



Atherton Sacred Heart RC Primary School

Newsletter w/b 1st February 2016

What's on this week:

1st February - Y4 to Tesco for 'Farm to Fork'

3rd - 5th February - Y5 to Lockerbie

Strength of Character

Open Mindedness

8th February - Y5 to Tesco for 'Farm to Fork'

11th February - Y4 rugby festival at Leigh Sports Village

15th - 19th February: school closed for Spring holiday

23rd February - Y3/ Y6 visit to Metropolitan Cathedral

24th February [9.15am] - Infant HCPT sponsored walk

1st Mar [2.30pm] - Y1/ Y2 hosting a Mothers Day afternoon tea

2nd/ 3rd March - Prags Birk visiting for Asian cultural activities

3rd March - KS2 dance festival at Leigh Sports Village

3rd March - 'Happily Ever After' performance for Y4 - Y6

5th March [Saturday 6pm] - Mass at St Richard's [Y5/Y2/R]

7th March - Y2/ Y5 visit to Metropolitan Cathedral

10th March [Thursday] - Spring parents/carers meetings

11th March - Non uniform day for chocolate donations

13th March [Sunday] - Choir at Manchester Amateur Choral Competition at RNCM

13th March [Sunday at 1.30pm] - Bingo in the club [tbc]

15th March - Y4+ at 'Let's Sing', Robin Park

16th March [2.15pm] - Easter Parade [design a hat, egg, etc...]

17th March [9.15am] - Y1/Y2 performance of the Easter Story

18th March [9.30am] - Easter Mass [Y4]

18th March - Spring Term ends

19th March [Saturday] - Leigh Community Choir to Stratford
With our choirs, Sacred Heart is giving something back to the community. Like to sing? See Miss Morrow for more details!

Although there are fundamental differences between the beliefs of the Church and the State, we must prepare our children to live in a society in which being gay is not only protected in law but is positively affirmed by a great many people. Whatever our beliefs, we have a responsibility to send compassionate, understanding, open minded and loving Christians out into a diverse community.

Therefore, in line with Ofsted expectations, our children should know that:

- some people are gay ['get over it' - Stonewall]
- the word 'gay' is not a funny word to laugh at
- the word 'gay' is not a substitute for the word 'rubbish'
- the word 'gay' should not be used as an insult
- homophobia is unacceptable

By doing so, we are being sensitive to the fact that:

- some of our children may have gay family members
- our children will see gay characters in tv programmes
- as society becomes a safer place to do so, more and more high profile people, possibly admired by our children for their achievements, are coming out as gay eg. Tom Daley
- as they become teenagers, some of our children may have gay or questioning friends who possibly might not find it as easy to fit in
- as they become young adults, our children might work with, play sport with, be served in shops by, go to university with etc,,,, gay people

And so, after half term, two events are scheduled:

Wigan Council have asked schools to participate in a competition to design an emblem for the very first Wigan Pride event in the Summer. The winning design will be professionally created and presented back to the school. We will work on our competition entries in w/b 22nd February.

On Thursday 3rd March, Y4-Y6 will be watching the play 'Happily Ever After' performed by a professional theatre company. It is a mime set beautifully to music. The plot of moves along like many other classic tales; a young prince meets lots of princesses though does not like any of them, but all of that changes when a prince comes along. They fall in love and live happily ever after!

The Liturgical Season of Lent

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday which this year falls on 10th February. Fr Paul will be visiting school for a short service and to distribute ashes.

During Lent, as a sign of our faith, we try to be more giving.

Our charity fundraising schedule is as follows:

- w/b 8th February: Y6 CAFOD activities
- w/b 22nd February: Y5 CAFOD activities
- Wednesday 24th February: Infant HCPT sponsored walk
- w/b 29th February: Y4 CAFOD activities
- w/b 7th March: Y3 CAFOD activities

To lessen expense/ waste, children are again asked not to sell food or drink for CAFOD. Raffles, games, toy and book sale etc... only please. A one off food market for cakes and other tasty treats will be on Monday 14th March [all classes].

