Sacred Heart RC Nursery & Primary School



Friday 15th September 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

School Environment

We are delighted that the EYFS area is almost completed. I am sure you will all agree it looks fantastic and has really brightened up the area. Bit by bit we are seeing the area become furnished and utilised by the team and the children's outdoor play will benefit greatly from the improvements. Although a bit mismatched with different tones of playground, the additional space the removal of the large play equipment has made has been warmly welcomed by the rest of the school, especially now the large skip has vacated.

Meet the Teacher

Thank you to those of you who have made it to the Meet the Teacher meetings this week. There are still three more to go and we would be delighted to see you there. They are taking place straight after school and will finish no later than 4pm

Monday 18th September: Y5 – Mrs Dickinson and Mrs Taylor

Tuesday 19th September: Y6 – Mrs Bird

Thursday 21st September: Y1 – Mr Bevan-Smith

Enrichment

Y6 have kick started our enriched curriculum this academic year with a free trip to Paignton Zoo taking advantage of the zoo's birthday offer, 'Come for Free in 23'. We weren't lucky enough to get places earlier in the year but have two curriculum-based trips booked in this half term. The visit dovetails beautifully with this term's science unit on the classification of living things.



Staffing

We have listened to parents regarding wanting more notice of staff changes. Therefore, Miss Sloggett shared with parents at the Meet the Teacher meeting earlier in the week that Mrs Whitmore and Miss Hartley will be returning from maternity leave on the week

beginning 20th November as the Y2 teachers. Mrs Whitmore will teach Monday to Wednesday and Miss Hartley on Thursday and Fridays. The downside of early notice is unexpected changes to the plans which have changed slightly since you were informed. Miss Hartley will return on her original start date of Thursday 23rd November but Mrs Whitmore will not return until Monday 3rd December. We are all delighted that we get to keep Miss Sloggett for a little longer.

Staffing Vacancies

We have two teaching assistant positions vacant. 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

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

SEND

The local authority has shared links to some forthcoming webinars for parents of SEND children. These are free to attend and available to everyone.

<u>Dispelling the myths about mainstream primary school for SEND children Tickets, Mon 18 Sep 2023 at 10:00 | Eventbrite</u>

<u>Dispelling the myths about mainstream primary school for SEND children Tickets, Mon 18 Sep 2023 at 19:00 | Eventbrite</u>

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Nichola Day Executive Headteacher





Welcome to our new school crossing patrol....

Wendy, our new School Crossing Patrol, has passed her training and is now operating the SCP Site on Cecil Road.

Thank you for warmly welcoming her.

You will see that Torbay Council have painted footsteps on the pavement to encourage all pedestrians to use the School Crossing Patrol site rather than trying to cross from the Churchward Rd junction.

It is important to utilize Wendy when crossing this busy road to help keep our community safe.







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 <u>sloggett@shrcps.org</u>

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
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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.

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.

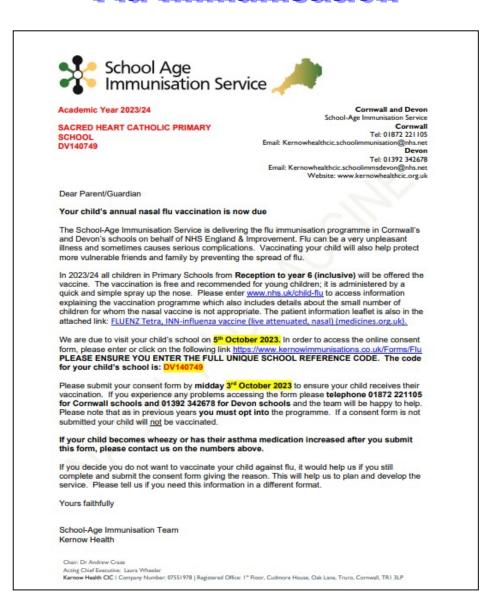
The application window for children to make their secondary school application for September 24 is now open.

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 Apply for a secondary school place - Torbay Council

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





The school photographer – Jelly Images – will be coming into school on

Friday 22nd September 2023

to take the children's individual photographs.

Parents/carers of children who do not normally attend Nursery on a Friday morning are very welcome to bring them in at 08:45 and wait whilst their child has their photo taken.

