Sacred Heart RC Nursery & Primary School



Friday 22nd September 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

Meet the Teacher

Thank you to those of you who have made it to the Meet the Teacher meetings over the last couple of weeks. These are invaluable meetings for setting the expectation for the year ahead so that we can work together with parents as partners in your child's education.

Enrichment

We are delighted that we have once again been accepted for the Exeter Chorister programme this year. We last took part in this event when the present Y6 children were in Y4 and the children who participated can still talk about it today. Not only do the children get to be taught by members of the prestigious choir themselves but they get to perform at Exeter Cathedral. This year's event will be on Saturday 11th November and is available for any child in Y4. Depending on numbers, we may be able to open this up to Y5s too. Further information will be sent out shortly. Regardless of the Y4 pupils attending the performance, they will all access the experience in class but we would like to see as many pupils as possible at the event.

Communication

I have put together a diary for the year to improve communication. As some of the dates are so far in the future and not always events under our control, the dates are subject to change. There may also be updates to highlight opportunities that arise mid-year. I will continue to add a termly diary to the weekly newsletter to keep you all up to date.

Staffing Vacancies

We have extended the closing date for the two teaching assistant vacancies. One full time (27.5 hrs) working in KS1 in the first instance and one part time (18.75 hrs) every morning 8:45-12:30 in KS2. For details, click below. These are both fixed term appointments until August 2024 in the first instance.

Teaching Assistant post 1

Teaching Assistant post 2

If you know of anyone who might be interested, please signpost them to the application details. If anyone would like to chat about the positions or visit the school, contact Colin O'Kane via senioradmin@shrcps.org

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Nichola Day

Executive Headteacher





Autumn Term Diary



September

28th: Y5 PA Hockey Festival

October

2-6th Pupil chaplains collecting food for Harvest.

5th: Y4 PA Rugby Festival

5th YR-Y6 Flu Immunisations

6th CAFOD Family Fast Day. Harvest Mass (led by Y5/6) 10am in Church

12th: Y6 PA Tag Ruby Festival

18th/ 19th Prayer Space Event

20th Break Up

30th: INSET

31st: Back to school

November

1st Nov: All Saints Day. 10am Mass led by Y3/4)

Wed 8th/Thurs 11th Parents' Evening

10th Choir to South Devon College Remembrance Service.

Saturday 11th: Y4 to perform at Exeter Cathedral.

13th-17th Anti-Bullying Week

17th: Children in Need (pyjama day)

23rd Miss Hartley returns from maternity. Y2 teacher Thurs/Fridays

December

1st: Advent Mass led by Y1/2

4th Mrs Whitmore returns

8th: Christmas Jumper Day

Tues 12th: EYFS Nativity 2pm

Wed 13th: KS1/Y3 Advent Service 2pm

Thurs 14th: KS2 Service of Light 5:30pm

Fri 15th: Break Up

Autumn Term 2023			
September	October	November	December
The month of well- being	The month of the Rosary Harvest Black History	The month of the Holy Souls Remembrance	The month of Advent
4 th INSET 5 th : Back to school 5-7 th 'Keeping Safe' Fri 8 th Liturgical Journey: Mary's	2-6 th GIFT team to collect food 5 th : Y4 PA Rugby Festival 5 th YR - Y6 FLU	Book of Remembrance 1 st Nov: All Saints Day Whole school Mass. Liturgical Journey:	1st: Advent Mass led by Y1/2 3rd: 1st Sunday of Advent. New liturgical year begins: Cycle B (Mark's Gospel)
Birthday – Inspirational Women. Whole school Mass	immunisations 6 th CAFOD Family Fast Day. Harvest	Saints Past, Present and Future (led by Y3/4)	4 th Mrs Whitmore returns
11 ^{th-} 21 st : Meet the Teacher meetings (see Friday Flyer for	Mass (led by Y5/6) 12 th : Y6 PA Tag Ruby Festival	Wed 8 th /Thurs 11 th Parents' Evening 10 th	8 th : Christmas Jumper Day Tues 12 th : EYFS
year group dates) Fri 22 nd : Individual school photos	18 th / 19 th Prayer Space Event	Choir to South Devon College Remembrance Service. Saturday 11 th : Y4 to	Nativity 2pm Wed 13 th : KS1/Y3 Advent Service 2pm Thurs 14th: KS2 Service of Light
28 th : Y5 PA Hockey Festival	30 th : INSET 31 st : Back to school	perform at Exeter Cathedral. 13 th -17 th Anti-Bullying Week	5:30pm Fri 15 th : Break Up
	31 st : St Andrew's Day	17 th : Children in Need (pyjama day) 23 rd Miss Hartley returns from maternity. Y2 teacher Thurs/Fridays	

Spring Term 2024			
January	February	March	
The month of New Beginnings Epiphany	The month of LOVE	The month of Lent	
Mon 1st: New Year's Day Tues 2 nd INSET Wed 3 rd : Back to School	2 nd : Presentation of the Lord 6 th : Safer Internet Day 9 th : Break Up	1 st : St David's Day Wed 6 th /Thurs 7 th Parents Evening	
5 th : Liturgical Journey – Wise Men & Women 6 th : The Epiphany Mass	14 ^{th:} Ash Wednesday Mon 19th: INSET Tues 20 th : Back to school	7th: World Book Day (heroes and villains). 11-17 th British Science Week 17 th : St Patrick's Day 24 th : Palm Sunday 25 th Holy Week begins. 28 th : Maundy Thursday Break Up 29 th : Good Friday 31 st : Easter Sunday	

