



SACRED HEART RC NURSERY AND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Everyone is Sacred

FRIDAY FLYER

3rd November 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last night the Civic Award children sent home a letter requesting donations as part of their shoe box appeal. They will be collecting items from Monday to Thursday next week and would be grateful if you could bear their request in mind when you go shopping this weekend. Details are outlined later on in the flyer. Many thanks in advance.



Welcome

It was lovely to welcome Year Six parents to school this week for Parents Evening and we look forward to seeing parents from other classes next week. It is also a pleasure to welcome so many family members to our weekly Good Work Assemblies that we hold every Friday.

Next week we will be selling poppies each day. In the morning two children will also be at the gate to sell poppies to you along with the different goods now available, which include wrist bands and rulers. We are delighted to once again be invited to South Devon College to read our poems at the College's Remembrance Service. Year Six are also hoping to go to the Cenotaph in the Palace Avenue Gardens.



Our Civic award children have been very busy organising different events in support of their chosen charities. Last year we chose Rowcroft Hospice as our school charity and I am delighted to announce that this week we received a certificate recognising that last year we raised £2267.89 in total. Thank you all for your generous contributions and to the teachers and children for their efforts and ideas in raising this money. Due to the fantastic work they do and their need for funds we intend keeping Rowcroft as our school charity for the coming year.



This half term Year 2 are having weekly swimming lessons. Year six had them last half term. We are really pleased that Years 1-6 will all have access to six weekly blocks of lessons this year. An essential skill as we live so close to the sea.

We are looking for a parent or family member to help us repair the canopy in our Jubilee Garden. One of the poles supporting it has rotted and the others are on their way. Any offers of help greatly accepted.



We wish you and your family a peaceful weekend.

Best wishes,
Helen Brown
Head teacher



School Uniform

We have had several parents informing us that their child has lost/mislaid various items of uniform, often newly purchased. Please can we kindly ask that you check that the items that your child brings home, belongs to them. If items have been picked up by mistake kindly return them to school the next day and hand to a teacher.

To assist with the correct belongings being returned to its owner, *PLEASE* help us to help you by kindly ensuring that all items brought into school are clearly labelled with your child's full name and preferably year group.

Thank you

Ms J Humber
Sacred Heart RC Primary School
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PAIGNTON
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25th October 2017

Dear Jacquie

I can't quite believe that it was a year ago I visited your school to give our Hospice Heroes presentation! The time has flown and the amount you, your colleagues and - most importantly - the pupils have raised with your Charity of the Year support is a phenomenal **£2267.89!** That is so amazing! We could not provide the care we do without your support - thank you so much.

It may interest you to know what an amount such as this could mean to our patients and their loved ones across South Devon. **£870** could cover the average cost of a 24 hour stay on our Inpatient Unit and **£420** would pay for an 8 hour 'care at night' shift for a patient in their own home.

Our Hospice at Home service allows patients to spend their last days in their own home and **£363** could pay for one of our Hospice at Home nurses to visit a patient to administer medication and ensure their comfort. We provide Memory Boxes for children and young people to help them through a difficult time and **£250** could buy 10 of these.

We provide various therapies for patients and their loved ones to help alleviate pain and stress. **£240** could provide 6 music therapy sessions and **£125** would pay for 5 complementary therapy sessions.

Providing the highest quality of care to as many patients and families in South Devon is what drives us forward. We are so grateful for the part you play in this. Without your help, we wouldn't be able to provide the care that we do. Together we can continue to help even more local families make the most of the precious time they have together.

Best wishes,



Debbi Shotton
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THE HOSPICE HEROES

A huge thank you to

Sacred Heart RC Primary School

for raising

£2267.89

Well done and thank you for raising these vital funds for Rowcroft Hospice.

October 2016/17



rowcroft hospice

Registered charity number 282723

Rowcroft Hospice helps to make every day the best day possible for patients and families living with life-limiting illnesses in South Devon. As a charity we rely on voluntary donations and gifts in wills to enable us to provide our care and support to our local community.



Good Work Certificates

Well done to all the pupils who received certificates this week during our Good Work Assembly.

