Sacred Heart RC Nursery & Primary School



3rd May 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,



It has been wonderful to finally see some sun today. Let's hope that bodes well for the bank holiday weekend. Mrs Glew and some of our keen lunchtime gardeners have been turning the soil over ready for planting. We are looking for contributions of bedding plants, compost or cuttings from your own gardens that the pupils can plant. If anyone knows of anywhere that may donate something for our garden, please

let us know. Each year group has their own area to take care of and we are always looking for ways to incorporate the outdoor environment into our curriculum.

Morning Arrival

We are experiencing an increasing number of children arriving through the front office at the moment. The playground gate does not close until 9am, despite registration taking place at 8:55am. From Tuesday, anyone arriving at the office before 9am without an arrangement in place for safeguarding or SEND reasons will be instructed to use the playground gate. Please do not get grumpy with Mrs Macdonald when she refuses your child entry, she has been instructed to do so. Everyone struggles to park and has places to be but we are asking politely once again for you not to use the Church carpark either to park or wait.

May I remind parents that pupils arriving after the register closes are given a late mark. Those arriving after 9:15am will be marked on the register as an unauthorised absence (for the whole morning). We do not make up the rules but we do have to follow them. If anyone is struggling to get their child/ren here on time in the mornings, our attendance officer, Natalie Black or Family Support Worker, Rachel Ripley will be more than happy to offer you support.

Fr Ralph has had so many complaints from parishioners attending Mass and from people renting the hall for groups about the lack of parking that on three days of the week, staff are not permitted to use half of the



carpark. On days when there are large funerals, staff are not permitted to use any of the carpark.

I received a very angry email from a resident in a neighbouring property who has been blocked in and unable to drive away from his house on two occasions in the last couple of weeks. I said that I would mention it on this week's flyer and ask again that people be respectful of our neighbours.

Moving on to more positive things, we have had a record number of pupils receiving their bronze stars over the last few weeks. To achieve a bronze star, pupils need to have collected 150 individual house points. These are rewarded mainly in their books and orally in lessons for their learning and contributions. They are also gifted for positive behaviour in and around school. Around thirty children have reached the silver star (250 house points) and three outstanding pupils have already received their gold (400 house points). Congratulations to **Eryn, Harry and Lily R** in Y4. Another worthy 'shout out' needs to go to **Isaac** in Y5 for reading his way through our entire Accelerated Reader stock and accumulating a word count of over three million

words.

It's also a joy when the children share what they have been up in their spare time at home. In just one assembly today we had awards for swimming, taekwondo, cycling, marathon running and football. In recent weeks, we've seen achievements in brownies, rugby, dance, musical theatre and playing musical instruments. Please do encourage your child to bring in their awards and participation certificates. Not only is it your child's moment to shine but it helps their public speaking skills and confidence and inspires other children to join extra curriculum groups and widen their interests and personal development. Not all the activities cost money either, which is an even bigger bonus.

Have a lovely bank holiday weekend with your families,

Take care,

Nichola Day

Executive Headteacher

May

Wed 8th Deborah Wellington (author/illustrator) visiting nursery

Sat 11th: First Reconciliation

Mon 13th - Thurs 16th: Y6 SATS

Tues 14th Y5 Dartmoor Trip

Fri 17th: Y6 Beach Day

Fri 17th: Swimming Gala

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

Wed 24th: Break up for summer

Things To Do... Contacting your child's teacher

Contact

Nursery: Mrs Berry berry@shrcps.org

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Y2: Miss Sloggett sloggett@shrcps.org

Y3: Mrs Flintham / Mrs Glew

flintham@shrcps.org / glew@shrcps.org

Y4: Miss Shaw shaw@shrcps.org

Y5: Mrs Whitmore/Miss
Hartley whitmore@shrcps.org
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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
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Deputy SENCO	Mrs Nott	nott@shrcps.org

Play Therapist	Jane Doidge	doidge@shrcps.org





Anyone for cricket?

Paignton Cricket Club are running a programme called All stars cricket on Friday evenings for children 5-8 years old.

They also will be running additional cricket training for those over the age of 8, again on Friday evenings see aside poster which contains all the information about how they can get involved.

PCC Youth Cricket Friday Nights from 3rd May, ages 6 to 17!







Further details and membership information is available or our Facebook page + website, or alternatively email queries to paigntoncricketclub@gmail.com



