Sacred Heart RC Nursery & Primary School



17th May 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,



We are always glad to see the back of SATs week and all it brings but I cannot stress enough just how hard our Y6s have worked this week. We always find that Wednesday is the trickiest day as there are two maths tests and the children are beginning to tire but the perseverance and effort every child put in was exceptional. Well done to the whole of Y6 – all 31 of you. I would also like to say a big thank you to all the staff who supported the administration of the tests over the week

in such a relaxed and nurturing way and to those who prepared and served the ham and cheese bagels for breakfast. My final thank you is to the rest of the school for staying so quiet and waiting patiently for late breaktimes. Y6 enjoyed the cricket festival at Paignton academy yesterday and have had a rather chilled day today.

Y6's are welcome to wear their leavers' hoodies from Monday but please remember to keep hold of their school cardigan/jumper as they will be needed for events over the next half term.

Y5 Trip to Hound Tor

As part of their enquiry project all about Medieval England, year 5 visited Hound Tor yesterday and received a guided tour of this incredible slice of history! Hound Tor was excavated in the 1960s and is a small medieval farming settlement which was built around 1250 AD. The site was abandoned roughly 150 years later due to climatic deterioration making farming very difficult! The children stood within the ruins of what was once medieval



longhouses. They were also able to revisit some of their learning from the spring term and saw some interesting lichens along the way! They also viewed medieval artefacts, heard a medieval legend, ate lunch within the ruins and were at one with some of beautiful Dartmoor's wildlife.

Lunchtime Gardening Club



Thank you for your donation of plants and potting soil to the gardening club. The children have been busy planting, learning about how to take care of our environment and thoroughly enjoying exercising in the fresh air. They have also been learning about the living creatures that live alongside us in the garden. We now know not to scream about worms because they help take care of the soil! And joy of joys, we found some newts snoozing whilst we were clearing out the pond this week! We still have plenty of space in the planters if you have any more donations.

May is the month of Mary

Thank you to those of you who have sent in flowers for the Mary altar. We had a lovely crown made this week that was placed lovingly on our central statue outside of the hall.





Author/Illustrator Visit

We were delighted to welcome author/illustrator, Debra Wellington back to Sacred Heart last week. Debra shared her latest book, Grow Tall, Sid with pupils from EYFS and KS1 and then worked with nursery class and their parents on creating their own art work inspired by Debra's style. I'm sure you'll agree that we had some fantastic outcomes.





Staffing

Thank you to Miss Lauren Tomkins-Smith who has lovingly been teaching in Reception for the past five weeks. Miss Jemima Bowyer starts her new role on Monday to take the class to the end of the year.

Teaching Assistant, Emily Easterbrook, is leaving us at the end of term to start a new job in childcare. We wish her well on her new career path.

Cryptosporidium

We have been advised by Torbay Council that we remain unaffected by cryptosporidium in our postcode area of Paignton. You will find a guidance sheet attached with this email distributed from the council for parents and carers who may be concerned.

First Holy Communion

And finally, please keep in your prayers, the fifteen children making their First Holy Communion tomorrow in Church at 11am. Thank you to Fr Ralph and Mrs Diana Taylor for their hard work and commitment in preparing them over the last six months. We cannot wait to see you in the morning.

Have a lovely weekend,

Nichola Day

Executive Headteacher

May

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 Heart of Jesus. Whole school Mass in the morning and a visiting theatre company in the afternoon, performing, 'The Selfish Giant'

3rd-14th June: Y4 Multiplication Tables Check (Date TBC)

Mon 10th: Y6 Swimming (last day Monday 15th July)

Mon 10th – 14th: Y1 National Phonics Screening Test

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

Mon 24th - Wed 26th Y6 PGL Residential

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

July

2nd: Y6 Diocesan Leavers Mass in Exeter

4th Y6 Secondary Transition day

Fri 12th: PTFA Summer Fete

Fri 19th: Y6 Leavers' Assembly

Wed 24th: Break up for summer

Contacting your child's teacher



Nursery: Mrs Berry
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Gascoyne

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Y6: Mrs Bird bird@shrcps.org

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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

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Deputy SENCO	Mrs Nott	nott@shrcps.org

Play Therapist	Jane Doidge	doidge@shrcps.org

Things To Do...









TORBAY SOCCER ROADSHOWS



Argyle Community Trust are offering Football specific roadshows for children aged 4-11 years old. Will include football activities and tournaments

28TH MAY: PAIGNTON ACADEMY -WATERLEAT ROAD

29TH MAY: BRIXHAM COLLEGE







OPEN MORNING TUESDAY 18TH JUNE 9.15am - 10.45am Borough Road

OPEN EVENING

THURSDAY 20TH JUNE at 4.30pm, 5.30pm and 6.30pm - Wat

Attendonce will be by <u>pre-booking</u> only, se visit our website and click on 'Contact Us', 'Vait Paignton Ac

We are expecting high demand so early booking it so