Summer Term 2024			
April	May	June	July
The month of	The month of Mary	The month of the	The month of celebrating
Easter		Sacred Heart	success
15 th : Back to	1st: EYFS Crowing		2 nd : Y6 Diocesan Leavers'
School	of	3 rd : INSET	Mass in Exeter
	Mary in Church.	4 th : Back to School	
23 rd : St George's	-		Sports Day TBC with
Day	6 th : Bank Holiday	7 th : Feast of the	Oldway
	-	Sacred Heart of	
	13 th - 16 th : KS2	Jesus.	
	SATs	Mass:	Fri 20 th : Y6 Leavers'
			Assembly
	Saturday 18 th :	28 th : Liturgical	Wed 24 th : Leavers' Mass
	-	Journey -	
	19th: Pentecost	Leadership	24 th : Break Up for
	Sunday	29 th : Feast of St	Summer
		Peter and St Paul	
	24 th : Break Up		

Contacting your child's teacher



Nursery: Mrs Berry berry@shrcps.org

YR: Mrs Pancott pancott@shrcps.org

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Y3: Mrs Flintham / Mrs Glew

flintham@shrcps.org / glew@shrcps.org

Y4: Miss Shaw shaw@shrcps.org

Y5: Mrs Dickinson dickinson@shrcps.org

Y6 Mrs Bird: bird@shrcps.org

	Mrs Day	day@shrcps.org
Executive Head Teacher		
Senior Administrator	Mr O'Kane (Mon and Tues 8.30am	senioradmin@shrcps.org
	– 2.30pm)	
Administrator	Mrs Macdonald (8am – 11am Mon	admin@shrcps.org
	– Fri inclusive)	
Administrator	Mrs Garside (10.15am -3:45pm	garside@shrcps.org
	Mon-Fri inclusive)	

Inclusion Team

Safeguarding Lead	Mrs Day	day@shrcps.org
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Attendance Officer	Matthew Jackson	matt@southwestfamilyvalues.org.uk
Play Therapist	Jane Doidge	doidge@shrcps.org



Introducing our school's Family Support Worker

Andrea Gjikolaj Trainee Parenting Therapist South West Family Values C.I.C M: 07917204826 W: www.southwestfamilyvalues.org.uk

Introducing Matt Jackson – Attendance Officer...



Matt comes from a Sporting background and has a BSc (Hons) Degree in Sports Coaching. Matt has a wealth of experience of working with families and young people having spent over 6 years working in Youth services, Early Intervention as a Targeted Youth Support Worker and as the Young Male Sexual Health Worker for the Torbay and South Devon NHS Foundation Trust. He has recently completed a Post Graduate Diploma in Parent Therapy at Exeter. Matt is qualified to deliver evidence-based parenting interventions such as The Incredible Years and Helping the Non-Compliant Child. As well as working as a

Family Support Worker he is the designated Attendance & Welfare Officer for nine Schools across Torbay and Devon.

Starting Secondary School September 2024?

An email has been sent out today to Year 6 Parents/Carers providing information regarding applying for a secondary school place for September 2024.

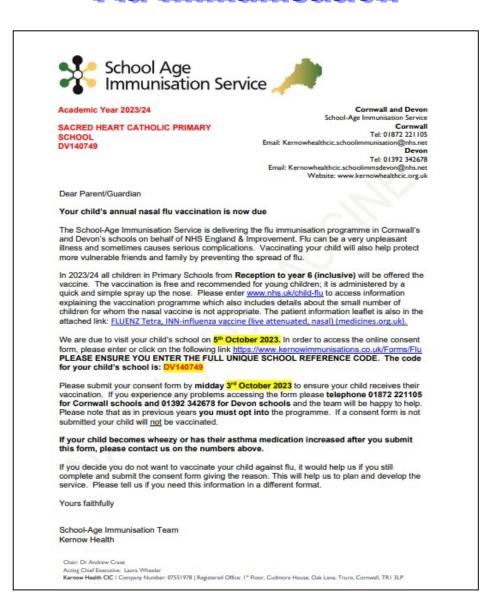
The application window for children to make their secondary school application for September 24 is now open.

The deadline is 31.10.23 and applications received after that date will be at a disadvantage.

Applications should be made, where possible, using the online portal. This can be found by following this link Apply for a secondary school place - Torbay Council

NB. Parents who wish their child to sit the selective test or take part in Torquay Academy's Football or Performing Arts Academy aptitude testing need to register asap. The closing dates are fast approaching.

Flu Immunisation





First Holy Communion 2024

Details of the forthcoming programme to prepare your child for taking their First Holy Communion in May 2024, have been sent out to Y4, Y5 & Y6 parents/carers today.

Please complete the google form using the following link AND bring in your child's baptism certificate by Friday 6th October 23 if you would like to enrol.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1-rAhc-uN0Ps72eCr-WSXacR3bT9-qlgGLwQITD -WoQ/edit

If you require a copy of the letter, please ask at reception.



Jacket potatoes and sandwiches will also be available.

Meals can be booked via your ParentPay account and cost £2.65, or are free if in YR, Y1 & Y2 or entitled to Free School Meals.

Find out whether your child qualifies for free school meals and how to apply by visit https://www.torbay.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/fsm/



Early Bird Discount of 20% off if you book before 29th September 2023!

The discount code is as follows: XAY008









