



SACRED HEART RC NURSERY AND PRIMARY SCHOOL

FRIDAY FLYER

22nd April 2016

Everyone is Sacred

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are absolutely delighted to share with you our S48 Inspection Report from the Diocese of Plymouth. On the 17th and 18th March a Lead Inspector, Sarah Adams and associate inspector Mr. Mark Brown visited the school for two days. Their report has now been finalized and will be live on our website from Monday. They found Sacred Heart to be:

'A school firmly rooted in service to all that lives this from the heart. It is a living, breathing community where positive, support relationships enable all members of the community to grow and flourish within a Catholic Christian ethos. A true desire to serve one another enables the children to become the best that they can be. Equally, adults are nurtured and nourished to flourish and achieve even greater things.....Sacred Heart is a school which the Bishop, the Diocese, parents and parishioners can be justly proud.'

As a school family we can **all** be justly proud of this report. We thank all our families for the support and contribution made to make our school on a daily basis.

This week some of our Year 5 children have been completing their Level 2 Bikeability training. Well done to them all for passing. Other children from Year 5 have been working on a joint project with local primaries. This work will be on-going.

Last week most of our Year 6 went to PGL to take part in a week of challenging activities mixed with other fun social events. They were a credit to our school. They had a wonderful time and really engaged with all that was on offer. Thank you to Mrs. Day, Mrs. Nott and Mrs. McCaig for all the support and care given.

Two gentle reminders: Please can you ensure that the children wear their full school uniform and that includes footwear. Boots and trainers are NOT part of the uniform. Thank you. It is good to see so many children in their summer uniform and hopefully the weather will continue to be mild. It is important that all children bring their PE kit in to school on a Monday and that all uniform is named. We have a lot of unnamed and unclaimed uniform and it will be on a table outside after school on Tuesday. After that we will be selling it and the funds going to the ongoing work of FOSH. Also children should NOT be dropped off at the front door. All children should enter and leave school from the playground unless prior arrangements have been made. Thank you.

We wish you a peaceful weekend and remind everyone that next week the school will be closed on Friday April 29th and Monday 2nd May.



Best wishes,

Helen Brown



SEAL

(Social & Emotional Aspects of Learning)

“Be pleased for others when they do something well”.



Class Photographs

Class photographs are being taken on Wednesday 27th April. Can you please ensure your child comes into school in correct school uniform.



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.

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.

LITERACY CORNER

THE GREAT CHOCOLATE CHOCOPLOT



By

Chris Callaghan

Roald Dahl, a man who knew his way round a chocolate bar, would have approved of this book. Imagine how awful it would be if the world's supplies of chocolate were threatened by an impending chocopocalypse – it doesn't bear thinking about, but that's what's facing Jelly, the young hero of this book. Chocoholics both, Jelly and her gran team up to get to the bottom of this chocopocalypse, and it seems snobby posh chocolate shop owner Garibaldi Chicolati might just have something to do with it. Inventive, original and genuinely funny with a quirky cast of characters and an internal logic all of its own, kids will gobble this up.

This week in the Nursery...

In Nursery this week we have been continuing to explore Africa and African tales. We have had a collection of books all about Africa delivered through the excellent Schools Library Service so we've had lots to look at.

The children said goodbye to the Austrian students who have been such an asset to these last two weeks. They have played games with the children and even introduced them to the violin!

Next week we will be exploring patterns and colours on the furs of different African animals and trying to create some of our own patterns.

Write Dance and dough discos continue to go well – lots of the children are now developing a good pencil grip ready for writing in Reception. Most children are familiar with a range of sounds now, please encourage them to practice these at home using the writing phrases they have learnt to form these sounds on paper or in the air.

Please could I put in another request for any spare rolls of wallpaper for our Write Dance and we get through so much!!!

Remember that the children will not be in Nursery on Friday 29th April as we will be celebrating the Queen's 90th birthday.



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.



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	Isla	Samantha	Lottie
YR1	Brooke	Charlie	Katie
YR2	Charlotte	Kiyah	Layla
YR3	Nell	William	Summer
YR4	Matty	Rio	Jasmine
YR5	Jack	Erin	Summer-May
YR6	PGL Pupils		

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	90.2	1.689
Year 1	100.0	0.000
Year 2	99.7	0.667
Year 3	97.3	1.000
Year 4	96.0	2.667
Year 5	92.7	2.000
Year 6	97.6	0.345

For this week: The Attendance Award goes to Year 1 & The Quick Start Award goes to Year 1. Excellent, Well done!



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.