

# Parent Teacher Association



Sacred Heart  
RC Primary  
School,  
Battersea



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## News

### Dates to remember!

#### November

Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> Federation Mass – Feast of All Saints  
Parent-Teacher Consultation 5A  
Wed 7<sup>th</sup> **Annual General Meeting 7pm**  
Wed 14<sup>th</sup> **Headteacher's Forum 7pm**  
Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> Dad's & Carer's Reading Breakfast  
Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> **CHRISTMAS FAIR 3.30-6pm**  
Tue 27<sup>th</sup> Happy School Bag

#### December

17<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup> 3-day Movie Event  
Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Last day , finish 1.30pm



## 2018

More than leaves are turning this Autumn, November is turning out to be such a vibrant month! The PTA is looking forward to the **Annual General Meeting** on the 7<sup>th</sup> with elections, and a bit of a social at the end. We are eager to have new members joining the Committee with their ideas, points of view and new skills to better represent our varied school community. Please consider putting yourself forward; with your wisdom and experience together we'll create even better opportunities for all our children. There are many ways to get involved and it doesn't have to be a full-time job. Please complete the AGM form that you have received in your child's bag (and on Parentmail) and drop it off in the AGM box at the office. Next, on the **14<sup>th</sup> of November** parents will have another opportunity to meet **the Head** in a less formal and more accessible setting. If you'd like to ask questions and share your concerns and views, do not hesitate to come to **The Headteacher's Forum**. For queries that requires more elaborated answers, please email to the school admin first. **On Fri, November 23<sup>rd</sup>** after school, the school community will come together to celebrate the **Annual Christmas Fair**. Please see the posters for all the Christmassy treats on offer. In addition, we have a wonderful seasonal surprise for children and parents alike; you'll be able to meet & experience a very special furry family...Alongside the Christmas fair will be a fabulous **Raffle** full of exciting prizes , so look out for the Raffle books in your child's bag. We will conclude the month of November with the **Happy School Bag collection on the 27<sup>th</sup> at 9am** in hope that we will beat our previous record. Remember you can include even unwanted, already open toiletries, perfumes and accessories.

To all the  
children and  
adults born in  
**NOVEMBER**



#### Pop up Uniform stall

We have been in discussion with School Uniform Direct about the possibility of having a pop-up uniform stall on the school grounds once each term. We will notify you of the date as soon as it has been agreed. Buying school uniform is getting even easier!

**Gifts from PTA** – Children in years 3-6 have recently received new Foosball tables and picnic tables, while children in Nursery have received new hardwood building blocks. Also, children in KS1 have received new occupational dress up outfits, and the delivery of K'nex construction kits, outdoor building blocks and small vehicles is on its way. These will support children in their development of the fine motor skills needed for handwriting. Thanks to all parents supporting the PTA events.

**Summer Memories competition.** Apologies for the delay in announcing the lucky winner. The PTA outdoor displays were filled with summer photos from stunning places in the UK and all around the world, and the most entries came from 4T! The winning class will receive a £50 cash prize . Well done to the parents and children, Mr Thomas and the class rep! You did it together! We wonder who will win the next competition...

The PTA OF SACRED HEART RC PRIMARY SCHOOL BATTERSEA is a charity and it has been entered onto the Register of Charities with the Registered Charity Number 1179266.

Sacred Heart School is blessed with a team of dedicated and inspiring people shaping our children's education. We hope that you and your child/red will enjoy reading the questions and answers and thus get to know the teachers even better. During the year we hope to include the clergy, the governors and the admin too. In this month's special feature of **IN THE SHOES OF...** we would like to present the next two fabulous teachers: Mrs Christie and Mrs Walsh. Please note that if you have missed any of the interviews, you can catch up by visiting the PTA website on [pta.sacredheartschoolbattersea.co.uk](http://pta.sacredheartschoolbattersea.co.uk). Let's begin!

## **In the shoes of...**

### **Mrs Nicky Christie**

**Q: Can you say a little bit about yourself?**

A: I teach 2C and this is my 8<sup>th</sup> year at Sacred Heart.

**Q: What was your favourite childhood book/story and a film/ programme and why?**

A: I was an avid reader when I was a child. I loved Enid Blyton and all the adventures her characters got up to – it was so exciting to feel I was part of the Famous Five, Secret Seven or being rather naughty at school in Mallory Towers! My father travelled a lot for work and I remember him bringing me a very early copy of Pipi (Long Stocking) Langstrom and loving Pipi for not worrying about fitting in and doing the right thing! As an adult I was lucky enough to work with Benjamin Zephaniah and, as a result, many of his poems would make their way into my top 10!

**Q: What were your hobbies as you were growing up?**

A: Growing up I loved all sorts of sports, horse-riding, skiing, netball, dance and I still love to keep fit with Zumba now!

**Q: Did you have a favourite game/board game as a child?**

A: My favourite board game as a child was Mouse Trap – building the contraption to trap the mouse fascinated and thrilled me – but only when it wasn't my mouse to be trapped!

**Q: Did you have a pet?**

A: I had various pets as a child – a tortoise, cats, fish but no rodents or dogs! I have a little terrier called Oscar now.

**Q: Have you always wanted to become a teacher?**

A: I didn't always want to be a teacher – although I love being a teacher now! I worked in the television industry for 25 years before I realised what I really wanted to do!

**Q: What was your first job?**

A: My first job...you probably won't believe me...but I was a dancer in David Smart's Circus when it was a resident circus in Battersea Park many, many, many eons ago!

### **Mrs Sarah Walsh**

**Q: Can you say a little bit about yourself?**

A: I teach Y1, I have been for years in SH: This year I'm looking forward to ...

**Q: What was your favourite childhood book/story and a film/ programme?**

A: As a young child I loved reading Greek Mythology.

**Q: What were your hobbies as you were growing up?**

A: I loved drawing, reading and cycling. I also enjoyed playing and participating in sports, such as football, hockey and netball, gymnastics and dance.

**Q: Did you have a favourite game/board game as a child?**

A: My favourite game was Scrabble.

**Q: Did you have a pet?**

A: Yes, a dog and three cats.

**Q: Do you have a favourite childhood memory?**

A: Kite flying with my father on Epsom Downs!

**Q: Have you always wanted to become a teacher? What do you love about teaching?**

A: No, I originally wanted to become a nurse, but further education led me to work experience in hospitals, schools, including SEN. My experience in schools made me realise I wanted to teach.

**Q: What was your first job?**

A: My first job was a part-time sales assistant in the local chemist. I worked 14 hours per week and I was 11 years old!

Thank you so much for your time.