



St. Martha's News

*'Together we live and learn,
we play and pray'*

Friday 27th January 2023

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King's Lynn,
Norfolk,
PE30 4AY

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**Headteacher: Rachel Edwards
Deputy Headteacher: Hayley Pink**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Industrial Action

As you are aware from media coverage the National Education Union (NEU) have declared strike action, which will take place on Wednesday 1st February 2023, Wednesday 15th March 2023 and Thursday 16th March 2023. A further strike for the Eastern Region is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 1st March 2023. The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over teacher's pay and not because of any issues at our school.

Due to the unions advice to members, making any decision on the best course of action for this day is very difficult as I need to ensure all children and staff in school are safe and that I have enough staff in school to make this happen.

As it stands, I am planning to keep the school open on 1st February, however, as teachers do not have to tell me whether they are striking until the morning of the strike, I need to stress that I may need to put closures in place last minute.

I understand that this situation may be frustrating, and ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with respect. St Martha's along with St John the Baptist Trust remains committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our pupils and delivering high-quality teaching.

My advice would be to ensure you have alternative childcare should you need it if I have to make any class closures between now and Wednesday. All communication regarding the Strike will be sent via Dojo so please keep an eye for any further updates. I am sorry that I cannot be more definite in my decision but I need to be honest with you in this situation.

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Upcoming Events:

3rd February: Number Day

We are once again celebrating the NSPCC's Number Day on Friday 3rd February. The children will take part in lots of maths and number activities throughout the day and we would love them to wear their favourite number again in any creative way they like. We would love to raise money for this fantastic charity by asking for a small donation, if you are able to.

6th February: Dress to Impress

Children's Mental Health Week is 6th-12th February. The theme this year is 'Let's Connect.' As part of this week, we will celebrate 'Dress to Impress' which is a non-uniform day where staff and pupils are encouraged to use clothing and colour to express themselves. This could be dressing as your favourite superhero or simply wearing your favourite outfit – anything that makes you smile and reflects your personality. We will not be collecting any donations for this non-uniform day.

PTA Event: Valentine's Day Non-Uniform

The school's PTA have organised a non-uniform day for Friday 10th February. Children can wear something Valentine's Day themed if they wish. There is a suggested donation of £1, with the proceeds going towards the PTA's fundraising for the school.

A few of our staff have been raising money for Charity themselves this month. Mrs. Shine, Mrs. Lowe and Mrs. Doherty have run a Marathon in a Month, to raise money for Tommy's, the baby loss charity. Well done to them all, a great achievement especially in the cold weather we have had this month!

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs. Edwards.

Times Table Café

Year 4 Blue and Yellow were delighted to host two Times Tables Sessions for Parents this week. Parents were invited to attend a short talk by the class teacher followed by half an hour playing learning games with their child. The children absolutely loved showing the grown-ups what they have been learning in lessons related to times tables. It was wonderful to be able to hold such an event and see families enjoying a range of activities including playing snap, dice games and using pasta to create multiplication and division arrays. A lot of biscuits were also eaten! We hope to hold more sessions like this in the future. A huge thank you to all involved in setting up, especially our fantastic Learning Support Assistants.

We are keen to host more events like this in the future. If there is something you, as a parent, would like us to run, please do get in touch and we will try to organise it. Please do email me on head@st-marthas.norfolk.sch.uk

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday 29th January 2023

Matthew 5: 1-12



Learning

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| Reception: | Oliver & Periwinkle |
| Year 1: | Zuzanna & Artiom |
| Year 2: | Jessie & Monica |
| Year 3: | Sara & Daniella |
| Year 4: | Adam & Kamil |
| Year 5: | Jan & Aimy |
| Year 6: | Ting Ting & Felix |

Behaviour

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| Amiras & Rodrigo |
| Daniel & Delia |
| Ethan & Maya A |
| Aimee & Aleksa |
| Austin & Kamil |
| Oliwia & Delna |
| Aaron & Molly |

Happy Birthday!

