



SACRED HEART RC NURSERY AND PRIMARY SCHOOL

FRIDAY FLYER

2nd December 2016

'Everyone is Sacred'



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a delightful morning I have had watching the Foundation Stage Nativity. We should all be so proud of our children. This year more children than ever performed as our Nursery is just about full. All the children from age three to five sang with gusto remembering all their words and movements. I thought the graphics on the screen behind were also delightful. They gave us a moment of joy to reflect on the true meaning of this Christmas time.



There was great excitement this week as the Christmas trees arrived in school. Reception class will be decorating the tree in the foyer later today or on Monday. More importantly our crib is now also in the foyer and if you are passing take a moment to stop and reflect.



Congratulations to our Year 5 children who took part in the Torbay round of Spelling Bee at Torquay Academy this week. Thank you to Mr. Powell who arranged this event.

On Monday St. Andrew and St. David will be leading our Advent Service in the Church followed by St. Patrick and St. George on Tuesday. On both nights we would like **children to be back in school by 6pm in full school uniform to include the correct shoes and socks/tights. They will all need to wear their school jumper. Thank you.** Year One will, as usual, be dressing in their costumes. The Church will be open from 6pm onwards. **We expect all the children to take part in the services.** It is a special time for us all as a school community.

Next week the children will all be enjoying their well earned Christmas Party day which will include their Christmas lunch and finish with a Christmas School disco. The following week Father Christmas will be visiting every morning at Breakfast time. All details have gone out from

FOSH as have the Christmas Raffle tickets. Thank you to everyone for the support you show.



We wish you and your families a peaceful weekend.

Best wishes

Helen Brown

Head Teacher





NURSERY PARENTS

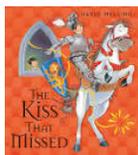


Please could you contact the school office if your child is poorly on the days they are due to attend nursery.

This Week in Nursery...

Friday 2.12.16

This week in Nursery we have been showing the adults how brilliant we are at writing! We are developing fabulous pencil grips due to all our Write Dances and Dough Discos. Some of us have also been demonstrating what we know about counting objects to 5, 10 and beyond and many have shown how good they are at recognizing numbers.



We are continuing to tell our class story 'The Kiss that Missed' ready for our **parent open afternoon** on the final **Tuesday** of term – **13th December at 2:30 until 3:15.**

Today we have our 2 Nativity performances for the Nursery and Reception families. The children have worked so hard on learning their songs and are very excited to welcome their parents and grandparents for the morning or afternoon.

Next week we will be immersing ourselves in Christmas with lots of Christmas activities from writing cards to making party hats.

The main school will be having their nativities in the church on Monday and Tuesday evenings next week – we'll see you there!

Thanks again for all the lovely photographs many of you have added to your children's learning diaries – they feel so special when they get to talk about their interests and home life.

Thank you for your continued support.

The Nursery team.

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.



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.



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.

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

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	97.0	0.000
Year 1	97.6	0.000
Year 2	98.0	0.333
Year 3	95.9	0.000
Year 4	98.3	0.000
Year 5	96.7	0.000
Year 6	92.9	1.299



For this week:

The Attendance Award goes to Year 4

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***The Quick Start Award goes to Reception,
Years 1,3,4,&5***



Dates for Diaries

5th December 2016 - St. David and St. Andrew will be performing the 'Advent Star'.

The children from these houses, along with the Choir and Dancers are asked to be back in school by 6pm ready for a 6.30 start in the Church.

6th December 2016 - St. Patrick and St. George will be performing the 'Advent Star'.

The children from these houses, along with the Choir and Dancers are asked to be back in school by 6pm ready for a 6.30 start in the Church.

7th December 2016 - Christmas dinner & party during school time.



Christmas Disco 5pm to 6.15 pm for *Nursery, Reception* (parents to attend), Years 1 & 2

Christmas Disco 6.30 to 7.45pm for Years 3,4,5 & 6

12th December 2016 - Breakfast With Santa **Nursery & Reception**

13th December 2016 – Breakfast With Santa **Years 1 & 2**

14th December 2016 – Breakfast with Santa **Years 3 & 4**

15th December 2016 – Breakfast with Santa **Years 5 & 6**



- Christmas Fayre @ 2pm

- Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Rowcroft

16th December 2016 – Last Day at School before the Christmas Holidays!!



FAMILY SUPPORT WORKER DROP-IN

Our family support worker Louise Loram will be holding a 'drop in' service, next **Tuesday 13th December**, between 8.30am and 10.30am. This will be held in the side room off the church hall. Please come to the school office if you have any questions.



Second Hand Uniform For Sale

The School Council members will be selling second hand uniform in the playground on Friday afternoons at 3.15pm. Come and grab a bargain!!

Norovirus Season 2016/17

Public Health England has contacted all schools regarding the approaching norovirus season with guidelines to help minimise the risk of outbreaks.

Novovirus causes viral gastroenteritis, characterised by the sudden onset of vomiting and/or diarrhea. It can spread rapidly in closed environments such as schools, childcare settings, hospitals and nursing homes. **However, most people do not require treatment and recover at home within one or two days.**

Novovirus is easily transmitted from person to person and by consuming contaminated food or water or by contact with contaminated surfaces or objects. *Therefore*

If your child develops novovirus please help avoid the spread by

- Staying away from school until they have been free from symptoms for at least 48 hours and avoid contact with others where possible.
- Keep hydrated by drinking fluids as tolerated.
- If symptoms persist (more than 48hours), phone the GP or the NHS non –emergency number 111 for advice.
- Wash hands thoroughly with soap and water regularly but particularly after toilet visits and before eating/handllng food. Alcohol hand gel is not effective against novovirus.

What's In The Box?!!



We now have a **Lost Property** box located in the reception office.

Inside there is currently:-

- A **school jumper** – **Age 5-6**. Unnamed.
- A **school cardigan** – **age 7-8**. Name no longer clear on label, last button missing...
- A **school cardigan** – **age 9-10yrs**. Unnamed.
- A **school cardigan** – **Age 6-7**. Unnamed.
- A School PE T-shirt 'SB' on label – age 7-8 yrs
- A Next oatmeal cardigan - **Age 4-5** yrs
- A **'Yoohoo & friends'** keyring.
- A Pink Slazenger Drinks bottle.

Do they belong to you....???

LITERACY CORNER



The Christmas Eve Tree by Delia Huddy

A poignant, exquisitely illustrated Christmas story, with words by Delia Huddy and pictures by rising star Emily Sutton. When the ugly little fir tree is taken to the city, no one wants to buy him; they prefer the big tall trees. But a homeless boy asks the shopkeeper if he can take the tree, and down by the river in a cardboard box, decorated with a few candles, the tree finds itself at the centre of a magical Christmas Eve it will never forget. A Christmas tale with a classic feel but a modern theme at its heart.



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.





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.**

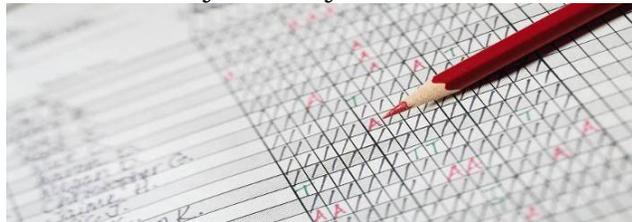
Some things that help

- 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.

