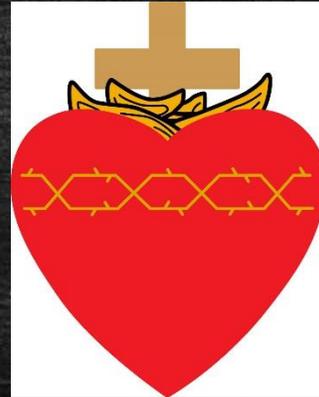


Parents Transition Information



Welcome to Year 4!



Hello Year 4,

My name is Miss Callan, I cannot wait to get to know you all!

I have 2 children. 1 boy and 1 girl.

I am Irish

When I was younger (and fitter) I did Irish dancing.



I decided I wanted to be a teacher when I was 5!

I LOVE chocolate AND Mcdonalds!

I went to Sacred Heart when I was little and Mrs Elliott was MY teacher!

Hello Year 4,

My name is Miss Mistry, I cannot wait to get to know you all!

I enjoy watching Formula 1

I love to travel

My favorite dog is a Pug



I love spending time with my family

I used to live in Singapore

I enjoy reading and listening to vinyl

Welcome

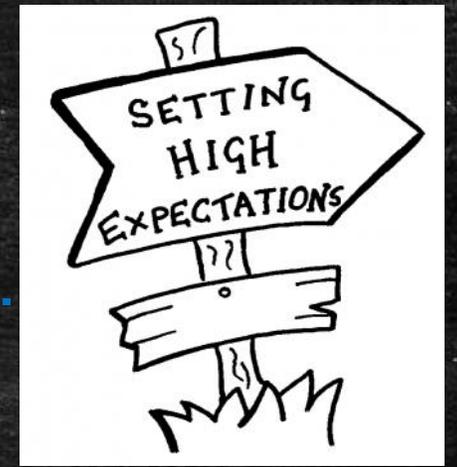
This information is to prepare you and your child for the start of their learning journey in Year 4.

We hope they settle back into school well and.



Expectations

Sacred Heart has always had a very high expectation of uniform and we hope to work together with our families to continue this.



- Children in neat and tidy full uniform every day with correct socks and black shoes.
- No earrings are to be worn due to health and safety. Please do not get your child's ears pierced during school time. If children are having their ears pierced then it must be done in the six week holiday.
- Watches are allowed to be worn but not smart watches.
- No other jewellery or nail varnish is allowed.
- No extreme hair styles. Hair should be worn short for boys and not have patterns, lines or artwork shaved into it. There should be no ridges nor perceived difference in length of boys' hair. Girls may wear short extensions of natural colour, but hair must be tied back and be of a neat appearance.
- Long hair must be tied back for health and safety reasons.

Uniform

Boys:
Winter

Grey trousers
White shirt
Navy sweatshirt with school badge *
Grey or black socks
Sensible black shoes (**NOT BOOTS OR TRAINERS**)
School Tie *



Girls:
Winter

Navy skirt or pinafore dress
White blouse
Navy sweatshirt or cardigan with school badge *
White socks or navy tights
Low heeled sensible black shoes (**NOT BOOTS OR TRAINERS**)
School tie *

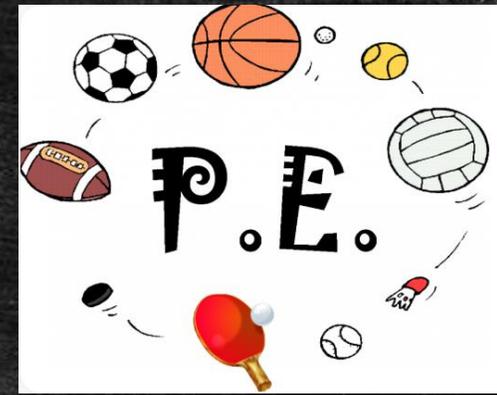
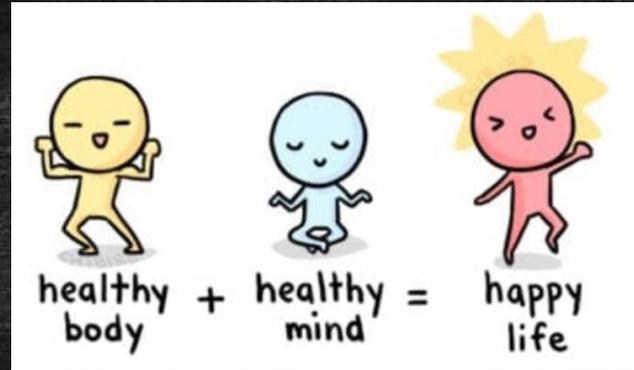


Children may bring trainers to change into for break times.

All uniform can be bought from the link on the school website.

* These items can only be bought from school.

P.E.Kit



PE is an important part of the curriculum and so children must be prepared for this lesson every day.

- P.E kits must be brought to school EVERY Monday and taken home EVERY Friday to be washed.
- P.E days may change and so this is why it is important to be prepared for P.E on any day.
- All children need pumps, T-shirt and shorts for P.E. Lessons and all items must be named.
- School polo shirts can be bought from the school website.



Partnership with home and school

You, as parents, are the key educators of your children but we need to work together to create a positive attitude to school

- We need to work together and ensure homework is completed to a good standard and handed in on time.
- We also need to work closely together to encourage high expectations in behaviour and learning attitudes.
- Please ensure you are encouraging your child to be independent e.g. carrying their own bags into school, getting their PE bags ready for the correct days, having the equipment they need, handing in their homework on time etc.
- Reading, Writing and Maths activities should be encouraged at home.
- Please encourage children to look after their belongings and make sure that everything is labelled.

