Sacred Heart RC Nursery & Primary School



Friday 29th September 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

Curriculum Hooks



Mrs Dickinson was contacted by the UK Space Agency with a challenge for the children in **Year 5**: could they build a prototype Mars Rover using a design brief that could be turned into the next explorer craft? Year 5 were definitely up for the challenge and, after learning all about the planets and various missions to the moon and Mars, started to develop their designs in readiness for building their very own working models!

In **Reception**, Mrs Pancott showed the children a box. She explained that something very special was inside. They each took turns to look into the box to see 'something special'. The something special was the children's own reflection in the mirror. We all know that we are special.





Father Ralph was invited into **Y3** to discuss creation and the importance of the natural world, as they are learning about National Parks in their enquiry project. He also asked them to think about our big question: Whose responsibility is it to look after our National Parks? He shared with the children the message from the Pope, who asked us in Laudato Si to take care of our world.

Father asked us to create something related to the natural world to display in the Church. He also asked the children to share their work with the Church regarding National Parks.



Y2 found a treasure chest full of clues about what their enquiry project would be about. There were pictures, a Spanish flag, jewellery, maps and a boat. They had to investigate to see where they had come from and why they were here. They had some brilliant ideas about who Sir Francis Drake might be and came up with some questions to research the answer to.

Attendance

You will have all received a Local Authority (LA) letter from us in the post this week. This is a universal letter sent out to everyone regardless of your child's attendance record. The reason it is sent out by post is on request of the LA. They have reports from Torbay parents that they were unaware that children cannot be taken out of school to go on holiday and that fines will be issued if they choose to ignore the rules set by the government. The letter is to ensure that all parents are informed. As an added layer, an electronic copy will be attached with this week's flyer.

With regards to term time holidays, there is a myth that they are granted at a headteacher's discretion. Whereas I can authorise absences when unavoidable, I am held to account by the Trust and Ofsted for our attendance figures. We finished last year below the national average but appeared Ofsted in May due to the forensic evidence held by myself and Matt Jackson (Attendance Officer).

In addition to the above, we have introduced some tweaks to our internal systems this week for ensuring that the reply slips get home to you. The absence request form comes into the office and is viewed by Matt Jackson on Monday mornings. Even if you hand the form in on a Tuesday, it won't be processed until the following week as this is his working day. The requests are then authorised/unauthorised by me at our weekly attendance meeting. The forms are returned to Mrs Garside who returns the slips via the child. As it seems slips have sometimes gone missing in transit, Mrs Garside will now contact parents via text message, to inform them that their slip is ready for collection. On collection the form will be signed for by the parent and filed.

Please do not take it personally when your term time holidays are unauthorised. We totally understand that cost is normally the deciding factor as can parental holiday restrictions from work but term time holidays cannot be authorised. We appreciate you being honest and completing the form as we then have a record of where the children are when absent and you will not be telephoned. We have had multiple cases of parents pretending their children have been poorly but I ask that you consider this decision carefully as the children do not like being put in that position and can be quite upset on return to school. Please be

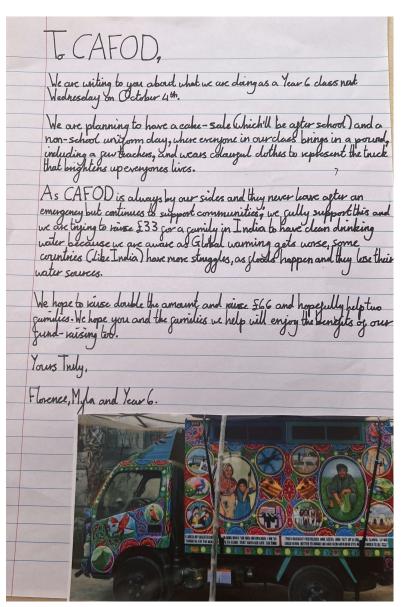
reassured that we would never interrogate a child but more often than not they just can't wait to tell someone.

