



SACRED HEART RC NURSERY AND PRIMARY SCHOOL

FRIDAY FLYER

20th May 2016

Everyone is Sacred

Dear Parents and Carers,

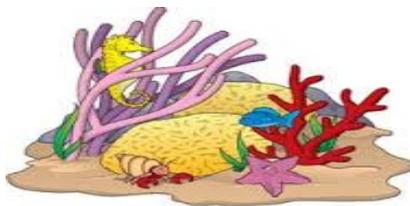
Just a reminder that the skip will be going early next week so if you wish to take any timber you are welcome. It is always lovely to see so many parents and family members at our Good Work Assembly on Friday mornings. The children who receive certificates are always justifiably proud of themselves.

Recently Year 5's volleyball team won the Paignton based volleyball tournament. Yesterday they went to Goodrington Beach to compete in the Torbay final and despite the increasingly inclement weather won seven out of eight games. So well done to all the team and to Mr. Powell for taking them, Mrs. Perkins and Mrs. Collins for supporting them and Edward for his extra coaching session!

The Reception children were visited by three doctors this week. They were representing the Teddy Bear's Hospital. The children were taught, through their teddy bears, how to keep themselves safe and well. We are pleased to say all the teddy bears felt a lot better after the visit. The Doctors sent a personal e-mail to the class to thank them for behaving and engaging so well. A lovely experience for our children and thanks to the Doctors who gave of their time.

Year 4 visited Dawlish Warren Nature Reserve as part of their science topic on living things and their habitats. They went pond dipping, bug hunting and classified different shells on the beach. A good learning experience for all the children.

We wish you and your family a peaceful weekend.



Best wishes,

Helen Brown



TEDDY BEAR DOCTORS

Reception class were visited by Torbay Teddy Bear doctors on Wednesday. The doctors spoke to the children about what happens at the doctors and at hospitals. The children brought their teddies into school and practiced being doctors themselves! The children had a wonderful time and were able to ask the doctors questions that they had about going to the doctors



This week in Nursery This week in Nursery we've been den building with all our new resources. The children have worked well together and made shelters that have survived wind and rain!

Mrs Dickinson brought in a selection of metal teapots and jugs to add interest to the water table. The children loved filling them, tipping and pouring and exploring the weight of the objects.

We now have a light cube that the children use to practice their numbers and sounds. They can also use it to look at objects that interest them.

Next week we will be celebrating the Queen's 90th birthday with lots of activities. We will be learning songs from 9 decades ready for the Jubilee Lodge opening.

Remember that the Nursery will be having an open afternoon next Wednesday from 2:30pm so you can see what your children have been doing over the half term.



FAMILY SUPPORT WORKER DROP-IN

Our family support worker Louise Loram, will be holding a 'drop in' service, next Tuesday 10th May, between 8.45am and 10.00am. This will be held in the side room off the church hall. Please come to the school office if you have any questions.



Thank you.



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.



NURSERY PARENTS

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

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.



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:

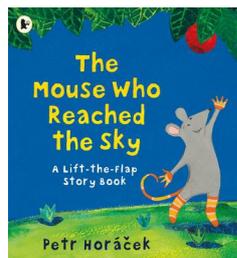
	<u>Star Citizen</u>	<u>Star Worker</u>	<u>Star Writer</u>
Rec	Whole Class	Taylor	Summer
Yr 1	Aamira	Scott	Isla
Yr 2	Ava	Whole Class	Oliver
Yr 3	Jayden	Caitlin	Summa
Yr 4	Maddison	Harley	Jessica
Yr 5	Edward	Lucia	Oakley
Yr 6			

LITERACY CORNER

The Mouse Who Reached The Sky

By

Petr Horacek



Little Mouse has spotted something red and shiny hanging from a branch, and decides it's a marble. She can't reach it by herself so fetches first Mole – who thinks it's a balloon – then Rabbit who thinks it's a ball. Working together they bring down the shiny, red – apple! Petr Horacek's story is full of more surprises for the reader - cut outs, fold out pages and lots of other tactile treats. There are visual delights too: Mole's burrow seems almost 3d it glows so much, as warm and snug as can be, and you feel you could pick up the shiny apples that surround Little Mouse and friends on the final spread

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	94.1	0.813
Year 1	96.8	0.384
Year 2	95.8	1.151
Year 3	95.0	0.788
Year 4	96.3	1.504
Year 5	93.6	2.251
Year 6	94.2	0.919

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



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.