



SACRED HEART RC NURSERY AND PRIMARY SCHOOL

FRIDAY FLYER

6th January 2017

'Everyone is Sacred'



Dear Parents and Carers,

All at Sacred Heart would like to wish you a happy and peaceful New Year. Once again thank you so much for the gifts, thoughts and sentiments shared with us before Christmas. It was all truly appreciated.

Yesterday we took down our school Christmas trees and decorations but of course have left up our crib. To-morrow we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, when the Kings came to visit Jesus, so our crib will be there for another two weeks. Please feel free to come and look and pray with your child.

All of the clubs will be starting next week. Thank you to all the adults who give of their time so willingly. Last term FOSH worked very hard to raise additional funds for school and we are hoping to purchase some tablets for each class to support our new reading initiative: Accelerated Reader. Mrs. Dodd is leading the project and when it is up and running it will mean all children in Key Stage 2, initially, will have access to online comprehension tasks associated with the books they have been reading. Reading is such an important part of any child's learning journey and we aim to encourage all our children to read regularly. It is so important that they are heard to read frequently at home as well as in school.



The children all looked very smart in their uniforms. Please can you ensure all jumpers and P.E. kits are named so that even if they are mislaid we will know who owns what. Thank you.

We wish you and your families a peaceful week ahead.

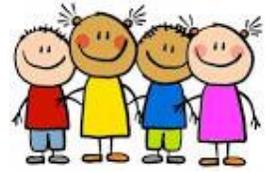
Best wishes

Helen Brown

Head Teacher



NURSERY PARENTS



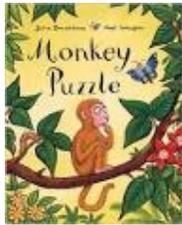
Please could you contact the school office if your child is poorly on the days they are due to attend nursery.

This Week in Nursery...

Friday 6.1.2017

This week in Nursery we have been talking about what we did for Christmas and telling everyone about our favourite presents.

We have begun to explore India and the Hindu religion. The children have been learning some different dance moves, exploring Indian dress (and dressing in saris) and making rangoli patterns for display.



The Talk for Writing book this term is 'Monkey Puzzle' which ties in with our theme of India as monkey is lost in a jungle. Our role play is an Indian jungle (on the request of the children!) and the children have been working out how to help little monkey find his mum. They received a letter from little monkey asking for help and they've had lots of ideas that they'll be putting into place over the half-term, beginning with making binoculars.

In maths the children are learning to recognize numbers and to carry out simple addition calculations. In phonics we are consolidating the 10 sounds already learnt over the Autumn term.

Next week the children will carry on making binoculars and they'll also be making a jungle buggy to help little monkey through the jungle. They'll be moving like jungle animals in PE and beginning to learn some Indian dances.

Everyone will have a copy of the Monkey Puzzle story map to take home so they can practise telling the story to their families.

The school will be holding a multicultural celebration on Wednesday 8th February and the Nursery will be opening its doors to families in the afternoon to come and take part in a range of Indian related activities – more details nearer the time.

Our new sound will be 'c' as in 'c-c-c – caterpillar.'

Have a lovely weekend,

The Nursery Team

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.

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	0.417
Year 1	92.7	0.862
Year 2	96.3	0.834
Year 3	96.6	1.293
Year 4	96.1	0.862
Year 5	97.9	1.667
Year 6	94.4	2.155



For this week:

The Attendance Award goes to Year 5

&

The Quick Start Award goes to Reception



Dates for Diaries

Friday 13th January – Pyjama Day! Organised by Lucia and Maddie in Yr 6. Suggested donations - £1. All monies raised will go to **BALLOONS**, a charity which helps families deal with loss of family members.

FAMILY SUPPORT WORKER DROP-IN

Our family support worker Louise Loram will be holding a 'drop in' service, next **Tuesday 17th January**, 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.





Second Hand Uniform For Sale

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

New School Uniform is available from

Riviera Schooldays

We have moved, we are now at

186 Union Street
Torquay
TQ2 5QP

Tel: 01803 293650

www.rivieraschooldays.co.uk

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.

What's In The Box?



We now have a **Lost Property** box located in the reception office.

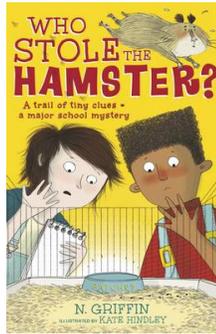
Inside there is currently:-

A furry gillet aged 7-8, a bear beany hat, a green khaki H&M duffle coat, TU grey school trousers aged 11yrs, leopard print earmuffs, 'Cars' blue scarf, 'Angry Birds' Red combined scarf/hat, one multi coloured striped glove, one grey and black striped glove, an angel halo, school plimsolls size 12, school cardigan 6-7yrs, school book bag, M&S school trousers age 9-10yrs, burgundy PE bag, Sacred heart logo's PE bag, school jumper aged 5-6 yrs, a Slazenger pink drinks bottle, chequered black and white umbrella, Next ecru cardigan aged 4-5, a PE T-shirt aged 7-8

....Phew!!

Do they belong to you....???

LITERACY CORNER



Who Stole the Hamster? by N. Griffin

In the first book in this humorous mystery series, perfect for fans of David Baddiel, the school day begins like any other. But when the class realize their beloved pet hamster is missing, it's not long before Room 11 descends into paranoia-fueled chaos, natural suspects produce natural alibis, and motives remain unmotivated. Now it's up to Smashie and her best friend, Dontel to do some super-sleuthing and set things right again.



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.

I will be holding a 'drop in' service on **Tuesday 17th January**, 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.**

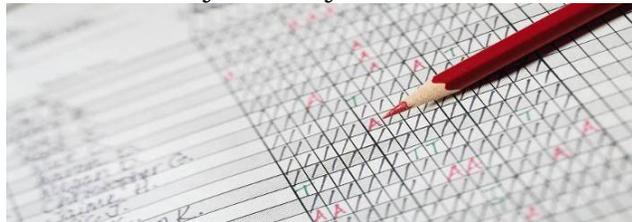
Some things that help

- 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.