



SACRED HEART RC NURSERY AND PRIMARY SCHOOL

FRIDAY FLYER

9th September 2016

Everyone is Sacred



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a lovely first week back at school. It was so good to see all the children enthusiastically coming in to school on Monday morning and many parents with smiling faces as they dropped them off!! The children looked smart and ready to learn.

Today we held our first Good Work Assembly of the year and it was lovely to see every child had someone there to celebrate with them. We now also text parents if their child is to receive a certificate. Judging by this week it is working.



Yesterday Year 5 had a lovely curriculum day as they virtually travelled to Greece for the day to experience the culture, customs and traditions of the country ready for their theme work. Lots of smiling faces at the end of the day.



We are delighted to welcome so many families to our class 'Meet the Teacher' meetings. Hopefully you have found it a worthwhile experience having an opportunity to meet with your



child's new teacher at the beginning of the school year.



As you are probably aware Paignton Hospital is threatened with closure. Matthew, from Torbay Bookshop, along with other members of the

Paignton League of Friends has arranged three meetings to be held in our Church Hall on **Wednesday 28th September**. The times of the meetings are **9am, 4pm and 7pm**. It is important we support this campaign because even as a school we rely on the services of Paignton Hospital on a regular basis. Please see the displayed posters and email sent out earlier today.



Thank you for reading the recent information sent to you about parking. No child should be dropped off at the front entrance unless, as an exception it has been arranged with myself. If you park your car in Woodland Park or Cadwell Road please be aware of the needs of the residents and their right to be able to access their houses. Thank you. Parking permits for the car park in Churchward Road are always available from the office and if displayed allow **free parking** for 30 minutes in the morning and in the afternoon for dropping off and picking up. Parking in the church car park is **only** for staff and parishioners attending church. Thank you for your co-operation.

We wish you and your family a peaceful weekend.

Best wishes,

Helen Brown

Head Teacher

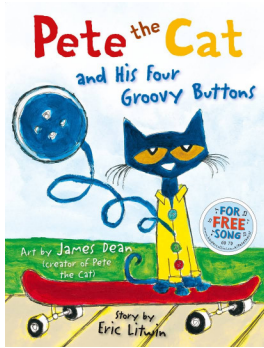


This week in Nursery

This week in Nursery we have welcomed lots of new children and families into the fold. We have been learning about routines and have agreed our class charter.

The children have been getting to know each other and all the members of staff and finding their way around the Nursery.

During story time we have been learning all about 'Pete the Cat and his four groovy buttons'. The children have loved the story and join in the repeating refrains and song. If you would like to do this at home with your child just follow the link – it's great fun!



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eUliqJ-hTUA>

We have been looking at the colour red this week and all the different shades. Next week we will continue collecting red objects as new children join the Nursery. Please keep bringing in your objects for our 'red' table.

We will also be learning our new story, 'Stone Soup' linked to France and the artist Henri Matisse. The children will be using a story map and actions to learn and tell the story. Eventually they will bring home their own story map – please could you practise the story with them at home using the map. As the children move up the school they will have lots of story book language to draw upon when they have to write their own stories.

It has been a very busy, fun-packed week and we look forward to seeing you all again next week and welcoming in our new families.

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.



Those children attending the TUFC Multi Skills/ Football Skills on Monday afternoons have been requested by the TUFC coaches to bring in both trainers and football boots if possible. Due to the numbers participating they may go across to Victoria Park, weather dependant.



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.



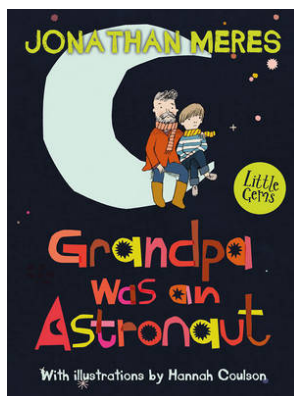
Parents/Carers, please can you telephone the school **BEFORE 09:30** to inform that your child will be absent from school and give the reason for that absence. Please ring **each day** that your child is absent unless there is a definitive timescale of absence i.e. there needs to be **48 hours** clear 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			
Yr 1	Matthew	Alesha	Ottillie
Yr 2	Connie	Scott	Sophie
Yr 3	Gabriel	Lily	James
Yr 4	Shilpa	Francesca	Harvey
Yr 5	James	Daniella	Sophie
Yr 6	Ayden	Oliver	Aneena

LITERACY CORNER



Grandpa Was an Astronaut by Jonathan Meres

Sherman loves the moon and he loves his grandpa even more - who has actually been to the moon! Grandpa was an astronaut and has a chunk of moon rock on his mantelpiece. Playing space games with Grandpa is one of Sherman's most favourite things ever so he's thrilled to hear that's exactly what a visit to Grandpa will involve.



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 13th September**, 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.



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	98.3	0
Year 1	98.3	0
Year 2	99.2	0.417
Year 3	98.3	0
Year 4	95.8	0.833
Year 5	99.6	0
Year 6	98.3	1.667



For this week: The Attendance Award goes to Year 5 & The Quick Start Award goes to Rec, Years 1,3 & 5.

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.**

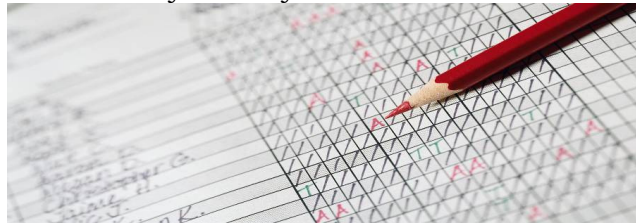
Some things that help

- 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.