	<u>Star Writer</u>	<u>Star Worker</u>	<u>Value Certificate</u>
Rec	Keira	Jacob	Lilly-Anne
Yr 1	Amelia	Adrian	Lennie
Yr 2	Summer	Matthew	Maisie
Yr 3	Chloe	Ella-Louise	Whole Class
Yr 4	Tilly	Maisie	Millie
Yr 5	Fusion	Summa	Summer
Yr 6	Sophie	Harley	Jasmine



Literacy Corner



Winter Magic by Amy Alward, Emma Carroll, Berlie Doherty

A beautiful and classic anthology of frosty, magical short stories from acclaimed children's writers. Dreamsnatcher's Abi Elphinstone heads up this gorgeous collection of wintery stories, featuring snow queens, frost fairs, snow dragons and pied pipers. An unmissable, enchanting treat of a collection that will be enjoyed for years to come, by readers of all ages.

Dates for your Diary!

Inset Day

The school will be closed on
Monday 20th November
2017

Flu Immunisations will be given on

7 Nov 2017

to children in Rec, Yr1, Yr2, Yr3 & Yr4 for
whom we hold consent forms.



The School Council are arranging a Sweet Sale on Wednesday 17th November 2017 to raise money for Children In Need. They would be grateful if you could send in donations of sweets from Monday 6th November 2017. Please give any sweets you wish to donate into your Class School Council Representative. Many thanks.

2018
CALENDARS

Year 5 together with Mr. Powell & Mrs. Perkins will be selling 2018 calendars this year. Businesses are invited to sponsor a month on the calendar for £25 – please see Mrs. Perkins for details.

Calendars will cost £5 each. Please place all orders ASAP.

The money raised will go towards new books for the library and to Rowcroft Hospice.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



Dear Parents and Carers,

All the Year Six Civic Award children, as part of Operation Christmas Child, are hoping to fill at least 20 shoe boxes to send to orphans in Eastern World countries. They aim to pack the boxes themselves but would like to ask for your support in collecting any of the following:



- *Small fun toys/games e.g. card games (but not traditional 4-suit variety), skipping rope, yo-yo, ball, small puzzles etc.
- *Pens, pencils, sharpeners, writing pads, crayons or felt tips, solar calculators, stamp and ink pad sets, etc.
- *Toothbrush and toothpaste, bars of wrapped soap, comb, hairbrush, flannel.
- *Hat, cap, gloves or scarf, sunglasses, hair accessories, jewellery set, wind up torch, wrapped sweets etc.
- *Doll, small cuddly toy, deflated football with pump.
- *Empty shoe boxes
- *Strong Christmas wrapping paper.



We are not allowed to include any damaged items, war related items, liquids, chocolate, bubbles or medicines, knitted stuffed toys or anything of a political, religious or racial nature, mirrors or fragile items.

If you are able to contribute any of the above the children would be really grateful. Please could you send your contributions in to your child's class teacher. They hope to pack the boxes next Thursday during our weekly meeting and send them on their way with love a prayer on Friday 10th November.

Thank you in anticipation for your donation.

Mrs. Brown and all the Civic Award children.

Wanted!

Your gently used books!



We are currently working on adding more stock to our school library. If you have any 'gently used' children's books you would like to donate to our library, please bring them into school and give to your child's class teacher.

**If we cannot use any donated book for the library,
it will be sold to raise funds to buy new books.**

Thank you for your generosity!

Second Hand Uniform



The School Council members will be holding a **second hand uniform sale in the playground in the last week of each half term**. Look out for confirmation of the date and then come and grab a bargain!!

SACRED HEART TODDLER GROUP



This group meets each Monday afternoon from 2.00pm to 3.00pm in the school hall. **Please note that entry is through the Nursery gate.** All are very welcome.

New School Uniform is available from Riviera Schooldays

186 Union Street Torquay TQ2 5QP

Tel: 01803 293650



Breakfast Club

We are now running our own Breakfast Club from 8.00 – 8.45 each day. **The cost of each session is £2.50 and includes a choice of juice, cereal, toast and fruit will be provided.**

This is being run by one of our teaching assistants Mrs. English.

PARKING!



We appreciate parking is limited at the beginning of the day and at the end of the day when parents are dropping off and collecting children from school. **However** we must remember that the school is placed in a residential community and local residents do have the right to be able to enter and leave their homes at all times of the day

If you have not already done so, you can collect a permit from the school office which will allow you to park in the Churchward Road car park free of charge during the drop off and pick up times.



