

Sacred Heart RC Nursery & Primary School



Friday Flyer

28th June 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

Year 6 enjoyed a wonderful week at PGL this week. The weather was kind and they managed to pack a lot into their three days: body boarding, archery, zip-lining, rifle shooting and abseiling to name a few of the activities. Coming back to school yesterday was tough for them after an exhausting few days but the majority made it showing great strength and resilience.

As we move into July on Monday, our Y6s will be making the most of their last month with us, starting with the Diocesan Leavers Mass on Tuesday 2nd. This Mass brings twelve of our family of 35 schools together in collective worship. The coach will leave school at around 10am and arrive back well in time for the end of the day. Your child will need a packed lunch and a drink for the communal picnic in the grounds following the Mass. Let's hope the good weather continues. As space is understandably limited, only pupils and staff are able to attend. However, I have now confirmed the date of Sacred Heart's own leavers' Mass which will be at 10am on Wednesday 24th July in the Church. This will be a whole school Mass where we will say goodbye to Y6 as they pass the light of Christ on to the Y5s in the form of a candle ceremony. A poignant moment of the school year.

Other activities for the Y6s over their month will be completing the Fiver challenge where I will give them £5 each in the hope that I will see it again with a big profit on top. This always proves to be lots of fun for the children and is one of my favourite activities of the year, waiting to see what new business ideas the children come up with. More news on what will be on sale in next week's flyer.

School Chaplains

As we come towards the end of the school year, our Y5 chaplains will be ending their role, making way for other pupil leadership responsibilities in Y6. Fr Ralph, Mrs Taylor and I look forward to receiving applications from any Y4 pupils who are interested in becoming Pupil Chaplains next year. They will be hearing more about what is involved and how to apply at the start of next week.

Class arrangements for September

I have held out until the end of June to announce the class teachers for next year so that I could be a position to share all of our changes together; however, a hiccup with one of our appointments has led to further changes which I cannot fully confirm at this point. Therefore, Y1 is showing as TBC but I will have more news on this shortly. We've gone a full circle over the last month with staffing deployment and ended up right back where we started with a plan which looks almost the same as this year's classes, with a straight swap between Miss Shaw leaving and Mr Mason arriving. On Thursday 4th July, all the classes will be visiting their new teachers for part of the morning. We have chosen this day as the Y6s are out visiting their secondary schools; however, Miss Bowyer will be out and about visiting new pupils in their present settings so we've made some date changes to Nursery and Reception's transition session.

As usual, we have identified those children in need of an enhanced transition and they will have bespoke provision over the next few weeks.

Reception: Miss Bowyer

Year 1: TBC

Year 2: Miss Sloggett

Year 3: Mrs Flintham (Mon-Wed) & Mrs Glew (Thurs-Fri)

Year 4: Mr Mason

Year 5: Mrs Whitmore (Mon-Wed) & Mrs D Taylor (Thurs-Fri)

Year 6: Mrs Glew (Mon) & Mrs Bird (Tues-Fri)

Have a lovely weekend. Let's hope that the sun continues to shine.

Nichola Day

Executive Headteacher

July

2nd: Y6 Diocesan Leavers Mass in Exeter (pupils and staff)

2nd Y6 Fiver challenge begins

4th Y6 Secondary Transition day / Transition day in school.

5th: Plymouth CAST Tree Planting

9th: Y5 trip to Berry Pomeroy Castle

Fri 12th: PTFA Summer Fete

Fri 19th: Y6 Leavers' Assembly

Wed 24th: Y6 Leavers' Mass in Church 10am (all welcome)

Wed 24th: Break up for summer

Contacting your child's teacher



Nursery: Mrs Berry
berry@shrcps.org

YR: Miss Bowyer
jbowyer@shrcps.org

Y1: Miss Tomkins-Smith/Mrs
Gascoyne ltomkins-smith@shrcps.org
/gascoyne@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 Whitmore/Miss
Hartley whitmore@shrcps.org
/ hartley@shrcps.org

Y6: Mrs Bird bird@shrcps.org

Executive Head Teacher	Mrs Day	day@shrcps.org
Senior Administrator	Mr O'Kane (11.30am – 2.30pm)	senioradmin@shrcps.org
Administrator	Mrs Macdonald (8am – 11am)	admin@shrcps.org
Administrator	Mrs Garside (10.15am - 3:45pm)	garside@shrcps.org
Inclusion Team		
Safeguarding Lead	Mrs Day	day@shrcps.org
Deputy Safeguarding Lead	Mrs Nott	nott@shrcps.org
Deputy SENCO	Mrs Nott	nott@shrcps.org
Support Team		
Play Therapist	Jane Doidge	doidge@shrcps.org
Family Support Worker	Rachel Ripley	rachel@attendance-solutions.co.uk
Attendance Officer	Natalie Black	natalie@attendance-solutions.co.uk

Gardening Club



Our Sacred Heart gardeners have been "toiling in the soil" over the past couple of weeks, emptying the pond, stripping it of its pond liner and then filling it up with new soil. It has been amazing to watch the children's spirit of cooperation and determination, armed only with buckets and a tiny wheelbarrow! What an incredible team.

