

#### SACRED HEART RC NURSERY AND PRIMARY SCHOOL

### FRIDAY FLYER

25th November 2016

'Everyone is Sacred'



Dear Parents and Carers.

Thank you for supporting our Civic Award girls in their efforts to raise funds for WaterAid and Cancer Research. Frances, Cally and Chloe are delighted with the response to their fundraising initiative of having a 'Crazy Hair Day'.





Yesterday Year 5 attended PCSA to take part in the Athletics tournament and today Year 6 will be there for their weekly training. We are very lucky to these facilities available to us.



A reminder that the Foundation Stage Nativity will be held in the school Hall next Friday at 10.30am and 2pm. On Monday 5th December and Tuesday 6th December the children will be performing in the Church. St. David and St. Andrew will be performing the 'Advent Star' on Monday night followed by St. Patrick and St. George on Tuesday night. The children are asked to be back in school by 6pm ready for a 6.30 start in the Church. The Choir and dancers will be required to share their wonderful

talents on both nights. Thank you.



The Christmas dinner, party and disco will be held on Wednesday 7th December. All the information is highlighted on our Anomaly screen in the playground each morning and each evening.

Once again, a reminder that if you have any concerns or ideas, always feel free to come in to school and discuss it with us. The teachers are on the playground each morning and are only too happy to chat.

We wish you and your families a peaceful weekend.

Best wishes,

Helen Brown

Head teacher







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.



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 | 95.3         | 0.333         |
| Year 1    | 98.3         | 1.724         |
| Year 2    | 99.0         | 0.667         |
| Year 3    | 78.3         | 0.690         |
| Year 4    | 97.2         | 0.000         |
| Year 5    | 96.0         | 1.667         |
| Year 6    | 91.6         | 1.613         |



For this week:

The Attendance Award goes to Year 2



The Quick Start Award goes to Year 4

## **Star Certificates**

Each week children are chosen from each class to receive recognition for their achievements;



## FAMILY SUPPORT WORKER DROP-IN

Our family support worker Louise Loram will be holding a 'drop in' service, next **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> 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.





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

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As you may be aware that due to unforeseen circumstances we are closing our shop at the end of November.

We are holding a huge closing down sale and below is a link to our Facebook event post that we hope you can share with parents

#### Massive Closing DOWN SALE

There are many of the Bay's School's uniform that we stock and anticipate that they will still be a lot of logo uniform left.

We have arranged with two local charities that the surplus logo stock will be donated to them so they can re-sell to parents wanting or needing a cheaper alternative. Please see below where your School's uniform will go so this can also be communicated to parents:-

Torquay School's - Hele's Angels, Hele Road, Torquay

Paignton/Brixham School's - Centre Peace, Palace Avenue, Paignton

If you wish to enquire if we have any of your School's uniform that you may wish to have donated so you can use as spares at your School or to give to children who's families can't afford uniform then please get in touch.

Regards Chrissy & Dean Kelly

## 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/handling 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



Winter Magic by Amy Alward, Emma Carroll, Berlie Doherty & others

Dream snatcher's Abi Elphinstone heads up this gorgeous collection of wintery stories, featuring snow queens, frost fairs, snow dragons and pied pipers. An unmissable, enchanting treat of a collection that will be enjoyed for years to come, by readers of all ages.



## **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.