Times Tables Rockstars / Numbots

We're back online after a little blip last week. We pay for subscriptions for both sites, TTRS and Numbots for the younger children. Please utilise them at home and encourage your children to access the games. The children love this interactive learning through online play. Any questions regarding difficulties with access, please contact your child's teacher. Details were on the class curriculum newsletters sent out earlier in the term.

CAFOD

Year 6 are raising money for CAFOD and have sent the letter below detailing how they will be doing this.



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



October

2-6th Pupil chaplains collecting food for Harvest.

5th: Y4 PA Rugby Festival

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	Mass (led by Y5/6) 12 th : Y6 PA Tag	Wed 8 th /Thurs 11 th Parents' Evening	8 th : Christmas Jumper Day
(see Friday Flyer for year group dates)	Ruby Festival 18 th / 19 th Prayer	10 th Choir to South Devon College Remembrance	Tues 12 th : EYFS Nativity 2pm Wed 13 th : KS1/Y3 Advent Service
Fri 22 nd : Individual school photos	Space Event 20 th Break Up	Service. Saturday 11 th : Y4 to perform at Exeter	2pm Thurs 14th: KS2 Service of Light 5:30pm
28 th : Y5 PA Hockey Festival	30 th : INSET 31 st : Back to school	Cathedral. 13 th -17 th Anti-Bullying Week	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 Easter	The month of Mary	The month of the Sacred Heart	The month of celebrating success
15 th : Back to School	1st: EYFS Crowing of Mary in Church.	3 rd : INSET 4 th : Back to School	2 nd : Y6 Diocesan Leavers' Mass in Exeter
23 rd : St George's Day	6 th : Bank Holiday	7 th : Feast of the Sacred Heart of	Sports Day TBC with Oldway
	SATs	Jesus. Mass:	Fri 20 th : Y6 Leavers' Assembly
	Saturday 18 th :	28 th : Liturgical Journey -	Wed 24 th : Leavers' Mass
	19 th : Pentecost	Leadership	24 th : Break Up for
	Sunday	29 th : Feast of St Peter and St Paul	Summer
	24 th : Break Up		

Copy of Torbay Council's Warning Letter

TORBAY COUNCIL

Attendance Improvement Service 2nd Floor Electric House C/o Town Hall, Torquay, TQ1 3DR Email: attendance@torbay.gov.uk

Date: 11 September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Each year the Local Authority is expected to communicate with all parents of children attending a school in Torbay, to remind you of Torbay Council's policy in relation to school attendance. This letter is NOT a concern about YOUR child's attendance. We are encouraged to send it, so all parents and carers understand the framework. This letter is sent out by your child's school on our behalf. If your child's school have concern about your child's attendance, they will contact you directly.

Over the last year, the majority of families have ensured that their child attended school regularly and enjoyed the benefits of being on roll at one of Torbay's schools. If your child has no unauthorised absences, I would like to thank you for your continuing commitment to your child's education. However, we all need to continue to work together to make sure that all children attend school as much as possible so that any gaps in their learning can be quickly and efficiently filled. I would urge you communicate with your child's school should there be any problems with your child's attendance. As soon as a problem with your child's attendance is identified, the sooner the parents and schools can work together to overcome the barriers for your child.

Parents/carers have a legal duty to ensure their child who is of compulsory school age receives an efficient, full-time education. Therefore, if your child has no unauthorised absences and their attendance is at 96% or above, you are giving your child the best chance to achieve their potential. If parents/carers fail to ensure their child's regular and punctual attendance at school, they are committing an offence, unless the absence has been authorised by the school.

We acknowledge that some absence, e.g., illness, is unavoidable. However, any requests for avoidable absences from school (including holidays) can only be agreed by the school in advance, so it is therefore essential that you apply to the school in writing as far in advance of the absence as is reasonably possible using a form supplied by the school. Please be aware that a school can only grant leave in exceptional circumstances. The Department for Education guidance states that "leave is unlikely to be granted for the purposes of a family holiday as a norm."