We've decided to make the pond into a butterfly garden. Thank you to Fermoy's for donating some butterfly attracting plants. If you would like to help us to make the butterfly garden grow, here is a list of plants that butterflies love <http://www.epicgardening.com/plants-that-attract-butterflies/>



We've also been harvesting our potatoes this week. There was a great deal of excitement as we dipped in our forks and found potato treasure buried deep! There was a fantastic haul in our wheelbarrow by the end of lunchtime!

Summer Fayre



Our Summer Fayre is being held on Friday 12th July 2024.

We would be very grateful for parents/carers help on the day. If you are able to offer some time please can you email baker@shrcps.org . We are also needing items for our tombola draw. Any items you are able to donate will be gratefully received. Please could these be brought into school over the next few weeks.



Starting Secondary School September 2025

If your child was born between **1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014**, it is nearly time to apply for a secondary school place for September 2025.

The application period is open from **1st September 2024 until 31st October 2024**

Does your child have an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP)?

YES

The SEN Team will manage your application and consult with your preferred **and** local school.

Please apply in the normal way using the Citizen's Portal.

NO

Please make your application using the Citizen's Portal.

You **cannot** apply for a specialist provision if your child does not have an EHCP. Please do not select a specialist provision, as this preference will be **disregarded**.

Do you wish to apply for a grammar school or a selective place at The Spires College?

YES

Your child must sit a selective test. Places are awarded by test result alone. It does not matter where you live.

You must register for the test by **17th July 2024**, check the school's website for registration form.

Selective testing will take place on **Saturday 14th September 2024**.

NO

Complete your application on the Citizen's Portal.

You **cannot** apply for a selective school if your child did not sit the test.

Please do not select a Grammar school, as this preference will be **disregarded**.

Do you wish to apply for either the Football or Performing Arts Academy at Torquay Academy?

YES

Please complete a supplementary form and submit to Torquay Academy by **20th September 2024**

The aptitude test for the Performing Arts Academy and The Football Academy will take place on **Saturday 5th October 2024**

Complete your application on the Citizen's Portal

NO

Complete your application on the Citizen's Portal.

PENALTY NOTICE FINES FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS CHANGING

1

FIRST OFFENCE

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days
Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

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SECOND OFFENCE (WITHIN 3 YEARS)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child to be paid within 28 days. No reduced rate will be offered.

The following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued after **19th August 2024**.

3

THIRD OFFENCE AND ANY FURTHER OFFENCES (WITHIN 3 YEARS)

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. Magistrates, fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child. Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on a Parents future DBS certificate, due to failure to safeguard a child's education.

10 SESSIONS (5 DAYS) OF UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE IN A 10-WEEK PERIOD

Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there has been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period.

Please follow the link for the Publication that will start from 19th August 2024.
www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance

What's on...

TORBAY COUNCIL

FULLY FUNDED
FOR ALL CHILDREN AGED 5-14
ELIGIBLE FOR BENEFIT RELATED
FREE SCHOOL MEALS
(£2.25 PER DAY FOR PUPILS NOT ELIGIBLE)

SUMMER SPECIAL
10am-3pm **DAILY FOOTBALL & MULTI-SPORT ACTIVITIES**

NUTRITIOUS COOKED MEAL EVERY DAY

GO KARTZ | MAGICIAN & ENTERTAINER | PIZZA MAKING
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OR FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: ADAM SHEARER 07967 124844
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KIDS SUMMER CAMP

SOUTH DEVON COLLEGE SPORT AND FITNESS

FULLY FUNDED
for those on benefit related free school meal

COURSE DATES
5TH AUG - 8TH AUG 2024
12TH AUG - 15TH AUG 2024
19TH AUG - 22ND AUG 2024
27TH AUG - 30TH AUG 2024

Times: 2pm - 6pm
Age: 5-12 Years | Lunch and nutritional snack included

Our Multi-Activity Sports & Art courses offer the opportunity to enjoy a fun packed day full of sports, activities and games!

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FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGED 3-6 YEARS

Monday 5.30-6.30pm £5.00
Torquay Academy TQ2 7NU (Astro Pitch)

Thursday 5.30-6.30pm £5.00
Paignton Academy TQ3 3WA (Indoor Hub)

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