



SACRED HEART RC NURSERY AND PRIMARY SCHOOL

FRIDAY FLYER

12th February 2016

Everyone is Sacred

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Tuesday we opened up our prayer space to children, adults and parishioners. The prayer space was set up in one of the church rooms and the children and adults could visit spaces that reflected: The World, Forgiveness, Worry, Peace, Thank You and Myself. It was very humbling to see how well they engaged with the tasks and how respectful they were of this special area.

It was lovely to see so many parents and families at our Ash Wednesday mass. It was a special event that reminded us all that Lent is a time of reflection and forgiveness. On Monday we had our second meeting for the children and parents making their First Holy Communion.

Congratulations to all our footballers who won both their games this week. I believe that both the girl's and the boy's teams have a chance of finishing top of their league. Well done to all the children with special thanks to Mr. Powell and Mr. Hunt.

On Thursday all our children were invited to a Valentine disco organised by FOSH. Thank you to all the parents who stayed to help. We could not run these events for the children if it was not for the time and support you give so freely. A special thank you to all the staff who stayed behind to dance and the DJ!!

After half term we should see quite major developments with our Jubilee Lodge. It is anticipated that we should be using it by the summer term.

This week our Nursery, Reception and Year One classes invited parents and families in to share their work and to engage children and parents in activities based around the books of 'Sally and the Limpet' and in Year One 'Little Red Riding Hood'. There has been a lovely creative buzz around. Thank you for your support.

Well done to Raea and Kya who organised today's fancy dress day to support their chosen Civic Award charities of Save the Children and Macmillan and to Amy, Beth and Jessica who are hosting a film evening after school this evening for ROC and Macmillan.

We wish you and all your families a peaceful half term holiday and look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 22nd February.



Best wishes,



SEAL

(Social & Emotional Aspects of Learning)

“Respond in an assertive way”.



BREAKFAST CLUB

We are now running our own Breakfast Club from 8.00 – 8.45 each day at a cost of £2.00 per session. Juice, cereal bars and fruit are provided.

This is being run by two of our teaching assistants Mrs Dooley and Mrs. Lansiquot.

Application forms are available from the school office.

LITERACY CORNER



By

Kristyna Litten

The adventures of giraffes Blue and Bertie make a comforting, humorous story that explores themes of friendship, independence and embracing the unexpected. Bertie is content to spend his days with his herd, crunching leaves, sipping water, then snoring en masse, until the day he oversleeps and wakes up alone. Lost, he's frightened until he meets Blue who reassures him, and shows him new parts of the jungle before taking him home. Bertie invites his new friend to join the herd, but Blue is worried the other giraffes won't like him. In fact, he fits in perfectly and they live together brightly and happily ever

after! Blue's blueness is cute and funny, but also provides a vivid message that different is good.

PLAYING MINECRAFT SAFELY

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Children love playing Minecraft. Encouraging creativity and helps to build team skills. However, it is not without its risks. To ensure your child in the world of Minecraft, so you can talk to your child about playing safely.



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Let's keep kids safe online



Single player

Single player
No one can join your child's game or contact them in Minecraft's chat.

Multiplayer

- Join any game or server: public or private
- See, chat, and interact with others, whether friends or strangers
- Search for family-friendly servers or the Moderated by parents they have rules on language / behaviour

Anonymity is best

- Use a nickname, not a real name when playing
- Avoid using birth year or nickname
- Don't reveal age, school or address in Minecraft chat

Play in peace

- Creative mode: no monsters or death, just fun
- Adventure mode: play with others, fight monsters, in "help" grid
- Survival mode: collect resources, but the monsters manage hunger and try to survive

Know the enemy

- A Cheater is any player who ruins your child's experience
- Check to your child about settings that "turn them like 'whitelisting'"
- Report to the server admin / server who cheats abusively in Minecraft chat

Child friendly videos

Search for them online if you're worried that your child is watching Minecraft YouTube videos with bad language.

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SACRED HEART TODDLER GROUP



This group meets each Monday afternoon from 1.45pm to 3.00pm in the school hall. **Please note that entry is through the Nursery gate.** All are very welcome.



This week in the Nursery...



This week in Nursery we have been exploring under the sea, making bubble pictures and acting out the Rainbow Fish. We celebrated Chinese New Year and found out it is the Year of the Monkey. During snack we tried pineapple and banana fritters – they were delicious!

We welcomed lots of mums, dads, aunties, uncles and grandparents in on Wednesday for our open afternoon. The children were proud to show off their nursery and what they had been learning this half term.

Next term we are looking at growing things and our class book will be 'Jasper and the Beanstalk'. Occombe Farm will be paying us a visit to talk to us about how vegetables grow and to help us plant some seeds.

Don't forget that the author Simon James will be coming into school on Friday 26th February – please could I remind you to put your £2 contributions in a sealed and named envelope and hand them to Mrs Dickinson, Mrs Burt or Miss Witchell.

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

Have a great half term from all of us in Nursery.



Many thanks.

The Nursery team



GOLD, SILVER, BRONZE AND PENMANSHIP AWARDS

Each half term, three pupils from each class will be chosen by their teacher to receive either a gold, silver or bronze certificate. These are awarded for excellent work or behavior during the half term.

