosy corner to: <u>l.qibson@romeromac.com</u> or <u>r.ellis@romeromac.com</u>

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Thank you so much for all of your continued support. Have a thoroughly enjoyable Half Term!

Mr P Madia

Executive Principal

Hold my hand, God,
lead the way,
Help me be good every day.
Let me know what's wrong and right,
Keep me safe day and night,
Let me know what you have planned,
Lead the way God,
hold my hand.
Amen

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