



SACRED HEART RC NURSERY AND PRIMARY SCHOOL

FRIDAY FLYER

21st October 2016

'Everyone is Sacred'

Dear Parents and Carers,

To-day we said a fond farewell to Mr. Pepper. He has worked with us for the last five years and we will truly miss him. We wish him well in his new career as a qualified electrician and look forward to him popping back to see us from time to time.

A big thank you to Barbara Sutton for her continuing support of FOSH and to all the parents who kindly gave of their time last evening to support our school discos. A special thank you our DJ Mr. Powell and all the teachers who gave of their time to help. Between all the staff at Sacred Heart they provide over twenty two lunch time and after school clubs a week for the children to take part in with no charge and one where there is a minimal charge.

This week the children have been busy rehearsing the songs they are going to sing as part of the Sunday Service on Radio Devon to be broadcast at 6.30am on Sunday 6th November. The theme of the programme will be around remembrance. More news to follow after half term.

We look forward to welcoming you to our parent's evenings which are taking place the week after half term. Letters have gone out and as always if you have a problem with a particular date or time see the class teacher and we can arrange an alternative time to suit you.

It seems incredible that we are at half term already. A reminder that on Monday 31st October the school will be closed as the staff will be attending a RE staff training day.

We wish you all a restful half term holiday and look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 1st November.

Best wishes,

Helen Brown

Head teacher

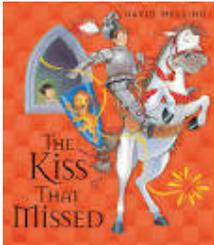


This week in Nursery

Friday 21.10.16

It's the end of your child's first half-term in Nursery and they have had some wonderful experiences and made lots of new friends. Our parents' afternoon was very well supported – thank you all for coming along and supporting your children and the school, it is very much appreciated.

Next term we will be fighting dragons and celebrating with knights at medieval banquets! Our Talk for Writing story will be 'The Kiss that Missed' all about knights and dragons and our role play will be a large castle and a forest to hunt the kiss through. The book is available at a very reasonable price online, free through your local library service or you can take a look at some of the retellings on youtube. The best version (although an American retelling of a very English book) is www.youtube.com/watch?v=iZT4vdpgxFM as it has music and animation and the storyteller has good expression.



In maths we will be exploring numbers and counting as well as consolidating what we know about shape.

We will continue to explore colour and tone in Expressive Art and Design and in phonics we will begin with a revision of the sounds we have been learning before moving on to new Read Write Inc set 1 sounds.

The new half term will see the Nursery and Reception classes rehearsing for the Foundation Stage Nativity – details and dates to be confirmed.

Megan Randel, a student in Childcare and Education at South Devon College, will be joining us in Nursery once a week until the end of the school year.

Please remember to register your child's Interactive Learning Diary as you will need these in order to take full part in Nursery activities over the coming months.

Have a lovely half term holiday and we will see you back at Nursery on Tuesday 1st November.

Many thanks for your continued support.

The Nursery Team



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.



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.



Gold, Silver & Bronze Awards

	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Rec	Miyah	Lennie	Archie
Yr 1	Lydia	Alesha	Rylee
Yr 2	Katie	Lucas	Ruby
Yr 3	Sofia	Philip	Oliver
Yr 4	Skye	Krishma	Harvey
Yr 5	Evie-Rose	Ryan	Benjamin
Yr 6	Lucia	Maddison	Nathaniel

FAMILY SUPPORT WORKER DROP-IN

Our family support worker Louise Loram will be holding a 'drop in' service, next **Tuesday 15th November**, 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!!



School 2017 Calendars



...will be on sale for £5 and are available to order now from Year 5. See email advertisement sent out today.



At the start of the term, children elected 14 new school council members to represent their classes across the school. It was decided that Reception and Year 1 would have representatives from further up the school, who would go into their classes and listen to their views, ideas and opinions and feed them back at council meetings. This is working very successfully and means that children's views and opinions are considered across the whole school community.

This half term the school council have created a lunchtime council stop, on a Thursday lunchtime, where any child can chat to a member of the school council and give suggestions and ideas for our school community. We have also helped to organise and sell the harvest donations to raise money for CAFOD and on a Friday each week we are selling used uniform to make some extra money for our school community as well. School Council members have also taken on responsibility for Lost Property, which can now be found in the school office.

Next half term we will be organising the Children in Need Fundraising day, continuing to sell used uniform and run our council stop. We are also going to start looking at some of the suggestions and ideas that have come through the school council stop and start working on them.

If anybody has any old uniform, that they no longer want, please drop it to the school office for us.

Thanks
Sacred Heart School Council

What's In The Box?!!



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

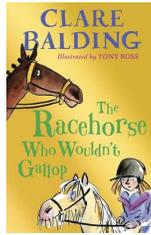
Inside there is currently:-

- A **school jumper** – age 7-8. It has the name ‘Sophie Burke’ inked on the label.....
- A school cardigan – age 7-8. Name no longer clear on label.
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- A school cardigan – age 6-7. Unnamed.
- Burgundy school raincoat – age 7-8.
- A black ‘Next’ sock.
- A white vest age 6-7.
- Yellow Mitre football.
- Selection of water/drinks bottles – Spiderman, Shopkins, Frozen, Marvel Heros.
- A food storage pot
- A pink/black multicoloured hair band
- A springy neon pink hair bobble



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

LITERACY CORNER



The Racehorse Who Wouldn't Gallop by Clare Balding

Charlie Bass is a horse-mad ten-year-old who dreams of owning her own pony. So when she accidentally manages to buy a racehorse, Charlie is thrilled. The horse she buys, Noble Warrior, looks the part: strong, fit and healthy. There's just one problem - he won't gallop. In fact, he won't even leave his stable without his best friend, a naughty palomino pony called Percy.

Charlie is convinced that Noble Warrior has what it takes to be a champion. But can she prove it? Derby Day is fast approaching and only a win can save the family farm from being repossessed. The stakes couldn't be higher for the Basses.

Can Charlie turn her chaotic family into a top training team? Can Noble Warrior overcome his nerves? Will Percy the pony ever stop farting? Find out in this classic, funny animal story, perfect for fans of Dick King-Smith and Gerald Durrell.



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!



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	98.7	0.345
Year 1	96.9	0.964
Year 2	99.0	0.343
Year 3	94.1	1.581
Year 4	97.0	0.784
Year 5	94.3	0.833
Year 6	91.6	2.113



For this week:

The Attendance Award goes to Year 2 & The Quick Start Award goes to Reception and Year 2.

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.**

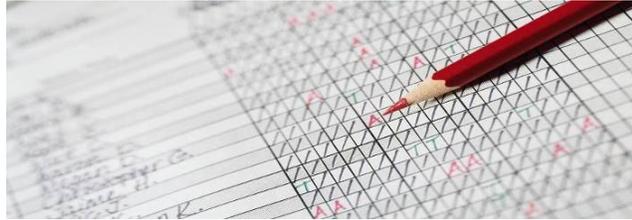
Some things that help

- 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.