



# SACRED HEART RC NURSERY AND PRIMARY SCHOOL

## FRIDAY FLYER

27<sup>th</sup> May 2016

# Everyone is Sacred

Dear Parents and Carers,

Yesterday we were so lucky with the weather. We celebrated a beautiful open air mass in our garden to bless our Jubilee Lodge. This was followed with a tea party to celebrate Queen Elizabeth's 90th birthday. Every class took up their week's work on the Queen during the offertory. This work, along with our beautiful crown of flowers, will be displayed in the reception area of the school during next half term. A special thank you to FOSH who supported us in providing every child with a mug to commemorate our Queen's birthday. A truly memorable afternoon for us all. A special thank you to the wonder hard work and enthusiasm of all our staff and to Father Mark and Kevin.

On Sunday twenty six of our children will be making their First Holy Communion. The mass will be at 12 noon in the Church. This will be followed by a communion breakfast in our garden and Lodge. This is a very special day for our children and we will keep them in our prayers. You are all welcome to come and share their First Holy Communion mass with them.

On Wednesday three of our classes were extra busy. Year two made their own picnic and then went to the beach to eat it and play traditional seaside games. Nursery and Reception welcomed parents in to join in activities that supported their 'Handa's Surprise' topic. A good time was had by all!!

We wish you a peaceful half term and look forward to seeing the children in their full school uniform on Monday 6th June.



Best wishes,

Helen Brown



## **This week in Nursery .....**

It has been an incredibly busy week in Nursery as we have been learning all about the Queen and celebrating her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. We have made crowns, to represent the coronation, explored our own version of Windsor Castle, made birthday cards and put pictures of the Queen in order in maths. All the activities culminated with a parents' afternoon on Wednesday and with a fabulous whole school Mass and celebration in the Jubilee Garden on Thursday. Every child received a commemorative 90<sup>th</sup> birthday mug.

Next half term we will be celebrating all things Polish. The classroom will be set up like a classroom in Poland and we will be exploring all about Poland and the Polish culture for four weeks. Our chosen country for the Olympics is Poland. Please could we ask parents to bring in any artefacts, food etc from Poland for the children to share, see, touch, taste and listen to.

Have a lovely half-term holiday and we will see you back on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June.



**Mrs Dickinson, Mrs Burt and Miss Witchell**

### **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.

### **Gold, Silver and Bronze Certificates.**

At the end of this half of the summer term the following children have received certificates;

	<b><u>Gold</u></b>	<b><u>Silver</u></b>	<b><u>Bronze</u></b>
Rec	Erin	Lottie	Maisie
Yr 1	Brooke	Ruby	Hayden
Yr 2	Ava	Charlotte	Lily
Yr 3	Jack	Charlie	Fallun
Yr 4	Ryan	Matty	Danielle
Yr 5	Ella	Teegan	Joel
Yr 6	Emily	Connor	Brayden
<b>Penmanship</b>	Anna-Mae Tucker		

## **LITERACY CORNER**



### **The Secret Pirate**

**By**

**Elli Woolard**

Lil might look like an ordinary schoolgirl, but under her jumper and vest she's a pirate! When the thoroughly rotten Stinkbeard arrives Lil flies into battle against him, because Lil is a pirate who'll do what is right, if it takes her all night – and no matter what her teacher Miss Lubber says. Lil is able to defeat Stinkbeard, once using school dinner as ammunition, and still come first in the sack race! Is Lil really a pirate? Parents and children might disagree, but everyone will enjoy her antics. Told in jolly rhyme that makes reading the stories particularly fun and easy and with lively black and white illustrations on every page these are the perfect step up from picture books to chapter books.

### ***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!***

<b>Class</b>	<b>Attendance %</b>	<b>% of Lateness</b>
<b>Reception</b>	<b>93.9</b>	<b>1.071</b>
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>98.3</b>	<b>0.333</b>
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>97.7</b>	<b>1.000</b>
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>95.5</b>	<b>0.323</b>
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>95.3</b>	<b>0.667</b>
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>93.3</b>	<b>1.333</b>
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>94.7</b>	<b>1.000</b>

**For this week: The Attendance Award goes to Year 1 & The Quick Start Award goes to Year 3**



## 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

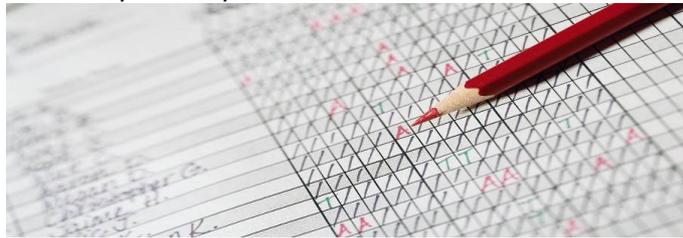
- Late **before** the registration closes – when your child is a few minutes late.
- Late **after** the register closes – **counts as an unauthorised absence.**

## 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.