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## Dates to remember!

### December

Mon 17<sup>th</sup> KS2 Advent Service, SH Church,  
4pm

Tue 18<sup>th</sup> Film Night, Y2 & 3, 3.45 – 5.30pm

Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Film Night, Nursery, Reception &  
Y1, 3.45-5.30pm

Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> Film Night, Y 4,5 & 6, 3.45 – 5pm

Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Last day, finish 1.30pm

First day back Mon January 7th

To all the children  
and adults born in  
DECEMBER



The fabulous **Christmas Raffle** full of exciting prizes (see the list) will be drawn on December 17<sup>th</sup>. 597 tickets have been sold up-to-date, making £597. Please continue selling more tickets, there are 12 more days to go. Well done for all your effort, we are making a huge difference to SH school.

**Would you like to show off & share your favourite / national /Christmas dish?** This year for a Christmas treat, we are organising a **Christmas Lunch for all school Staff**. If you'd like to take part, please speak to one of us or leave your number and a short message at the reception and we will get in touch.

**Farewell & Best Wishes!** We said **Good bye** to the Owczarczuk family (Gabriella, Sophie & Jacob), who have moved back to Poland. Ella was a very dedicated Committee member ever since the PTA of SH school was founded in Spring 2017. They will be terribly missed; however, we wish them all the best in the new chapter of their lives.

The **Happy Bag** raised almost twice as much as the last collection, a staggering £483! Well done everyone: parents, children and staff! Teamwork pays! The next collection will be in March.

# NEWS

## DECEMBER 2018

The first month of winter and the last month of the year, and in the words of Dr Seuss: "How did it get so late?" Ready or not, the busy month of December is upon us with its charm and festivities, the Nativity and Carol services, Santa's Grottos & Christmassy treats, and of course, the last PTA event of the Autumn term – back by popular demand – the **3-Day Film Night!**

However, before we get on with Advent, let's go back a couple of week as there are parents, children and staff to thank for their participation, time and effort and guidance with our **Annual Christmas Fair** and the ever-so-successful **Happy bag**.

The highlight of the Christmas Fair would have to be the tame and friendly reindeer, that made children squeal with joy and excitement. So many parents and children commented on how they made this event very special. Positive comments also included the improved visibility in the playground owing to the additional lights (thanks to the Management and Roger who put them up), the lovely Christmas atmosphere created by the **festive decoration** in the playground and **Santa's Grotto** and by the combination of the Christmas songs (played by Don Rae from Don Rae Academy of Drama) and the scrumptious smell of BBQ, Mulled wine, Hot Chocolate and popcorn wafting through the air...Many people enjoyed the **delicious Filipino dishes** very generously donated by the **Reyes family**, for which we are very grateful. A big thank you to all those dads and mums, who, with a big smile, were serving hot food all evening. Thank you to all parents who were **manning the game stalls** while resisting the decreasing daylight; your contribution made this event so much fun for children especially. Another big thank you to **Ms Parsons and Mrs Walsh** for stepping in when we needed help with manning one of the game stalls, to **Mrs Christie and Ms McCarry** for their offer to help and for having a go at some games; they also won some great books for Y2! Children watch out! A big thank you to **Mr Thomas** for manning the fast & the furious Christmas Tree Tombola. Also, thank you to **all teachers and staff** who popped by to enjoy the atmosphere; it was lovely to see you there. Thank you to **Fr Gerry** for impersonating Santa and to all the Committee for working tirelessly behind the scenes in the weeks leading to the Fair and on the night. A massive thanks to **parents & staff** for their very **generous donations** and to the **office staff for their help**. Thank you to Rex (School Governor), for helping while **keeping an eye on smooth running of the event on the night**. **We couldn't have done it** without all the help we have received and the guidance of Mr Brading and Mrs Byrne; it was **most encouraging**. Thank you !

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: Ms Forshaw and Mrs Newman. 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 Claire Newman

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

A: I'm the youngest in my family. I'm currently teaching in y 3. I miss Reception a lot. I'm in my 8<sup>th</sup> year teaching at Sacred Heart. I'm looking forward to a new chapter in KS2!

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

A: My all-time favourite film is Lion King !My favourite book as a child was Dogger by Shirley Hughes. It reminds me of my primary school years as I didn't use to like reading and Dogger was a book that I could read and felt confident with.

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

A: Singing and acting. I used to love putting on 'shows' for my parents with all my sisters.

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

A: Monopoly has always been a family favourite but more recently it's Cluedo. I have found myself to be very good at it and currently undefeated against my husband!

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

A: Yes, I had a very much-loved cockatiel called Spike. We had him for 18 years.

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

A: Rebuilding Crystal maze in my back garden with my siblings and pretending we were on the show having to do challenges – I was about 5.

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

A: Yes and no. I always acted out being a teacher when I was younger and pretending to take the register but secretly and deep down, I wanted to be a pop star! It was my sister who inspired me to be a teacher and go to university.

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

A: I had a paper round at the age of 12years old and when I turned 16, I got a job working in Tesco's (I had to follow in my family's footsteps!)

### Ms Olivia Forshaw

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

A: I teach in year 5 at SH.I have been teaching here for 4 years and love every second! I love going on school journey because I love being outdoors. I'm looking forward to seeing the children develop into comedians and making me laugh.

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

A: I loved all Emid Blyton's books, especially the Twins at St Clare's series.

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

A: I did a lot of sport- hockey, swimming and ballet.

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

A: My family loved playing board games and still do even though we are all grown up! My mum banned us from playing Monopoly because my brothers always used to fight.

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

A: I once had a hamster who escaped. We had to lure her out from behind the cupboards with food!!

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

A: Going to Disney World! I wasn't scared of roller coasters, but I was terrified of the ghost train...I haven't been on one since.

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

A: Always! I used to make my younger sister play schools with me. I love coming into school, every day the children make me laugh.

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

A: I sold hot dogs and slush puppies at Wimbledon Tennis! I once served Judy Murray!

Wishing all the families, teachers and staff a very merry Christmas and a healthy and prosperous new year 2019. We are looking forward to seeing you all refreshed and blessed in January.