



SACRED HEART RC NURSERY AND PRIMARY SCHOOL

FRIDAY FLYER

15th April 2016

Everyone is Sacred

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to greet all the children back to school on Monday morning. We hope you all had a good Easter holiday. Hopefully the weather will continue to improve. It is good to see some of our children in their summer uniform.

It has been a busy week. On Tuesday we waved our Year 6 children off to PGL. Apart from problems with the centre's internet connection reports have been very positive. It is a great experience for those who wish to take part. Later in the term Year 5 will be on residential at Warren Barn situated in Cockington Country Park and for the first time Years 3 and 4 are going to have the opportunity of a one night residential at Beesands.

On Wednesday Year 5 spent a brilliant morning at South Devon College. They were invited to a 'Give it a Go' experience. The morning was designed to give children a taste of practical skills e.g. they made wooden boxes and wired a plug. The event was sponsored by local firms such as Interline. They came back buzzing with hard hats, high viz jackets and a bag of goodies each. This week Year 5 also started swimming at Clennon Valley.

Also on Wednesday the children's author Cat Weatherill spent the day with us. Each class attended a workshop with her. The focus was on what makes a story good. She was inspirational and all the children, and members of staff, really enjoyed her visit. This was the final event on our Sacred Heart Book Festival calendar.

The Jubilee Lodge is nearly completed and ready for use. We are hoping to celebrate an open air mass in the Jubilee Garden to bless the Lodge, this will be followed by afternoon tea to celebrate our Queen's 90th Birthday Party. The date will hopefully be Thursday 26th May. Confirmation will be given by next week.

We wish you all a peaceful weekend and remind you that our door is always open so please make us your first point of contact should you have a concern, worry or idea.



Best wishes,



SEAL

(Social & Emotional Aspects of Learning)

“Recognise an unfair situation and try to change it”.

UNIFORM SALE

FOSH is holding a sale of unclaimed uniform after school on Monday 18th April. Come along to get some bargains!



SCHOOL CROSSING

Unfortunately Rod our school crossing patrol will not be operating our crossing for the week beginning 19th April 2016.



CELEBRATING THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY

A letter has gone out to all parents and carers' today explaining that Sacred Heart will be closed on Friday 29th April to celebrate the queens 90th birthday.



BREAKFAST CLUB

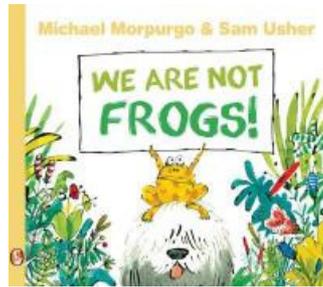
We are now running our own Breakfast Club from 8.00 – 8.45 each day at a cost of £2.00 per session. Juice, cereal bars and fruit are provided.

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

Application forms are available from the school office.

LITERACY CORNER

WE ARE NOT FROGS



By

Michael Morpurgo and Sam Usher

We Are Not Frogs is a joyful exploration of frog, toad and human nature! Toads are not at all like frogs as we see on the opening page: the frogs have set up a long-jump competition which the toads go along with, even though they know the frogs will win - anything for a quiet life. The game is interrupted by the arrival first of a dog, then a couple of children, who have a lot to learn about toads. Readers will stay one jump ahead of the protagonists throughout, and it's a fun and very satisfying story. Sam Usher's lively illustrations reveal just as much about the characters - amphibian and human - as the text, and feature a counting game too. Clever but unobtrusive design features make this especially accessible for dyslexic readers.

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.

NURSERY PARENTS



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



This week in the Nursery...

This week in Nursery we have been learning about Kenya in Africa. We have been sharing the story 'Handa's Surprise' and exploring the look, texture, smell and flavour of exotic fruits – some of us were more willing to try them than others!

Our role-play area is now an airport check-in and an aeroplane so we have been learning all about visiting the airport and travelling on an aeroplane to visit Handa in Africa.

We've also been exploring other stories from Kenya, including some of the Tinga Tales which can be found on the Cbeebies website. We are lucky to have collections of real African artifacts at Sacred Heart so we have been looking at tribal masks, cooking pots, instruments, jewellery and more.

We have been welcoming in lots of new children and their families and showing them the routines of the Nursery. It is very busy but lots of fun!!!

We have been fortunate to have students from Vienna who have been sharing their activities and talents with our children. They come from a school called Sacre Coeur (Sacred Heart!) and will be with us until next Thursday.

Next week we will be learning more about Africa, this time Tanzania with a counting story called 'We all went Safari'.

Nursery Team



STAR CITIZENS, STAR WORKERS AND STAR WRITERS

Each week three pupils from each class will be chosen by their teacher to receive a certificate. These are awarded for excellent work or behaviour during the week. Certificates are given out each Friday at our special celebration assembly.

The following pupils received certificates this Friday:

	<u>Star Citizen</u>	<u>Star Worker</u>	<u>Star Writer</u>
Rec	Summer	Matthew	Rylee
YR1	Connie	Chloe	Kaydance
YR2	Lewis	Jessie	Grace
YR3	Toni-Adele	Ryan	Jack
YR4	Callum	Ryan	Maddison
YR5	Teegan	Amin	Oliver
YR6	Henrik, Jessica, Jessica, Jacob, Ashley, Laila-Mai & Holly		

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!



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	93.3	1.33
Year 1	98.3	0.66
Year 2	96.3	1.33
Year 3	93.3	2.00
Year 4	99.3	2.66
Year 5	91.3	3.00
Year 6	93.1	0.34

For this week: The Attendance Award goes to Year 4 Well Done!! & The Quick Start Award goes to Year 6



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.