

Sacred Heart RC Nursery & Primary School



Friday Flyer

Friday 12th January 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

Holiday Dates

The holiday dates for 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 have been added to the new website this week. Please note the unusually late return for pupils in September 2024. This could be a good opportunity for deals on cheaper holidays, negating the need to take time out during term time.

Both Plymouth CAST and the Local Authority are coming down hard on schools regarding attendance as the decline becomes more of a national focus. We now have to submit a full report on any child dropping below 90%, with reasons and an action plan to improve individual attendance. Previously, we have managed these cases in school alongside Matt Jackson, our attendance officer, and worked with parents to support improvements. This support will continue but we are likely to need to meet with parents as soon as your child becomes classed as persistently absent (below 90%) We presently have 19 pupils classed as persistent absentees. I am putting this into context to show you why term time holidays cannot be authorised.



Catholic Life

We started this week with a liturgy to celebrate the feast of the Epiphany. Each class were given a gift of a 'sacred' heart for their focal tables in class and reminded about the joy of giving.

Enrichment

Y4 enjoyed their first swimming session at Oldway on Monday. Next half term will be the turn of Y3. More information on this to follow.

We are excited to be welcoming back Jay's AIM



next Friday to lead CPR and defibrillator training for Y5 and 6 pupils. This is now a much-appreciated annual addition to our wider curriculum.

Staffing

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Claire Harrison and Mrs Mary Gascoyne to the staff. Mrs Harrison and Mrs Gascoyne will be teaching in Y1 until the end of the summer term. We wish Mr Bevan-Smith lots of luck in his new ventures.

We have an advert out for Mrs Pancott's maternity cover and hope to be able to update you on this soon. Mrs Pancott will finish at the February half term with the new teacher taking over from February 19th

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Nichola Day



Spring Term Diary

January 2024

Thurs 18th Y6 Paignton Academy Handball & Tchoukball

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

Thurs 25th Y4 Paignton Academy Handball & Tchoukball

February

Thurs 1st Feb: Y1 Handball

Tues 6th: Safer Internet Day

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

Wed 14th: Ash Wednesday (during the half term holidays)

Mon 19th: INSET

March

Wed 6th/ Thurs 7th: Parent Consultations

Thurs 7th: World Book Day

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

Thurs 28th: Break up for Easter holidays.

Fri 29th Good Friday

Sun 31st: Easter Sunday

Starting Primary School September 2024?

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

You must apply by 15th January 2024 for September 2024 admissions.

If you apply after 15th January your application will be considered as late and may be at a disadvantage.

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

Contacting your child's teacher



Nursery: Mrs Berry
berry@shrcps.org

Y2: Miss Sloggett
sloggett@shrcps.org

Y4: Miss Shaw
shaw@shrcps.org

YR: Mrs Pancott
pancott@shrcps.org

Y3: Mrs Flintham / Mrs Glew
flintham@shrcps.org /
glew@shrcps.org

Y5: Mrs Whitmore/Miss Hartley whitmore@shrcps.org
/ hartley@shrcps.org

Y1: Mr Bevan-Smith bevan-smith@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

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 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.

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.

Coming up

...and things to do



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

KINETIC
SPORTS GROUP
£3.50
per session

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



www.kineticsportsgroup.co.uk
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Census Day Menu 18.01.23

On Thursday – 18th January 2024, the menu has been updated. See the poster below for details. If you would like your child to have a school meal on this day please visit or re-visit ParentPay to order. The cost of a school meal is £2.65 or free if entitled to Free School Meals or Universal Free School Meals ie. children in YR, Y1 & Y2

BURGER SHACK! Chartwells

MAINS
Beef burger or Quorn burger in a bun
Served with Potato Wedges,
Corn on the Cob and Salad Bar

DESSERTS
Chocolate Cake with Chocolate Sauce
Fruit or Yoghurt will also be available

Separate menu for Medical
Diet Pupils will be provided

**DON'T FORGET! SCHOOL MEALS ARE FREE FOR ALL PUPILS IN
RECEPTION, YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2.**

**PLEASE SPEAK TO YOUR SCHOOL FOR MORE INFORMATION
SIGN UP TODAY!**

**Hot drinks and
cake**

**Kit out your kids
for free!**

Free event

Community Children's Clothing Event

**SATURDAY 3RD FEBRUARY
10AM-12**

**COME ALONG AND CHOOSE FROM THE
QUALITY SECOND-HAND CLOTHES
DONATED**

**PRESTON BAPTIST CHURCH
62 OLD TORQUAY RD, PAIGNTON TQ3 2RB**

**Any questions please email
Prestoncommunityclothing@gmail.com**