Our Worship this morning was the first for the new liturgical year and also the first of our Advent series, which explores what it really means to get ready for Jesus’ coming at Christmas. The children reflected that our preparations for Christmas to include changing ourselves to be more inclusive, loving and caring towards others.

**We considered:**

How can I be more loving and caring to others?  
Can I be a better brother or sister, son or daughter?  
Can I forgive others when they hurt me?  
Can I say sorry when I hurt others?  
Can I help charities more?  
Can I be a better friend?  
Can I be friendlier to others I don’t know so well?

Thank you to our parishioners Shelia and Barbara who helped our Student Council prepare our School Advent Wreath. This is on display in our library area and can be used by classes for their daily Collective Worship. Check out #SHCPChorleyRE to see more pictures.

Our ‘Travelling Posada’ continues to make it’s journey around our classes. Thank you to everyone who have been sharing their experiences on twitter #SHCPChorleyRE
Dear Parents,

Over the last few weeks Governors have been having their Autumn Term committee meetings which consist of Standards & Effectiveness which looks at Attainment, Data and Curriculum, then Resources which looks at Finance, Premises and Policies.

At our Standards & Effectiveness meeting the attainment and progress was reviewed from last year’s academic year from which we recommended the School Improvement Priorities for this academic year. Resources Committee Governors have brought forward Computing spending proposals into the current financial year and ensured that there were the necessary funds in place to meet the new School Improvement Priorities for this academic year.

The Full Governing Body met last Monday evening. The Policies were discussed for example Health & Safety Policy, Charging & Lettings Policy and a new Walking Home Policy were ratified. The term dates for the next academic year were also approved, these can now be found on our school website.

We currently have a vacancy for a Parent and a Foundation Governor. The Archdiocese will appoint a Foundation Governor but any parent who would be interested in joining the Governing Body please can I encourage you to speak with Mr Broderick or Mrs Chenery.

Mrs Rooney
Chair of Governors

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**Dementia Friendly Christmas Carol Service**

*with Archbishop Malcolm McMahon at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King on Thursday 19th December 2019 at 2.00pm*

Featuring the students from Great Crosby and Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Primary Schools plus the “Songs We Remember” Choir.

Assistance with wheelchairs and refreshments provided by students from Bellerive FCJ Catholic College.

*Refreshments will be served afterwards in the Gibberd Room and everyone is most welcome.*

For further information please contact the Pastoral Formation Department 0151 522 1046 or m.knight@rcaol.co.uk

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**Christmas Food Parcels**

Living Waters Church and Food Bank do lots of amazing work to support families in our local community, especially at Christmas. They have previously donated Christmas food parcels to some of our families. At school we know that Christmas can be a busy and difficult time and we want to ensure that our families are supported. If you feel you would benefit from a food parcel in December then please contact Laura Fee, our Family Support Worker, via the office or email Laura directly - lfee@sacredheart-chorley.lancs.sch.uk.

Any requests will be handled sensitively.

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On Friday last week children from Yrs 1 & 2 went to St. Michael’s High School to take part in a Sports Development Festival in association with Chorley Schools Sports Partnership (CSSP). They enjoyed the different sporting opportunities and want to take a few of the ideas back to school to try them out on the playground. For pictures check out #SHCPHeartPE

Class Come & See assemblies will return in the summer term.

Here are the dates in advance in case you need to book a late start to work.
Assemblies start after morning registration and usually finish for 9.30am. approx.
Yr R—Thursday 2nd July 2020
Yr 1—Thursday 11th June 2020
Yr 2—Thursday 30th April 2020
Yr 3—Tuesday 23rd June 2020
Yr 4—Thursday 21st May 2020
Yr 5—Thursday 7th May 2020
Yr 6—Tuesday 14th July 2020
—Leavers Assembly time tbc

PTFA News
Thank you to all our stall holders, parent helpers and indeed the parents who attended our first Christmas shopping night. Whist the footfall was low, those who attended were very pleased with the bargains that were available. Thank you to all our PTFA for organising the event. Monies raised on the night are in the region of £230.00.