Reception: Adam

Year 2: Francesca, Sammy

Year 4: Kamilas, Leo, Ksenia

Year 6: Liepa, Charlie

May God never stop showering you with His blessing!

World Thinking Day



On 22nd February, it is World Thinking Day. World Thinking Day is a global event where children are encouraged to celebrate international friendship, and speak out and raise awareness for issues facing young women and girls. Each year World Thinking Day has a theme, between 2022 and 2024, the theme is on the Environment and Climate Change.

World Thinking Day is celebrated around the world by 10 million Girl Guides and Girl Scouts in 150 countries.

The 22nd February is also Founders Day in which the Scouts remember and celebrate the birthday of Baden-Powell, our Founder, the force behind Scouting and all that it stands for today.

In light of these two things, any child who is a member of the Scouts or Girl Guides – Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts – can wear their uniform to school on this day.



Safeguarding

The wellbeing of our children is of paramount importance to all staff.

Should any parent have a concern regarding a child's wellbeing, please inform the school's Designated Safeguarding Officers:
Mrs. Pink and Mrs. Child

In school, we Talk PANTS with our children to help keep them safe. Learn more about how you can support us at home to keep children safe by Talking PANTS

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keepin-g-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/>

Dates for your diary:

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| 2 nd February | Year 5 and Year 1 Under 11s Boys Football Tournament Lynnsport 9:30am Year 6 Parents Meeting about Kingswood – 6pm |
| 3 rd February | NSPCC Number Day Under 11s Girls Football Tournament Lynnsport 9:30am |
| 6 th February | Dress to Impress |
| 10 th February | Valentine's Day Non Uniform Year 1 Trip to Lynn Museum |
| 8 th February | Year 1 Blue Assembly |
| 10 th February | Finish for half term at 3:15pm |
| 20 th February | Back to School, gates open at 8:30am |

Please note in light of Strike Action on Wednesday, I have postponed Year 2 Blue's Class Assembly. As soon as a new date has been organised, I will let parents know.

Attendance Award

**Congratulations to Year 5 Blue,
Year 3 Yellow and Year 1 Blue
with 98.6%
attendance this week.**

**Which class will be the winning
class next week?**



Stalls are £5 each (Tables are provided) professional stalls also welcome.

Please book your stall with Ali on 07876558395 to allow allocation and avoid disappointment due to limitations on space.

Event will be held in the Studio Hall and corridors.

Take this great opportunity to sell your unwanted items after Christmas, or grab a bargain. We also welcome any good quality donations to sell, with the proceeds going to the school. Please take only good quality donations to the school office. Anything remaining will be given to charity. We are also asking for cake donations to be brought to the office on Friday 27th, again all proceeds will go to the school.

Also included

Refreshments, Guess the name of the cuddly toy.



Could you provide a loving home for a rescue dog? The Channel 4 series, The Dog House is looking for couples, individuals, friends and families who are seriously considering bringing a rescue dog into their lives and are willing to share their reasons for doing so.

Please follow this link to apply:

<https://www.channel4.com/4viewers/takepart/the-dog-house>



Norfolk County Council are proud to be one of the sponsors for the two-day Techathon for young people, running as part of Norwich Science Festival over half term week.

Tickets for the two-day event cost a maximum of £10, and include lunch, snacks and refreshments on both days.

[Book your tickets on Eventbrite now!](#)

A fun filled event

The Techathon lets young people aged 8 to 18 explore the possibilities of technology in an informal and creative environment. Over the course of two days, each team takes on one of our challenges, trying out ideas, finding out what works and what doesn't.

It's a great opportunity to meet like-minded people, expert mentors and even potential future employers. It's a fun-packed event with the opportunity to learn new skills, make friends and even win prizes.

Find out more at <http://stepintotechathon.org/>

For any additional queries email hello@stepintotech.org

This isn't a school event.

