Sacred Heart RC Nursery & Primary School



15th November 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who donated to Children in Need this year. If you didn't have any change and would still like to donate, we won't be banking the donations until next week so there is still time. It was delightful leading assembly this morning, seeing so many children with their Pudsey ears on. Everyone dressed in Children in Need merchandise: t-shirts, onesies, pjs, hoodies etc have already donated to the cause by purchasing the items. The house captains will count the money up on Monday and we'll let you know the total donated.





Remembrance

Once again, our wonderful pupils were great ambassadors for the school as they sung their hearts out at South Devon College this week at their annual service of Remembrance. It is always one of the proudest days of the year for me as a headteacher.



Rowcroft Hospice's Rudolf Run



Every year, Rowcroft Hospice holds their now annual fundraiser during the Advent season. This will be Sacred Heart's first time participating. We are aware that Christmas is an expensive time but the Pupil Chaplains came to me and asked if we could participate in the Rudolf Run this year and I did not want to dampen their enthusiasm.

What is the Rudolf Run?

This December, schools and nurseries in South Devon will be grabbing their antlers and taking on the Rudolph Run to raise vital funds for the hospice. Schools choose the date, time location and the distance for their run, knowing that we're supporting them in every step.

Each child taking part will be given their own very Rudolph Run fundraising pack containing everything they need to take part!! We will also provide them a sponsorship form to help them keep track of all the funds they raise.

This year we're excited to introduce new reindeer crowns made of card that children can decorate and wear. This change not only enables children to get creative, but it reduces the plastic use from the event.

The event is not only a great way to celebrate the festive season in style, but it also introduces the children to the concept of hospice care in an age-appropriate way.

You can find out more about the run and how the donations are spent at https://rowcrofthospice.org.uk/events/the-rowcroft-rudolph-run/

Our Rudolf Run will be held on Friday 13th December – what could possibly go wrong? There will be sponsorship forms going out next week but the charity is keen not to put a burden on parents and give a recommended donation of £2 fundraising per child. Some families will raise more and some less.

Each child taking part will receive a Rudolf crown, sticker and certificate. This year there is also a voucher for a 'free paint' at China Blue for every child too.

The run will take place in the playground and will be varying distances for the different ages. Our pupil chaplains will be overseeing the event.

Continuing Parking Issues

Due to the number of concerns being raised regarding parking and driving without due care and attention, the matter was raised at our last governing body meeting. In the first instance, we will be moving ahead with further signage in the Church carpark and at the back of the school to remind parents not to park in restricted areas and be mindful and respectful towards our neighbours. Y5 took part in a Road Safety workshop before half term and have been working on designs for future posters with messages directly from the children themselves.

If the situation does not improve, we will be looking into the cost of fitting temporary barriers to the carpark entrance and exit. This cost will come from the school budget, taking precious funding away from the children to enable us to safeguard them from parents who will not work with us and follow our repeated requests not to park in the Church carpark.



PTFA

Following a PTFA meeting this week, the following events have been agreed by school in order to raise funds.

SACRED HEAR

Friday 6th December: Crazy Christmas Hair (I'm sure Christmas hats and hair decorations are fine too).

Thursday 12th December: Movie Night.

Thank you to all who are involved in making these events happen.

Have a lovely weekend,

Nichola Day

Executive Headteacher



November

19th Y5 visiting Torquay Museum

December

1st: 1st Sunday of Advent

6th: PTFA Christmas Crazy Hair Day

9th YR Vision Screening

9th: Y4 carol singing at Little Oldway

12th EYFS Nativity 2:15 in the school hall.

12th: PTFA Movie Night 5:30-7pm in the school hall.

13th: Rowcroft Rudolf Run – all year groups

17th Y1-3 Nativity in Church 2:15pm

19th Christmas Lunch

19th: Y4-6 Service of Light in Church 5:30pm.