Please note – FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY REASONS DOGS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN THE SCHOOL PLAYGROUND.



SCHOOL Attendance



Do you know that if your child has a record of 90% attendance what it actually means?

- *Half a day missed every week*
- *Nearly four whole weeks of lessons missed in a school year!*
- *Half a school year missed over five years!*

Class	Attendance %	% of Lateness
Reception	98.3	0.000
Year 1	99.2	0.000
Year 2	98.3	2.500
Year 3	99.2	0.000
Year 4	98.2	0.000
Year 5	93.5	0.403
Year 6	85.0	0.000

For this week: -

The attendance award goes to Year 1

&

The Quick Start award goes to Rec, Yr1, Yr3, Yr4 & Yr6.



Parents/Carers, please can you **telephone** the school **BEFORE 09:30** to inform that your child will be absent from school and give the reason for that absence. Please ring **each day** that your child is absent unless there is a definitive timescale of absence i.e. there needs to be **48 hours** clear from the last bout of sickness and/or diarrhea.



NURSERY

PARENTS



Please could you contact the school office if your child is poorly on the days they are due to attend nursery.

REMEMBER to also send in a letter when your child returns to school, confirming the dates and reason for their absence.

School Matters!



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow



OUR FAMILY SUPPORT WORKER



Hi my name is **Mrs Louise Loram**; I'm your friendly Family Support Worker at your child's school.

I have supported families and children for the past 20 years and throughout this time have supported families with a range of issues, concerns and challenges. Being a mum myself I understand that parenting is probably the hardest job in the world, and sometimes we all could do with a little support to steer us in the right direction.

I am here to support you with any aspect of family life which is concerning you and your children at the moment. I don't claim to have all the answers but I have a lot of knowledge, experience and contacts within agencies and organisations I can signpost you to if need be.

My support will mostly be done through home visits; however, I will also be attending groups within school so you can access me freely.

I will be holding a 'drop in' service between 8.45am and 11am. The next session will be on Tuesday 14th November 2017. This will be held in the side room off the church hall. Please come to the school office if you have any questions. There's a possibility that other groups may start up, so watch this space!

If there is any aspect that you would like me to contact you about, let Mrs Nott or the school office know and they will put me in touch with you.

Sometimes a worry shared is a worry halved!





Information for parents/carers about punctuality

Punctuality is a good thing!

Being on time:

- gets the day off to a good start with everyone in a positive frame of mind;
- sets positive patterns for the future;
- helps your child to make the most of his/her learning;
- helps children to develop a sense of responsibility both for themselves and for others;
- helps your child make and keep friends;
- leads to success and self-confidence.

Lateness is a bad thing!

Being late:



- gets the day off to a bad start, can put everyone in a bad mood and can be stressful;
- can be embarrassing for your child;
- is noticed by others who might make negative comments;
- may damage your child's confidence;
- your child will have missed out on vital instructions, information and bits of news at the start of the day, this may lead to them feeling confused;
- disrupts the learning for everyone;
- means children can fall behind in their learning;
- can create a bad habit that can be hard to break in the future;
- can lead to poor attendance.

Types of lateness

- Late **before** the registration closes – when your child is a few minutes late.
- Late **after** the register closes – **counts as an unauthorised absence.**

Some things that help

- Helping your child to get everything ready the night before (e.g. PE kit, reading book, school uniform).
- Finding out what your child will be doing each day.
- Allowing plenty of time to get to school.
- Making arrangements with neighbours, family or friends if you have problems getting your child to school.
- Making sure your child has breakfast or arrives at school in time for breakfast club.
- Helping your child organise homework.
- Establishing a good bedtime routine. Even simple things like making sure the room is dark enough to enable your child to sleep well can make mornings easier and less of a struggle.
- Making sure your child gets enough rest and is not distracted by too much time on the computer or watching TV.
- Setting an alarm clock!
- Taking care of yourself!

What should you do if you have a problem getting your child to school on time?

- **Talk** to your child first. **Talk** to your child's teacher.
- **Ask** for help from someone you feel you can talk to in school.

