



SACRED HEART RC NURSERY AND PRIMARY SCHOOL

FRIDAY FLYER

8th July 2016

Everyone is Sacred



Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly a huge thank you to FOSH for the tremendous success of our Summer Fayre. Thank you for your kind donations and support on the day. The money raised will go towards supporting the upgrading of our ICT equipment. A special thank you must go to Mrs. Sutton for her brilliant organising and enthusiasm, to Mrs. Cully for her support of FOSH and to Mr. Wright for his stamina on the barbecue. The final total raised will be in excess of £750 and Year 6 between them have made a profit to date of £125 for their 'Fiver Challenge': definitely budding entrepreneurs of the future.



Next Friday we will be holding a non-uniform day to support Hollie Newbold (our PE Apprentice from last year) and her friend Ellie. In August they are both hoping to climb Mount Kilimanjaro to raise funds for the charity 'Dig Deep'. The charity works throughout the world to build wells to produce fresh water and sanitation. They are coming in to school on Wednesday to give a presentation to all our children and staff. I know they will be grateful for any donations. Thank you in advance.





Year 6 have been visiting their new secondary schools this week. On Tuesday they all travelled to our Catholic Cathedral of St. Mary and St. Boniface in Plymouth. As part of Central CAST schools cluster we organised a Year 6 leavers mass, concelebrated by Father Mark, followed by a picnic in the Bishop's garden and then an opportunity to go through the door of Mercy to share prayer spaces with the other eight schools attending. It was a special day. This was followed on Wednesday evening with eighteen of our Year 6 children receiving their Borough of Torbay Civic Award from Councillor Hill. We were so proud of them all. A fantastic personal achievement that individually they have been working towards since September.



Year five had a busy day on Wednesday. In the morning they travelled to St. Boniface College in Plymouth for a Science Fair and were then dropped back at PCSA for a taster sports afternoon. In Year 6 they will spend one afternoon a week at PCSA taking part in PE activities taught by PE specialists and supported by Mrs. Nott and Mrs. McCaig.



A special thank you to Mr. Allen-Wicks who has arranged two musical events for our children. On Tuesday Years 1, 3, 4 and 5 attended music workshops linked to the country they have been studying this half term as part of their theme. They learned to play musical instruments and dances from their country and they then had the opportunity to perform to each other and the rest of the school in the afternoon. A lovely experience for them. Yesterday Mr. Allen-Wicks, Mrs. Gridley and 14 children from Year 4 travelled to the English Riviera Centre to work with the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra. In the evening they performed four pieces on stage alongside the Orchestra. They were watched by their families. A brilliant opportunity for them and it was lovely to see James and Edward Collins who were there with Mr. Deam our violin teacher.



Today all the children have spent the morning in their new classrooms. The teaching staff will remain the same: Mrs. Day and Mrs. Brealey Year 6, Mr. Powell Year 5, Mr. Allen-Wicks Year 4, Mrs. Smith Year 3, Miss Baldwin Year 2, Mrs. Cully and Mrs. Flintham Year 1, Miss While Reception Class and Mrs. Dickenson Nursery. The transition is always important so the children start in September safe and secure in the knowledge of where they are going, what the expectations are and who is teaching them.



On Wednesday 20th July at 10am as a school we will be celebrating our Leaver's Mass. You are all **most** welcome. The Parent and Toddler's group will be having a tea party in the Jubilee Garden from 2pm on Monday 18th July. All parents with babies and toddlers aged three and under are most welcome.



We wish you and your family a peaceful weekend.

Best wishes,

Helen Brown

Head Teacher

This week in Nursery



It's been an incredibly busy week in Nursery as many of our children have been taking part in transition activities in Reception. On Friday they spent a couple of

hours getting to know their new teacher, Miss While. They were very excited to be going up to 'big school'!

We were fortunate to take part in an Olympic themed music afternoon this week and the children got to hear music from India, China, Hawaii and Brazil. They even got to join in with some dancing. Please check your child's interactive learning diary for photos and videos.



Mrs Dickinson, Mrs Burt and Miss Witchell



NURSERY PARENTS

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



Unfortunately, the Lollipop Man will not be at the Cecil Road crossing now, until the autumn term. Please be vigilant when crossing the road to and from school.





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.

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.

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	Chloe	Ryan	
Yr 1	Reuben	Rebekah	Reece
Yr 2	Maisy	Lily	Millie
Yr 3	Kira	Oakley	Jayden
Yr 4	Joshua	Danielle	Kieran
Yr 5	Nathaniel	Erin	Leon
Yr 6			

LITERACY CORNER



The Apprentice Witch by James Nicol

From debut author James Nicol comes an enchanting tale of friendship, bravery - and hexes! Perfect for fans of The Worst Witch or Diana Wynne Jones, The Apprentice Witch is a spellbinding read packed with warmth, humour and charm. A small-world fantasy tale set in a world of domestic magic, the novel follows fifteen-year-old trainee witch Arianwyn as she rigorously tries to get her witches' qualification - and save a town along the way.



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.**



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!

FAMILY SUPPORT WORKER DROP-IN

Our family support worker Louise Loram will be holding a 'drop in' service, next Tuesday 12th July 2016, 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.



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	86.6	1.034
Year 1	86.0	1.667
Year 2	85.7	1.333
Year 3	81.0	1.291
Year 4	87.0	1.000
Year 5	86.3	2.000
Year 6	85.7	1.000

For this week: The Attendance Award goes to Year 87.0 & The Quick Start Award goes to Years 4 & 6.

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

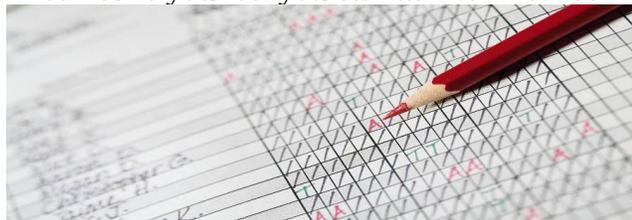
- Late **before** the registration closes – when your child is a few minutes late.
Late **after** the register closes – **counts as an unauthorised absence.**

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.