20th: Break up for Christmas (Christmas Jumpers/Clothes- no donations)

Contacting your child's teacher

Nursery: Mrs Berry berry@shrcps.org

YR: Mrs Gascoyne gascoyne@shrcps.org

Y1: Mrs Good lgood@shrcps.org

Y2: Miss Sloggett sloggett@shrcps.org

Y3: Mrs Flintham / Mrs Glew flintham@shrcps.org / glew@shrcps.org

Y4: Mr Mason jmason@shrcps.org

Y5: Mrs Whitmore/Mrs Taylor whitmore@shrcps.org / taylor@shrcps.org

Y6: Mrs Bird bird@shrcps.org

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Executive Head Teacher	Mrs Day <u>day@shrcps.org</u>		
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Deputy Safeguarding Lead	Mrs Nott	nott@shrcps.org	
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Family Support Worker	Rachel Ripley	rachel@attendance-solutions.co.uk	
Attendance Officer	Natalie Black	natalie@attendance-solutions.co.uk	

Information for parents/carers about punctuality

Punctuality is a good thing!

Being on time:

- gets the day off to a good start with everyone in a positive frame of mind;
- sets positive patterns for the future;
- helps your child to make the most of his/her learning;
- helps children to develop a sense of responsibility both for themselves and for others;
- helps your child make and keep friends;
- leads to success and self-confidence.

Lateness is a bad thing!

Being late:



- gets the day off to a bad start, can put everyone in a bad mood and can be stressful;
- can be embarrassing for your child;
- is noticed by others who might make negative comments;
- may damage your child's confidence;
- your child will have missed out on vital instructions, information and bits of news at the start of the day, this may lead to them feeling confused;
- disrupts the learning for everyone;
- means children can fall behind in their learning;
- can create a bad habit that can be hard to break in the future;
- can lead to poor attendance.

Types of lateness

- Late *before* the registration closes when your child is a few minutes late.
- Late after the register closes counts as an unauthorised absence.

Some things that help

- Helping your child to get everything ready the night before (e.g. PE kit, reading book, school uniform).
- Finding out what your child will be doing each day.
- Allowing plenty of time to get to school.
- Making arrangements with neighbours, family or friends if you have problems getting your child to school.
- Making sure your child has breakfast or arrives at school in time for breakfast club.
- Helping your child organise homework.
- Establishing a good bedtime routine. Even simple things like making sure the room is dark enough to enable your child to sleep well can make mornings easier and less of a struggle.
- Making sure your child gets enough rest and is not distracted by too much time on the computer
 or watching TV.
- Setting an alarm clock!
- Taking care of yourself!

What should you do if you have a problem getting your child to school on time?

- **Talk** to your child first. **Talk** to your child's teacher.
- **Ask** for help from someone you feel you can talk to in school.





Gold, Silver & Bronze Certificates

Congratulations to all the pupils who have received certificates in recognition of their hard work during the Autumn 1 half-term!

	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Rec	Laney	Albee	Penelope
Yr 1	Alfie	Phoebe	Brody
Yr 2	Emilia	Olivia	Finley
Yr 3	Isabella	Charlie	Alicja
Yr 4	Elise	Johan	Darcie
Yr 5	Lily R	Caelan	Jarred
Yr 6	Nieve	Callum	Lexie





Pier Point's Christmas Grotto in aid of Rowcroft

🛕 Pier Point are bringing the HoHoHo this Christmas! ਓ



Pier Point Bar & Restaurant have announced the return of their much-loved Winter Wonderland Grotto and the team have pledged that all profits will go towards supporting the hospice 🤎

At Pier Point's Winter Wonderland Grotto, children will be greeted by cheerful elves before meeting Santa, where they can choose a special gift from a wide selection. Plus, they can enjoy a Christmas activity sheet, a warming hot chocolate, and a delicious cookie — all for just £16 per child! 😥 🥭

Tickets are available to book now! 🎢



To purchase your tickets or to find out more about Pier Point's Winter Wonderland Grotto, please visit their website

https://pier-point.co.uk/santa-by-the-sea/