#### **Sacred Heart RC Nursery & Primary School**



Friday 15th December 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

And just like that the school is silent...

Despite the very early finish this year, it has been feeling very festive - with Nativities, Christmas dinners, elf visits and other Christmas activities. We enjoyed a wonderful assembly this morning celebrating the progress, achievements, and talents of our lovely children. They entered the assembly to a recording of 'Great is He' from last night's performance and spontaneously erupted into song filling the room with joy.

Well done to all the children who were awarded gold, silver and bronze certificates. We also celebrated four new word millionaires, oodles of KS2 children hitting their reading targets and out of school awards for gymnastics, karate and drama.



To end our assembly, we were gifted with a special dance from past pupil, Isabel who is presently studying at The Hammond, a performing arts schools in Chester. It was a fitting way to end an achievements assembly where we could share how far you can get in life if you nurture your talents and put in the hard work and keep practising.

#### The Greatest Story Ever Told

Thank you to all the staff for their hard work in preparing the children for their Nativities this year. A lot of work goes into to getting it just right and ready to share. Thank you to the parents, carers and wider family who came to watch and listen, for the costume preparation and for listening to the children practising at home for weeks.







#### Farewell Mrs Dickinson and Mrs Dollar.



Mrs Dickinson has been part of Sacred Heart for almost 13 years. She has worked in almost every year group in the school over this time and given selflessly of her time in her commitment to making a difference to children's lives. We wish her well in her new adventures, wherever they

may take her. I'm sure she'll be back to visit with new stories to tell.

Mrs Dollar may not have been with us for as long but in her four years with us, she has fully committed to life at Sacred Heart, loving the school so much that she moved her daughter to be with us in Y6. Mrs Dollar and her family are moving to Wigan. We wish them all lots of luck in their new life 'up north'.

# Figure 1

#### Thank you, PTFA



The children were visiting by some elves this afternoon at Father Christmas' request. They gave out selection boxes for every child courtesy of the PTFA.

The raffle was drawn in the hall after school. The PTFA will contact any prize winners who were not in attendance at the draw.

I wish you all a very merry Christmas. Enjoy making new memories. Your children will grow up all too quickly and one day you'll miss the precious magic that having a young child in the house as Christmas brings.

We will see you on Wednesday 3rd January 2024.

Take care,

Nichola Day

**Executive Headteacher** 





#### **Spring Term Diary**



#### January 2024

Tues 2<sup>nd</sup>: INSET Day

Wed 3rd: Pupils return to school.

Fri 19th: Defibrillator/CPR training - Y5 &Y6

#### **February**

Tues 6th: Safer Internet Day

Fri 9th Mental Health workshop Y6 / Break up for half term holidays

Wed 14th: Ash Wednesday

Mon 19th: INSET

#### March

Wed 6th/ Thurs 7th: Parent Consultations

Thurs 7<sup>th</sup>: World Book Day

Thurs 14th/Fri 15th: Y3 Pixie Holt Residential

Thurs 28th: Break up for Easter holidays.

Fri 29<sup>th</sup> Good Friday

Sun 31st: Easter Sunday

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 <sup>nd</sup> INSET Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> : Back to School  5 <sup>th</sup> : Liturgical Journey – Wise Men & Women 6 <sup>th</sup> : The Epiphany Mass	2 <sup>nd</sup> : Presentation of the Lord 6 <sup>th</sup> : Safer Internet Day 9 <sup>th</sup> : Break Up 14 <sup>th:</sup> Ash Wednesday Mon 19th: INSET Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> : Back to school	1st: St David's Day Wed 6th/Thurs 7th Parents Evening 7th: World Book Day (heroes and villains). 11-17th British Science Week 17th: St Patrick's Day 24th: Palm Sunday 25th Holy Week begins. 28th: Maundy Thursday Break Up 29th: Good Friday 31st: 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		
15th: Back to	1st: EYFS Crowing		2 <sup>nd</sup> : Y6 Diocesan Leavers'		
School	of	3 <sup>rd</sup> : INSET	Mass in Exeter		
	Mary in Church.	4th: Back to School			
23 <sup>rd</sup> : St George's	-		Sports Day TBC with		
Day	6 <sup>th</sup> : Bank Holiday	7 <sup>th</sup> : Feast of the	<mark>Oldway</mark>		
		Sacred Heart of			
	13 <sup>th</sup> - 16 <sup>th</sup> : KS2	Jesus.			
	SATs	Mass:	Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> : Y6 Leavers'		
			Assembly		
	Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> :	28 <sup>th</sup> : Liturgical	Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> : Leavers' Mass		
		Journey -			
	19th: Pentecost	Leadership	24 <sup>th</sup> : Break Up for		
	Sunday	29th: Feast of St	Summer		
		Peter and St Paul			
	24th: Break Up				

#### Contacting your child's teacher

Contact

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 (11.00am – 2.00pm)	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

Family Support	Malgorzata Bankowska-Sylla	maggie@familyvalues.org.uk
Attendance Officer	Matthew Jackson	matt@southwestfamilyvalues.org.uk
Play Therapist	Jane Doidge	doidge@shrcps.org

#### 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.

#### **Introducing Maggie – Family Support Worker**



My name is Malgorzata Bankowska-Sylla, but people call me Maggie. I was born in Poland and moved to UK over 18 years ago.

I work for Southwest Family Values as a Parenting Therapist, and my role in the Sacred Heart Catholic School is a Family Support Worker.

I work with individual families delivering Incredible Years groups, HNC (Helping Non-Compliance Child program), and Timid to Tiger groups. I am a qualified Drawing and Talking therapist, I also deliver the Triple P program and Within My Reach groups to parents. I am trained in the Conflict Resolution Toolkit.

I am married, and I have two wonderful children, ages 12 and 10, who make me proud daily. I am a football mum, travelling around the county with my children's football teams. I like cooking and listening to music.

# Starting Primary School September 2024?

Children born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020 will start primary school in September 2024.

Apply online from 1 November 2023 for September 2024 admissions.

You must **apply by 15 January 2024**. If you apply after 15 January your application will be considered as late and may be at a disadvantage.

The online application system is now open.

Visit Torbay Council's website at <a href="https://www.torbay.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/admissions/primary-admissions/">https://www.torbay.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/admissions/primary-admissions/</a>

### Things To Do...



Plymouth City Patriots Basketball Club are the only professional basketball team within Devon and Cornwall. You may wish to support them by booking tickets to a live professional basketball game at Plymouth Pavillions and have a great matchday experience of premier league sport with cheerleaders, a mascot, music and lighting.













## AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS CLUBS SPRING TERM 1

#### MONDAY

#### Dodgeball 8 Jan - 5 Feb

#### WEDNESDAY

Gymnastics 3 Jan - 7 Feb

#### **FRIDAY**

Nerf Battle 5 Jan - 9 Feb



20 places available for each club. All clubs run from 3:15 to 4:15.

Remember your PE kit and a water bottle.

#### **BOOK VIA OUR WEBSITE**

www.kineticsportsgroup.co.uk Bookings open on 23 December









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