Please remember we have our Christmas Bingo will be on Thursday 19th December 2019. Doors open at 6.00pm for Eyes Down at 6.30pm.

100 Club
New charges have been added to your SCOPAY account for the PTFA 100 Club from November 2019 to July 2020 should you wish to support the PFTA in this way. Cost is £9.00 for 9 months. Remember if you have bought a number already for this academic year, only purchase again if your want more than one number. Thank you for your support.

Espresso is a website which school subscribes to on behalf of the child to enable home access. The website has a wealth of educational resources from phonics to maths, even its own news channel which is age appropriate. Please make use of this resource and let me know your comments.

https://online.espresso.co.uk/espresso/login/Authn/
Username—student18881
Password—monkey

House Points totals for last week—
St. Benedict: 223
St. Dominic: 178
St. Francis: 167
St. Augustine: 159

Polling Station
On Thursday 12th December our new Active Hearts building will be used as a Polling Station for the General Election. School will remain OPEN on this day. Breakfast and After School club will take place in our Nursery Classroom. Nursery sessions will go ahead as normal.

Active Hearts
Breakfast Club—available each morning from 7.30am to 8.45am. Our Afterschool Club has been getting busier and busier. Although we always try to accommodate last minute bookings, unfortunately we are not always able to. Please be aware of this should you need to book at short notice. Friday Film Night
This weeks film is The Christmas Chronicles. Bookings can be made via the school office.
What’s your story Chorley 2020
This year, Chorley are once again holding their ‘What’s your story Chorley’ festival. This is a fantastic festival of words and fun for all the family including reading, writing and storytelling. In previous years we have created benches on the theme of Roald Dahl’s Matilda and Marcus Pfister’s The Rainbow Fish. This years theme is “How to Train Your Dragon” by Cressida Cowell.

We need your help! Can you help design our Book Bench?
We need you to create a design based on the story of “How to Train Your Dragon”, one winning design will be chosen and some children will be asked to help in the painting of our bench. Your design must include the front and back of the bench, based on the theme of the book, please also include our school badge.

All design entries to be handed to Mrs Chenery & Mrs Guest before the Christmas break (by Friday 20th December 2019). There will be a prize for the winning design. Once painted, our Book Bench will be displayed in Chorley town centre during the festival period – it will then be returned to school for us to keep and enjoy. So get your creative thinking caps on everybody – Good luck!

LIGHT A LIFE
On Sunday Fr Ball hosted The Light A Life service for relatives and friends who a deceased. It was a lovely service. There are candle templates at the back of Church if any family would like to write the name of a deceased relative. Fr Ball will offer Masses during the season of Advent.

Well done to everyone who has taken the opportunity to ‘Guess the Flag’ The answer was Sri Lanka
The flag this week is....

Answers on a piece of paper, with your name and class.

Sacred Heart has teamed up with CAMHS to run two parent workshops looking at anxiety in children. Last week we had our second session looking at strategies to cope with anxiety. Many thanks for the parents who have attended the first session. We are hoping such sessions can be commissioned and get rolled out to other primary and secondary schools. If you ever have any concerns please do not hesitate to make contact with Mr Broderick or contact the school office. All information is treated in strictest confidence. Laura, our school Family Support Worker is always willing to lend a listening ear.

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SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
HOLIDAY LIST 2020 / 2021

Autumn Term 2020

- **inset Day**
- School re-opens
- Mid-term closure
- **inset Day**
- School re-opens after mid-term
- Closure after school for Christmas

**Number of openings = 72 (37 + 35)**

Spring Term 2021

- School re-opens
- Mid-term closure
- **inset Day**
- School re-opens after mid-term
- Closure after school for Easter

**Number of openings = 54 (30 + 24)**

Summer Term 2021

- School re-opens
- **May Day Holiday (school closed)**
- Mid-term closure after school
- School re-opens after mid-term
- Closure after school for Summer
- **inset Day**

**Number of openings = 64 (34 + 30)**

**Total number of openings = 190**
With every good wish

Mr Broderick