In situations where a child accumulates 10 or more sessions of unauthorised absences (one school day is made up of two sessions) within any six-month period, parents/carers will make themselves liable to receiving a Penalty Notice per parent/carer, per child. If a Penalty Notice is issued it carries a penalty of £60 if paid in full within 21 days or £120 if paid in full after this time but within 28 days. Part or late payments cannot be accepted and there is no legal right to appeal the Penalty Notice once it has been issued. If a Penalty Notice goes unpaid, this is likely to result in Court proceedings being instigated for an offence of failing to ensure regular school attendance contrary to section 444 Education Act 1996. Upon conviction of such an offence the maximum fine of £2500, or a maximum 3 months imprisonment, can be imposed.

<u>Please note:</u> only one Penalty Notice will be issued in any two-year period. This means that if a Penalty Notice is paid, and the child accumulates a further 10 sessions of unauthorised absence within the following two years, this will result in the parent/carer receiving a summons to Court for an offence contrary to \$444 Education Act.

If you are considering taking your child out of school, you are reminded to read both your child's School Attendance Policy (normally on the school website) regarding avoidable absence in term time and the Local Authority's Penalty Notice Code of Conduct which can be accessed at: www.torbay.gov.uk/attendance.

Yours sincerely,

SAH

On Behalf of the Attendance Improvement Service

Contacting your child's teacher



Nursery: Mrs Berry berry@shrcps.org

YR: Mrs Pancott pancott@shrcps.org

Y1: Mr Bevan-Smith bevan-smith@shrcps.org

Y2: Miss Sloggett sloggett@shrcps.org

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
Deputy Safeguarding Lead	Mrs Nott	nott@shrcps.org
Deputy SENCO	Mrs Nott	nott@shrcps.org

Family Support	Andrea Gjikolaj	andreag@southwestfamilyvalues.org.uk
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.



Sept 2023

Dear Parents, Friends and Carers,

Welcome back to Sacred Heart Nursery & Primary School, and welcome to the Sacred Heart PTFA (Parents, Teachers & Friends Association).

We would like to welcome all the new families who have joined the Sacred Heart family this year, and let you know a little bit about the PTFA.

Our first meeting of the new school year will be held on:

Monday 2nd October, at 3.30pm in the School Library

Everyone is welcome to join to discuss plans for upcoming events, and we are always looking for volunteers to help out, in any way.

We are also looking for someone to take on the role of Treasurer, so if you think you might be interested, please do come along, or speak to Mrs Taylor in the playground.

Fundraising takes a lot of time and enthusiasm, and we are keen to build up our numbers of volunteers. We need your help!

Don't forget to visit our Facebook page (search Sacred Heart PTFA Paignton) where we will be posting information and updates on things that are happening. Please like & share! We will also be letting everyone know how the fundraising is going and how the money is being spent.

Looking forward to seeing you on Monday!

Best wishes,

Lynda & Helen

PTFA Chairs

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 <u>Apply for a secondary school place - Torbay Council</u>

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



Academic Year 2023/24

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL DV140749 Cornwall and Devon
School-Age Immunisation Service
Cornwall
Tel: 01872 221 105
owhealthcic.schoolimmunisation@nhs.net
Devon
Tel: 01392 342478

Tel: 01392 342678 Email: Kernowhealthcic.schoolimmsdevon@nhs.net Website: www.kernowhealthcic.org.uk

Dear Parent/Guardian

Your child's annual nasal flu vaccination is now due

The School-Age Immunisation Service is delivering the flu immunisation programme in Cornwall's and Devon's schools on behalf of NHS England & Improvement. Flu can be a very unpleasant illness and sometimes causes serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable friends and family by preventing the spread of flu.

