



SACRED HEART RC NURSERY AND PRIMARY SCHOOL

'Everyone is Sacred'

FRIDAY FLYER

31st March 2017



Parents and Carers,

This has been a particularly busy half term with Ofsted visiting us half way through. We were so pleased to share with you the letter from our HMI Mrs. Tracy Hannon. We were and continue to be a good school and for all the right reasons. 'At the heart of this school is an intense shared commitment to inclusion and equality'.



On Monday Mr. Powell took a group of Year Five and Year Six children to take part in a triathlon organised by PCSA. It provided our children with a great opportunity to really extend their physical skills. This followed by a WW2 experience day in Year Five on Tuesday. They experienced, first hand, what life was like for different groups of people and children during the Second

World War.



On Tuesday Year Four went on their trip to Bygones. This supported their theme of Life in Victorian Britain. All trips are subsidized by the school. This is fully supported by our Governors. The active hands on experience helps to embed information and enhance the children's learning.

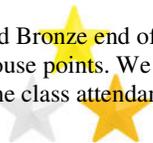


This week Year Three dressed in their Roman clothes to experience a day of activities centred around their Roman topic. They experienced what daily life was like in Roman times from food they ate, to what school was like, to family life and houses. Parents were invited in to share the Year Three learning experiences. Our Nursery and Reception classes also invited parents in to share the work their children had completed around their theme. Our Nursery theme was 'Dinosaurs, Time Travel and Detectives' and Reception enjoyed an afternoon of Easter activities.

On Wednesday evening Mrs. Cully and Mrs. Gridley took our school choir to perform at the Riviera Centre as part of Torbay's Performing Arts week. It was a lovely evening as we got to watch the work of other schools as well as perform ourselves. The children sang beautifully and we had a full range of voices from soloists to groups. They were impeccably behaved and looked so smart. I felt so proud of them and we thank all involved for making this happen. I think some of our younger Year One and Two children were very tired on Thursday morning!



This morning we enjoyed our Gold, Silver and Bronze end of half term assembly. Children also received certificates for attendance, reading, writing and individual house points. We celebrated the awards some of our children have achieved in their own time. This term Year Five won the class attendance award.



We wish you and your family a peaceful holiday and Joyous Easter. Thank you for all your kind words and thoughts. They are truly appreciated.

Helen Brown

Head Teacher



School Council News

The school council would like to thank everyone for supporting their Red Nose Day events on

24 March 2017. The school raised a fantastic total of **£231.62**. **Thank you**



FOSH News



Last night's Disco raised a total of £296.25. Thank you



Gold, Silver & Bronze Certificates

	<u>Gold</u>	<u>Silver</u>	<u>Bronze</u>
Reception	Amy	Michal	Oliver
Year 1	Scarlett	Hayden	Thady
Year 2	Hayden	Charlotte	Jeorgia
Year 3	Millie	Lucy	Hatty
			Issy
Year 4	Shilpa	Taylor	Summer
Year 5	Codie	Sureyya	Maddison
Year 6	Ava	Kajus	Jazzmin





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.



NURSERY

PARENTS



Please could you contact the school office if your child is poorly on the days they are due to attend nursery.

REMEMBER to also send in a letter when your child returns to school, confirming the dates and reason for their absence.

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/handllng food. Alcohol hand gel is not effective against novovirus.

Please note – FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY REASONS DOGS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN THE SCHOOL PLAYGROUND.



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.



Second Hand Uniform For



The School Council members will be holding a **second hand uniform sale in the playground in the last week of each half term.** Look out for confirmation of the date and then come and grab a bargain!!

New School Uniform is available from

Riviera Schooldays

186 Union Street
Torquay

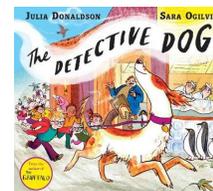
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Tel: 01803 293650

www.rivieraschooldays.co.uk



LITERACY CORNER



The Detective Dog by Julia Donaldson

There once was a dog with a keen sense of smell. She was known far and wide as Detective Dog Nell. Peter's dog Nell has an amazing sense of smell. Whether it's finding a lost shoe or discovering who did a poo on the new gravel path, her ever-sniffing nose is always hard at work. But Nell has other talents too. Every Monday she goes to school with Peter and listens to children read. So who better to have on hand when they arrive one morning to discover that the school's books have all disappeared! Who could have taken them? And why? There's only one dog for the job...and Detective Dog Nell is ready to sniff out the culprit!

Written by the brilliant Julia Donaldson and stunningly illustrated by the multi-talented illustrator and printmaker Sara Ogilvie, *The Detective Dog* is a fast-paced celebration of books, reading, libraries, and the relationship between a little boy and his rather special dog.

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	96.3	0.000
Year 1	95.0	0.000
Year 2	95.7	0.666
Year 3	99.3	0.667
Year 4	94.3	1.000
Year 5	98.3	1.667
Year 6	92.4	0.345



For this week:

The Attendance Award goes to Year 3

&

The Quick Start Award goes to Reception & Year 1

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.

**PLEASE NOTE TODDLER GROUP
RESUMES MONDAY 8th MAY 2017**



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.

What's In The Box?



A lost property box is located in the school office. Inside there is currently:-

A pink 10-13 years 'Nutmeg' Woollen scarf,
school PE shorts size 26/28" x 3 pairs,
school polo shirts aged 7-8yrs & 5-6 yrs,
school jumpers aged 7/8 & 5/6 x 2,
a school fleece 9/10,
a burgundy cardigan with pockets M&S 4-5 yrs,
a white polo shirt nutmeg 10-11 yrs & George 6/7,
a navy blue PUMA rain jacket 30/32,
school fleece lined rain jacket 7/8,
various drinks bottles,
a pastel and black patterned scarf,
&
a pair of plimsolls size 4.



Dates for Diaries

Remember!!

Back to school -

TUESDAY 18th APRIL 2017



Bikeability Holiday Courses

Torbay Council is once again running their hugely popular Cycling courses in the Easter Holidays at Torbay Velopark. These range from Learn to Ride to Bikeability Level 2. There are courses for age 6 upwards. They fill quickly so please book early. Course information is available from twowheelstuition@yahoo.co.uk

Sainsbury's

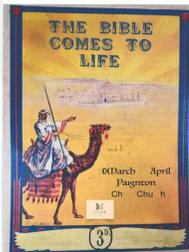
Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

Please can you collect and donate your Active Kids vouchers to us. Our collection box is located in the Reception area. This year we can exchange them for an exciting range of active and cooking equipment to enable us to 'support kids to eat well, move well and live well'.



FAMILY SUPPORT WORKER DROP-IN

Our family support worker Louise Loram will be holding a 'drop in' service, next **Tuesday 18th April**, 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.



30th March – 2nd April Paignton Christ Church. A unique exhibition bringing the Bible to life for all ages. Characters from the Bible come to life and tell their amazing stories. Each presentation takes about an hour, For more information contact Terry & Julia Musson on 01803 558430 alpenrose@blueyonder.co.uk or email Paul and Janey Hames at paulandjaneyh@cmj.org.uk



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.

I will be holding a 'drop in' service on **Tuesday 18th April**, 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.

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.