'Perfect Penmanship' awards are given for writing excellence. Certificates are given out on the Friday at the end of each half term at our special celebration assembly.

	<u>Gold</u>	<u>Silver</u>	<u>Bronze</u>	<u>Penmanship</u>
Rec	Oliver	Hayden	Scarlett	
Yr 1	Toby	Connie	Reuben	
Yr 2	Kaitlyn	Oliver	Maisy	
Yr 3	Skye	Krishma	Harvey	
Yr 4	Codie	Tegan	Halina	Madison
Yr 5	Ava	Lucia	Summer-May	Lucia & Maddison
Yr 6	Ashley	Amy	Connor	

MIDVALE CLINIC



Midvale Clinic is holding a 'School Nurse Drop In' every second Monday of the month between 9.00am and 12.00 noon. This is a chance for parents and carers to meet their school nurse and ask any questions.



CROSSING PATROL

Our lollipop man is off until further notice.

Please make sure that your children are aware of where to cross, if they walk home on their own!



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	95.2	0.699
Year 1	97.0	0.334
Year 2	96.6	1.234
Year 3	95.5	0.552
Year 4	96.1	1.288
Year 5	93.5	2.171
Year 6	93.4	1.016

For this week: The Attendance Award goes to Year 1 & The Quick Start Award also goes to Year 1

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.

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.



Remember we are here to help. We want to work together to find solutions so that little problems don't become BIG ones.

LUNCH TIME CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES, STARTING WEEK BEGINNING

11th January 2016

<u>DAY</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>TEACHER/S RESPONSIBLE</u>	<u>ROOM</u>
<u>Monday</u>	Drama (years 5 & 6) 10 spaces	12.45 – 1.15pm	Mrs Perkins	Year 3
<u>Tuesday</u>	School Council – elected members only	12.30 – 1.15pm Haf termly	Mrs Nott	ICT Suite
<u>Wednesday</u>	Gardening Club 10 spaces	12.45 – 1.15 pm	Mrs Flintham	
<u>Thursday</u>	Drama (years 4,5 & 6) 20 spaces	12.45 – 1.15pm	Mrs Perkins	Year 3
<u>Friday</u>	Choir (for KS 1)	12.30 – 1.00pm	Mrs Cully	Year 1
	Choir (for KS2)	1.00 – 1.30 pm	Mrs Smith	Year 3

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES, STARTING MONDAY, 11th January 2016

<u>DAY</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>TEACHER/S RESPONSIBLE</u>	<u>ROOM</u>
<u>Monday</u>	Knit & Natter (for all years) 10 spaces Remember to bring your needles and wool	3.15pm – 4.15pm	MrsDooley/Mrs Macdonald	Staffroom
	Guitar (years 4,5 and 6) 6 spaces Please bring your own guitars	3.30pm – 4.15	Mr Allen- Wicks	Year 4
	Change for Life (Reception Year 1 & Yr2) 15 spaces bring piece of fruit and drink	3.15pm – 4.15pm	Mrs Burt/Miss Witchell	Hall
<u>Tuesday</u>	Cheerleading (years 3, 4, 5 & 6) 30 spaces	3.15pm – 4.15pm	Mrs Smith	Hall
	Creative Art (years 4,5&6) 8 spaces	3.30pm – 4.15pm	Miss While	Reception Class
	Cookery (for all years)£2.per session Please bring a tin	3.15pm – 4.30pm	Mrs Sutton	Staffroom
<u>Wednesday</u>	Cookery (for all years)£2.per session Please bring a tin	3.15pm – 4.30pm	Mrs Sutton	Staffroom
	Sing and Dance	3.15p.m – 4.15p.m	Mrs Jerrett	
<u>Thursday</u>	Civic Awards (year 6)	3.15pm – 4.00pm	Mrs Brown/Mrs Day	ICT suite
	Cookery (for all years) £2.per session Please bring a tin	3.15pm – 4.30pm	Mrs Sutton	Staffroom
	Tae-Kwon-Do (years 1,2,3,4,5,& 6)	3.30pm – 4.15pm	Mr Saunders	Hall
<u>Friday</u>	Cookery (for all years) £2. Per session Please bring a tin	3.15pm – 4.30pm	Mrs Sutton	Staffroom
	Going for Gold Gymnastics Years 3,4,5 and 15 spaces	3.15pm- 4.15pm	Mrs Dickenson / Miss Baldwin	Hall
	Football Boys and Girls years 5 & 6	3.15 pm- 4.15pm	Mr Powell	

COASTS

LIVING



BEACH CLEAN UP

Wednesday 17th February

10am - 12pm

Meet at Beacon Cove,

Torquay

followed by

Sculpture Workshop

at Living Coasts 1-3pm

Using materials collected in the beach clean

Cost £1 per child

(usual entrance fees apply)

No need to book for beach clean, please just turn up for a 10am start. Beach clean will not go ahead in poor weather.

Please wear appropriate footwear and have a waterproof coat with you. Children must be accompanied by a supervising adult.