



SACRED HEART RC NURSERY AND PRIMARY SCHOOL

FRIDAY FLYER

30th September 2016

Everyone is Sacred



Dear Parents and Carers,

It seems incredible that we are about to enter the fifth week of our new school term. This morning nearly every child being awarded a star certificate had a family member present to join in the celebration so we will continue sending a letter and a text.

Next week we will be collecting produce for our Harvest Service. It would be lovely if every family could contribute produce of some sort e.g. fresh produce, cans and packets. Hampers made from cardboard boxes would be lovely as they can be easily distributed or sold after our Harvest mass at 10am on Sunday 9th October in Church. This year we are raising funds for CAFOD and ANODE. Anode will be given our tins and packets. We would love to see as many families as possible joining us for mass on the Sunday and Mrs. Flintham will be sending out letters on Monday with further details. The Church will be decorated with our children's art work.

Today we said goodbye to Albert. Albert is a seminarian and has been staying in the parish for six weeks. He has been a frequent and welcome visitor to our school. We wish him well as he returns to his studies in Rome.

We are aware of the problem of path that runs alongside the school and can assure you that we have been in touch with and are working with the relevant authorities and also pay weekly for Tor2 to clean the area. We do take this problem seriously and our caretaker, Mr. Tester, often takes his own time to clear it up.

We wish you and your family a peaceful weekend.

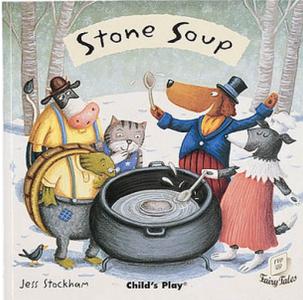
Best wishes,

Helen Brown

Head teacher

This week in Nursery

Friday 30.9.16



This week we have been using our story map to retell our class story – Stone

Soup. The storyboard will be coming home today so please do ask your child to tell you what's going on! We will continue to learn it ready to show you all in our final week of this half term. Our open afternoon will be on Thursday 20th October from 2:30 – we will give you more information nearer the time.

In maths we have been exploring shape, even investigating some less familiar shapes such as hexagons – we're very good at detecting shapes in the environment.

We have been learning about Mary, the mother of Jesus in RE and how she cared for baby Jesus and linking this with people who care for us. In Open the Book we have been following the travels of Paul and learning all about the Good News of Jesus.

Mrs Sutton has helped us make Stone Soup this week and we've all had a taste – most of us agreed it was delicious, just like in our story.

Our Write Dance is going well and we're already seeing the children's pencil grips changing as they use both hands to make lots of patterns and shapes.

The children have been introduced to the 'a' sound this week which is short and bouncy – 'a-a-a-a' and many of the children will have

taken home some handwriting sheets. Please feel free to use these if your child is showing an interest in writing. The writing phrase is "round the apple and down the leaf". You do not need to return the sheets to Nursery. Next week we will be looking at 's' – 'sssssss'.

You should now have received a writing pack to use at home – again this is for when your child is in the mood for mark making. The pack gives information about what we do to encourage mark making in the nursery. There will be a box of post-its in the corridor for you to replenish your packs when needed.

Next week we will be investigating the artist Henri Matisse and his work 'The Snail'. This will be a study in line and colour. We will also be using powder paints to mix our primary colours to make different colours, tones and hues.

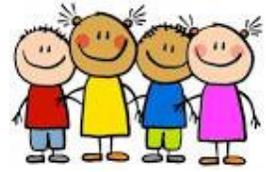
Thank you to the parents who have added to our poster 'What Interests and Excites the Children'. This means I can incorporate their interests into my daily and weekend planning!

Have a lovely weekend and see you next week.

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.



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.



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.

Star Certificates

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

	<u>Star Worker</u>	<u>Star Writer</u>	<u>Star Citizen</u>
Rec	 Archie	Owen	 Mia
Yr 1	Rylee	 Toby	 Erin
Yr 2	Jaiden	Katie	Aamira
Yr 3	Layla	Hayden	Catherine
Yr 4	 Maximilian	Harrison	Lily
Yr 5	Rio	Ben	 Tegan
Yr 6	Nathaniel	Cody	Ella

FAMILY SUPPORT WORKER DROP-IN

Our family support worker Louise Loram will be holding a 'drop in' service, next **Tuesday 11th October**, 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.



LITERACY CORNER



Jinks and O'Hare Funfair Repair by Philip Reeve

The highly-anticipated fourth scintillating adventure from the amazingly talented team of Reeve and McIntyre. Emily loves living on Funfair Moon - especially when she gets to help Jinks & O'Hare, the extraordinary repair team. But when chaos strikes during a crucial funfair inspection, Emily has to act fast. Can she deal with a violent fudgespllosion, a gravity inversion, and a marauding candyfloss creature? Or does this spell doom for Funfair Moon?



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!***

<i>Class</i>	<i>Attendance %</i>	<i>% of Lateness</i>
<i>Reception</i>	<i>95.3</i>	<i>0.667</i>
<i>Year 1</i>	<i>97.2</i>	<i>1.034</i>
<i>Year 2</i>	<i>96.0</i>	<i>0.667</i>
<i>Year 3</i>	<i>95.7</i>	<i>2.000</i>
<i>Year 4</i>	<i>92.7</i>	<i>1.667</i>
<i>Year 5</i>	<i>92.0</i>	<i>2.000</i>
<i>Year 6</i>	<i>90.3</i>	<i>3.225</i>



For this week:

The Attendance Award goes to **Year 1** & The Quick Start Award goes to **Reception & 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.



Wednesday – 5th October 2016



Year 3 is off to the Zoo on Wednesday! If you have not already sent in your payment/ or zoo pass with the permission slip to the office please do so by **Tuesday 4th October 2016.**

Children are to wear their school uniform and bring with them a waterproof jacket together with a packed lunch. (Children entitled to free school meals will be provided with a packed lunch.)