LAST HURRAH - 50% - MARDI GRAS



KSC 319 Pre Lent 2023 fundraiser for Parish family & children hardship support.

February 11th. St. Martha's small hall, 1pm till 4pm

Enjoy Fat Tuesday; ~~Tlusty Czwartek~~; ~~Užgavėnės~~; Mardi Gras celebrations

BANGERS & MASH (onion gravy) + pancakes (yummy toppings)
+ T or Coffee. Other Honesty Box refreshments available

Play BINGO + Pig Racing / reverse horse racing.
CASH PRIZES every time.

RAFFLE – Special prize **£100 Sheila Burdick Memorial Prize** + other prizes.

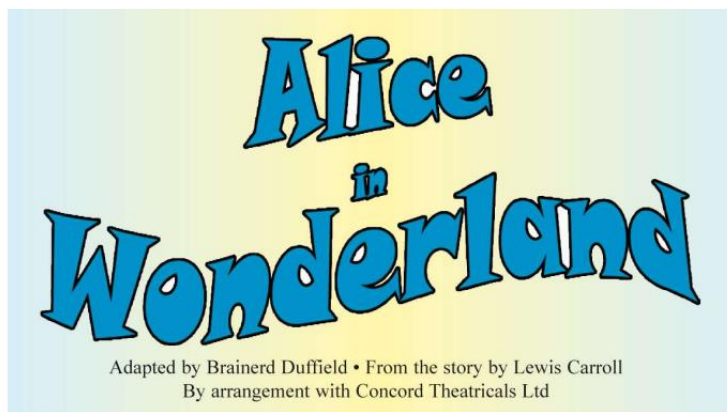
Entry £10 includes *one free bingo card + one free Main Raffle ticket*
Entry tickets, pre order or pre purchase only. Raffle = any time

All extra bingo cards OR raffle tickets @ £1

All £25 Sponsors / multiples of, will have prizes offered in their names.
Contact any KSC brother / echomicz2@yahoo.co.uk. All Ticket sales in new year.

The King's Lynn Players (Young Players)

Audition Guide



Saturday 20 May at 2.00 pm and 7.00 pm
Sunday 21 May at 2.00 pm

The Guildhall of St George, King Street, King's Lynn

Directed by Sharon Fox

Readings / Audition Workshop

Tuesday 31 January 2023 at 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm
Tuesday 7 February 2023 at 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm

Auditions

Tuesday 14 February 2023 - times to be confirmed

Membership Fee - £10.00 under 18, £20.00 over 18
Show Levy for all character roles - £20.00 to include a script
Show Levy for company and minis £10.00

Hello Everyone

I am delighted we are going to restart Young Players after a two year break with a production of the play, Alice in Wonderland, on Saturday 20 May (2 performances) and 21 May (1 performance) at the Guildhall of St George in King's Lynn.

Alice plunges down the rabbit hole and becomes involved in that madcap and deliciously satiric series of adventures immortalized by Lewis Carroll from Alice in Wonderland and Through the Looking Glass. Alice's journey will be through a kaleidoscope of action and madness, with the necessary elements of suspense and frustration in Wonderland.

There are lots of fantastic character roles in the play. Some are very large script roles and some are smaller roles, plus extras. Some parts can be doubled but we would like to give the opportunity for as many as possible to take part, acknowledging the space available at The Guildhall. There should be something for everyone - a few songs by Lewis Carroll that can be sung or recited as a poem and lots of scope for movement within the production. Details of all the characters are set out overleaf. We are hoping for a cast of 30 taking part.

We will be holding readings and audition workshops for anyone aged 7 to 21 on Tuesday 31 January 2023 and Tuesday 7 February 2023 at 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm. Auditions will be held on Tuesday 14 February and times for this will be confirmed at the readings. We will be rehearsing mainly on Tuesdays and Wednesdays with two Sunday afternoon rehearsals before the show. An outline schedule is attached at the end of this Guide.