In 2023/24 all children in Primary Schools from **Reception to year 6 (inclusive)** will be offered the vaccine. The vaccination is free and recommended for young children; it is administered by a quick and simple spray up the nose. Please enter www.nhs.uk/child-flu to access information explaining the vaccination programme which also includes details about the small number of children for whom the nasal vaccine is not appropriate. The patient information leaflet is also in the attached link: FLUENZ Tetra, INN-influenza/vaccine (live attenuated, nasal) (medicines.org.uk).

We are due to visit your child's school on 5th October 2023. In order to access the online consent form, please enter or click on the following link https://www.kernowimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu PLEASE ENSURE YOU ENTER THE FULL UNIQUE SCHOOL REFERENCE CODE. The code for your child's school is: https://www.kernowimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu

Please submit your consent form by midday 3rd October 2023 to ensure your child receives their vaccination. If you experience any problems accessing the form please telephone 01872 221105 for Cornwall schools and 01392 342678 for Devon schools and the team will be happy to help. Please note that as in previous years you must opt into the programme. If a consent form is not submitted your child will not be vaccinated.

If your child becomes wheezy or has their asthma medication increased after you submit this form, please contact us on the numbers above.

If you decide you do not want to vaccinate your child against flu, it would help us if you still complete and submit the consent form giving the reason. This will help us to plan and develop the service. Please tell us if you need this information in a different format.

Yours faithfully

School-Age Immunisation Team Kernow Health

Chair: Dr Andrew Crass
Accing Chief Executive: Laura Whiseler
Kenow Health ClF Company Number: 07551978 | Registered Office: 1* Floor, Cudmore House, Oak Lane, Truro, Cornwall, TR1 3LP



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-qIgGLwQITD -WoQ/edit

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

We honour God through our

TEACHING ASSISTANT VACANCY



The Governors of Priory Catholic Primary School, Torquay are seeking to appoint a positive and inspiring Level 3 Teaching Assistant after October Half Term 2023. They are keen to accommodate the best candidates who will make a positive impact on our school and standards. Applicants with experience are encouraged to apply.

We offer:

- · A welcoming school with a strong Catholic ethos
- · Children who are polite, happy, and motivated to learn
- · A supportive staff team who genuinely want the best for our pupils
- A commitment to your own professional development

The successful candidate will:

- · Be happy to support the Catholic ethos of our school
- · Be committed to creating challenge, excitement, creativity, and independence in learning
- Be dedicated to raising standards and be a good role model
- Have excellent organisational and communication skills
- Be dynamic, resilient, and hard working with a positive nature
- Be able to work as part of a team and establish positive relationships with pupils, parents, governors, and staff
- Have a reflective and evaluative approach to their practice
- Have experience and understanding of working in Upper Key Stage Two

Salary: Band C3 - C6 (£20,812.00 - £21,968.00) Contract: Permanent - 27.5 hours per week, 39 weeks per annum

Visits to the school are encouraged. To arrange a visit, please contact Tamsin Foot, Senior Administrator by email at senioradmin@priorycps.co.uk or contact the school on 01803 328

Closing Date: 16.10.23 Interviews: 18.10.23 Shortlisted candidates will be notified by email

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. An enhanced DBS Disclosure is required for this post. www.priory-primary.torbay.sch.uk













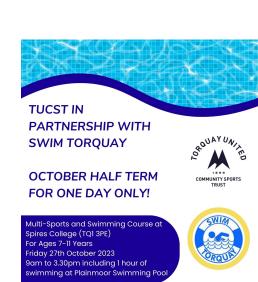




Things To Do...







Please copy and paste the following link to book: https://torquay-unitedcst.classforkids.io/info/199

£30.00 per child

Email: admin@tucst.co.uk
Telephone: 01803 322551

Email: admin@tucst.co.uk Telephone: 01803 322551 Website: www.tucst.co.uk Charity No: 1125138 Company No: 6618877