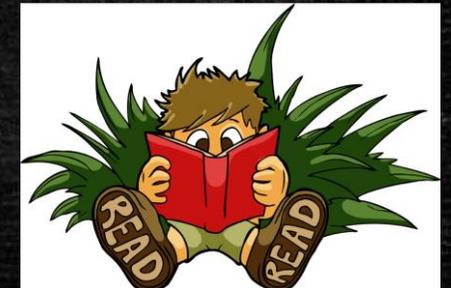
Children will be provided with a pack of equipment at the start of term that they must take care of. School will replace items that 'run out' but parents will need to supply equipment that is lost or broken.



Homework in Year 4

- Children in Year 4 should spend approximately 1 hour and 30 minutes per week on homework tasks.
 - During the Autumn term children will not take their reading book home, they will read this every morning when they come in either to themselves or to an adult.
- Maths homework will focus on the times tables that should be learnt by heart (by the end of Year 4, children should know ALL times tables up to 12 x 12 in and out of order).
- Homework will be given out on a Tuesday and we expect children to have completed and handed it in by Friday.
- The homework set will be based on the thematic or English work being studied in class.
- Homework may be set on Purple Mash as children are now used to the format of how this works.

Homework is an important way of establishing a successful link between home and school. We aim for all our children to develop as independent learners and we believe homework will help children to acquire this skill.



Sacraments that Catholic children celebrate in Year 4

Due to school closure's children were unable to make their First Holy Communion so they will be receiving the Sacrament this year.

Year 4 is a very important and special year for Sacramental preparation

Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

- Your children will prepare for these Sacraments through:
 - RE lessons in school
 - Parents' meetings
 - Masses at Sacred Heart Church.

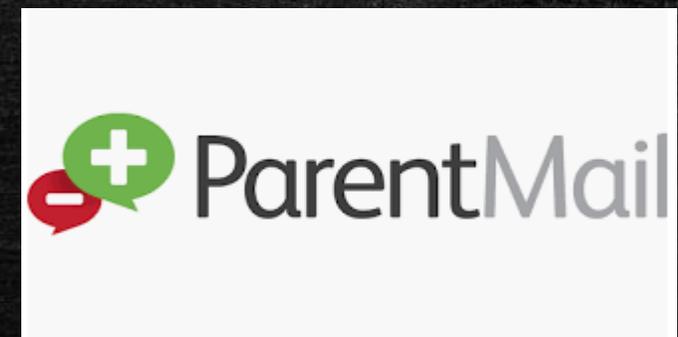


Your role as a parent is vital in supporting your children through these steps in their journey of faith at Sacred Heart Catholic School.

- More information about the dates for First Holy Communion and the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be provided in due course.

Lunch and break times

- All children must bring a water bottle to school that can be refilled using the water machines. These bottles need to be taken home and washed everyday.
- Year 4 children may bring a piece of fruit or vegetable for their morning break.
- The school operates a healthy eating policy which means items such as crisps, chocolate and sweets are not allowed at break times.
- Your child may either have a school lunch or their own packed lunch.
- If your child chooses to bring packed lunch then it must be healthy. No sweets, chocolate or drinks other than water are allowed in school.
 - If you wish for your child to change to school dinners then please see Mrs Ali at the main office.
- School dinner money is payable through ParentMail.
Please download the app onto your phone.



Year 4 Multiplication Check

Primary-school children are expected to know all their times tables up to 12×12 . Under the current National Curriculum, children are supposed to know their times tables by the end of Year 4, but are currently not formally tested on them.

Which children will sit the multiplication check?

It will be taken by ALL children in Year 4, in the summer term (in June).

How will children be tested?

Children will be tested using an on-screen check, where they will have to answer multiplication questions against the clock. The test will last no longer than 5 minutes and their answers will be marked instantly.

Year 4 Multiplication Check

How do they learn their times tables?

- Tables seem easy when children have learned them, but the prospect of having to learn them drives fear into children – and this in turn has a negative effect on learning.
- This diagram shows the 144 times tables multiplication facts that every child needs to commit to memory. Children need to be able to recall any times tables answer within two or three seconds. This leaves no time for counting the way up to the answer from $2x$, $3x$, $4x$ etc. – the answer has to 'pop' out of memory pretty much instantly.

x	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
2	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24
3	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36
4	4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36	40	44	48
5	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60
6	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60	66	72
7	7	14	21	28	35	42	49	56	63	70	77	84
8	8	16	24	32	40	48	56	64	72	80	88	96
9	9	18	27	36	45	54	63	72	81	90	99	108
10	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	110	120
11	11	22	33	44	55	66	77	88	99	110	121	132
12	12	24	36	48	60	72	84	96	108	120	132	144

Times Table Rockstars

All children will have their own personal log in to TTRS, you may have seen them using it already.

This is a great and fun way to learn their times tables.

When children start in Year 4 they will all play 10 studio games so we have a fresh starting point for each of them.

Each week children will have a 30 minute TTRS session in school but they **MUST** use it weekly if not daily at home.



Thank you

We understand that the children had a very strange end to Year 3 but it is our aim to settle them back into school routines as quickly as possible in September.

Many of your children may feel a little nervous or anxious about returning after such a long time at home. In the first few weeks of September, our priority will be to restore your child's well-being and help them to feel part of Sacred Heart community once again.

If you have any questions or concerns then please contact the school office or email at enquiry@sacredheart-sch.net.

We will keep you all in our prayers.



Have a lovely Summer break and we look forward to seeing you all on **Wednesday 2nd September.**