If you have any queries please contact me by email
baz.fox@btinternet.com or mobile 07930 176424.

Looking forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 31 January at 7.00 pm.

Sharon (Baz) Fox
Director and Young Players Leader

Alice in Wonderland - Outline Rehearsal Schedule

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Tuesday 31 January 2023 at 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm at St Johns Church in the Walks
Tuesday 7 February 2023 at 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm at St Johns Church in the Walks

Auditions

Tuesday 14 February 2023 - times to be confirmed at St Johns Church in the Walks

Rehearsals - venues to be confirmed

Tuesday 28 February - 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm
Tuesday 7 March - 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm
Tuesday 14 March - 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm
Tuesday 21 March - 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm
Wednesday 22 March - 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm
Tuesday 28 March - 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm
Wednesday 29 March - 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm

Easter Holidays - there will be some rehearsals based on availability of cast members
No scripts from this date

Tuesday 18 April - 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm
Wednesday 19 April - 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm
Tuesday 25 April - 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm
Wednesday 26 April - 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm
Tuesday 2 May - 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm
Wednesday 3 May - 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm
Sunday 7 May - 1.30 pm to 5.30 pm with costumes and props
Tuesday 9 May - 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm
Wednesday 10 May - 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm
Sunday 14 May - 1.30 pm to 5.30 pm with costumes and props
Tuesday 16 May - 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm

In the Guildhall of St George, King Street, King's Lynn

Thursday 18 May - 6.00 pm to 9.00 pm - Tech
Friday 19 May - 6.00 pm to 9.30 pm - Dress
Saturday 20 May - 1.00 pm for a 2.00 pm start - Performance
Saturday 20 May - 6.00 pm for a 7.00 pm start - Performance
Sunday 21 May - 1.00 pm for a 2.00 pm start - Performance



Teacher Required



**Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School,
Sporle Road, Swaffham, Norfolk. PE37 7HL**

We are looking for an exceptional classroom practitioner with experience of working in either Key Stage One or Key Stage Two. The successful candidate should have the ability to promote and achieve high levels of pupil engagement, wellbeing and attainment. They should be able to demonstrate a proven track record of making a positive impact within school.

We are seeking to appoint enthusiastic and passionate teachers, to join our hard working and supportive team. Sacred Heart is a school where love, faith and hope are central to our mission, combining a Catholic ethos with an environment that focuses on the development of the whole child. This is an exciting time to join our school team for many reasons. The school is currently developing a new curriculum, focussed around a research-based teaching and learning pedagogical model. We are also preparing for a new future in a brand-new school building within the next couple of years. Please click on this [link](#) to find out more about our school.

We offer:

- *An inclusive and caring ethos*
- *Enthusiastic, well-motivated and inquisitive children*
- *Welcoming and supportive staff*
- *Opportunities for professional development*
- *A supportive Governing Body*
- *A caring school community*
- *For an outstanding candidate, we are able to offer a recruitment and retention incentive.*

**Any questions relating to the post should be emailed to
admin@sacredheartcps.uk**

**We warmly encourage prospective candidates to visit the school. Please contact
the Headteacher, Simon Blain by telephoning the school: 01760 721 330**

How to apply:

To download an application form, please visit our school website for the application form and associated documentation (<https://www.shcprimary.co.uk/vacancies/>).

Completed forms should either be returned via email to – admin@sacredheartcps.uk or by post to the school address. Please contact the school if you have any queries.

Closing date*: *Friday 3rd February, 10am*

Interview date*: *Friday 10th February*

**We reserve the right to interview and appoint for this position prior to the closing date for exceptional candidates*

Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School is committed to safeguarding pupils. Any offer of employment will be subject to satisfactory references, health check and Enhanced DBS (Disclosure & Barring Service) and proof of right to work in the UK. The successful applicant will also be required to complete a declaration form to establish whether they are disqualified under these regulations. We are an equal opportunities employer.