Sacred Heart RC Nursery & Primary School



Friday 2nd February 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,



Today, KS2 attended Mass to celebrate Candlemas. The second day of February marks the presentation of Jesus in the temple and the end of the Christmas season. The cribs in Church and school will come down before the end of the day and are packed away until Advent begins in December.

Y5 processed into Church with candles which they lay around the manger of the baby Jesus.

Thank you to Y6 pupils who wrote and led the bidding prayers.

I was stopped by three different parishioners who commented on the positive, respectful behaviour of the children through the Mass.



Y5 trip to Yarner Woods

Yarner Wood, on Dartmoor, is one of the fragments of temperate rainforest remaining in Britain today. Year five were lucky enough to be asked to create



information leaflets and mixed media artwork based on Yarner Wood by Natural England for



their Enquiry Project. In order to carry out this important task, they had to meet with Natural England representatives and explore Yarner Wood firsthand! They learned all the information they needed for their information leaflets and even sketched their surroundings using charcoal produced at Yarner Wood!'

Y1 Forest School



As a fully qualified Forest School leader, Mrs Harrison has been able to start weekly sessions with her Y1 class. Every Thursday, the class are taking their learning outside using the natural environment. Forest School is a child-centred inspirational learning process, that offers opportunities for holistic growth through regular sessions. It is a long-term program that supports play, exploration and supported risk taking. It develops confidence and self-esteem through learner inspired, hands-on experiences in a natural setting. What a lucky class!





Y2 Paignton Academy Festival

Thank you, parents for the last-minute change on Thursday. Your flexibility allowed for the Y2 children to partake in the festival.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Nichola Day



Spring Term Diary



February

Tues 6th: Safer Internet Day

Wed 7th: Y3 Greek 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 day - Staff return/no pupils

Tues 20th: Pupils back to school.

Thurs 22nd: Y3 Ancient Greek Workshop

Fri 23rd: Y3/4 Mass 10am

March

Wed 6th/ Thurs 7th: Parent Consultations

Thurs 7th: World Book Day

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

Fr 22nd: Y5 to Paignton Academy's Spring Musical, 'Matilda JR'

Thurs 28th: Break up for Easter holidays.

Fri 29th Good Friday

Sun 31st: Easter Sunday

April

Mon 15th: Back to school – everyone.

May

Mon 6th: Bank holiday

Sat 11th: Reconciliation

Mon 13th -Thurs 16th: Y6 SATS

Sat 18th: First Holy Communion

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

Contacting your child's teacher



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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.

Τάξη Τρίτη (Class 3)





On Wednesday 7th February, as a finale to our Enquiry Project about ancient Greece, Year 3 will be having a Greek Day. The day will be full of ancient Greece themed activities and food tasting – please let us know of any allergies!

Please can the children come to school dressed in Greek costume or uniform only. There is no need to buy a costume. A white T-shirt with a scarf around one shoulder and a home-made crown is fine!



For Nursery Parents/Carers....

With effect from 1st April 2024 we will be increasing the charge for additional Nursery hours. The new charge will be £5.23 per hour, in line with Torbay Council's agreed Early Years Funding Rates.

Things To Do...













COMMUNITY SPORTS TRUST You can book via the following link:

https://torquay-united-cst.class4kids.co.uk Or email: admin@tucst.co.uk

Team Players

£10.00

& Prizes to

be won!

Find us on



Dear Parents/carers,

I hope this letter finds you and your families in good health and high spirits. I am writing to inform you about a local opportunity that will greatly benefit our young ones and contribute to their overall well-being.

We are spreading the news about Junior parkrun at Torbay Velopark, a fantastic initiative designed to encourage children to lead an active and healthy lifestyle from a young age. We all understand the importance of instilling positive habits early on, and Junior parkrun is a wonderful way to achieve this.

What is Junior parkrun?

Junior parkrun is a <u>free</u>, weekly, timed 2-kilometer run specifically designed for children aged 4 to 14 years. The Torbay Velopark, with its beautiful surroundings and safe environment, provides an ideal setting for our young ones to participate in this <u>fun and inclusive</u> event.

Benefits of Junior parkrun

- 1. Physical Fitness: Participating in regular physical activity is crucial for the development of a child's physical health. Junior parkrun offers a <u>non-competitive</u> environment where children can run, jog, or walk at their own pace, promoting an active lifestyle.
- 2. Social Interaction: The event fosters a sense of community and camaraderie. Children (and adults) have the opportunity to make <u>new friends</u>, share experiences, and enjoy the company of their peers.
- 3. Confidence Building: Completing the 2-kilometer run, whether walking or running, instils a sense of achievement in children, boosting their confidence and self-esteem.
- 4. Family Engagement: Junior parkrun is a fantastic way for families to spend quality time together. Adults are encouraged to join their children, creating a shared experience that promotes family bonding.
- 5. Healthy Habits: By participating in Junior parkrun, children develop a positive attitude towards physical activity, laying the foundation for a lifelong commitment to health and well-being.

How to Get Involved

Getting involved in Junior parkrun is simple! Visit https://www.parkrun.org.uk/torbayvelopark-juniors/ for more information, including event timings, registration details, and any other relevant information. https://www.parkrun.org.uk/register/?eventName=torbayvelopark-juniors

We encourage you to support your child's participation in Junior parkrun at Torbay Velopark.

Together, let's inspire our children to embrace an active lifestyle and set the stage for a healthy future.

Thank you for your attention, and we look forward to seeing your children at the Torbay Velopark Junior parkrun!

Best regards,

The Torbay Velopark Junior parkrun team