# Sacred Heart RC Nursery & Primary School



19th April 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back to a new term. The sun has finally arrived following a soggy Easter break. I have added a few key dates down below for you to make a note of. The summer term brings lots of exciting things such as sports days and leavers celebration but it also brings statutory testing for pupils in many year groups. This year the KS1 SATs tests have been removed from statutory legislation but the government is still producing a new set of tests. As a trust, we will continue to use the resources to benchmark a point in time attainment but results will not be put into league tables nationally.

#### Reception

Pupils are continuously assessed across the year and all these assessments and observations are collated in June and pupils are graded as expected (where they should be) or emerging (not there yet). No testing is involved.

#### Year 1 (and some Y2 pupils who did not meet the threshold in Y1)

These pupils sit the national phonics screening test across the week beginning 10<sup>th</sup> June. This test is administered 1:1 and consist of children reading forty different phonetically spelt nonsense words. The benchmark for passing over the past few years has been 32/40.

#### Year 2

During May, Y2 pupils will sit tests in reading, grammar, spelling and maths. These tests will help inform assessments made across the year.

#### Year 4

Pupils will take an electronic, multiplication tables test on a date chosen by the school during a two week window in June. There are 25 'times tables' questions and the children speedily answer them on their chrome books.

#### Year 6

During the week beginning May 13<sup>th</sup>, pupils will sit tests in grammar, punctuation and spelling, reading, arithmetic and maths reasoning.

May and June are important months in the school's year as alongside the statutory testing, teachers are busy grading where all pupils are in every subject. This takes place in every year group and the result are reported to you in your child's end of year report.

#### **Sports Day**



After liaising with the Headteacher at Oldway, we are fortunate to be able to use their facilities again this year for our annual sports day. We have put in two dates: **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June**, with KS2 in the morning and Reception/KS1 in the afternoon. The second date is reserve date if we have to make the unfortunate decision to postpone due to poor weather conditions. The reserve date is Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June.

#### **Enrichment**

We've only been back a week but we've already seen Y2 visit the library and reception being visited by Animal HQ. Ten talented children in Y4 and 5 took part in a creative writing workshop this morning from the charity DAISI. Over the course of two sessions, taking inspiration from the wild and inhabited landscapes of Dartmoor, a MED Theatre artist will guide pupils through explorative writing exercises and the creation of their own short play, poem, or story. Pupils will learn how to find their own writing voice and to understand creative writing techniques through taking inspiration from pieces of work by a local writer. They will also be given the tools to be able to perform their writing aloud, and an opportunity to share their creations as part of the International Agatha Christie Festival 2024. The pupils were literally jumping with excitement waiting to take part today and feedback that they had an incredible time.

#### Chickenpox

We've had quite a run of chicken pox throughout the school and by all accounts over the Easter holidays too. Please be sure to keep your child at home if they are displaying any chickenpox like symptoms. If your child contracts chickenpox, they should not return to school until the blisters have dried and crusted over.

Chickenpox - NHS (www.nhs.uk)

Have a lovely weekend,

Nichola Day

**Executive Headteacher** 

#### **April**

Mon 15th: Back to school - NO INSET.

Fri 19th / Fri 26th: Y4/5 Creative Writers workshops (10 named pupils)

Wed 24th RNLI lifeguards - Water Safety Assembly

Thurs 25th Y3 Cricket Festival at Paignton Academy

Tues 30th Y1 Paignton Pier and beach trip

#### May

Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> Y2 Bat and Ball Festival at Paignton Academy

Mon 6th: Bank Holiday

Sat 11th: First Reconciliation

Mon 13th - Thurs 16th: Y6 SATS

Tues 14th – Y5 trip to Hound Tor Dartmoor

Fri 17th: Y6 Beach Day

Sat 18th: First Holy Communion

Fri 24th: Y5/6 Defib and CPR training / Break up for half term.

#### June

Mon 3rd INSET day

Tues 4th Back to school

Fri 7th Feast of Sacred Hert of Jesus

3<sup>rd</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> June: Y4 Multiplication Tables Check (Date TBC)

Mon 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>: Y1 National Phonics Screening Test

Fri 21st Sports Day (KS2 AM / KS1 PM)

Mon 24th-26th - Y6 PGL Residential

Fri 28th Sports Day reserve date (KS2 AM / KS1 PM)

#### July

2<sup>nd</sup>: Y6 Diocesan Leavers Mass in Exeter

4th Y6 Secondary Transition day

Wed 24th: Break up for summer



## Contacting your child's teacher

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### For Nursery Parents/Carers....

From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024. The new charge is £5.23 per hour, in line with Torbay Council's agreed Early Years Funding Rates.



