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School Newsletter Spring Term 2019  
 No.02 - Week Commencing: 14th January

Our attendance to date is: 95.4% 

CLASS	% ATT.		LATES	
R1	95%		9	 
R2	97.9%		2	
Yr 1R	94.8%		5	
Yr 1S	98.6%		6	
Yr 2C	99%		2	
Yr 2V	96%		4	
Yr 3LH	88.7%		2	
Yr 3M	97%		8	 
Yr 4C	98.7%		4	
Yr 4U	93.6%		3	
Yr 5D	96.6%		2	
Yr 5T	85.9%		11	 
Yr 6C	98.7%		2	
Yr 6D	99%		8	 
			70	

## CATHOLIC LIFE

Thank you to Year 6 for leading mass on Wednesday.  
 Thank you to parents who attended the First Holy Communion Parents meeting led by Father Tom. We look forward to celebrating mass with the children on Sunday.



This week it is 'spell all about it' as we launch our new Spelling Journals and Competition! Please see the letter your child is bringing home today for more details.

## CONTACT DETAILS

It is of the utmost importance that your emergency contact details are kept up to date. We have had occasions this week when children have been sick or needed emergency treatment and we have been unable to contact parents on the telephone numbers given.

Update Your Contact Info



If you are unable to accept personal 'phone calls at work, can you leave a main work number where we can contact a team leader or manager? If not, another family member who is available during the day.

Please notify the office of any changes to your telephone numbers or a change of address.

Thank you for your co-operation.

## ATTENDANCE

KSI Attendance Winner this week is

Y2C – Miss Clyde's class

KS2 Attendance Winner this week is

Y6D – Mrs Dyer's class

Both with 99%

AMAZING – well done to you all!

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## PUNCTUALITY

By just leaving the house just a few minutes earlier each morning, most children would arrive in school on time.



## FOOTWEAR – SCHOOL POLICY

A reminder that all children, both boys and girls must be wearing black shoes in school. Boys should not be wearing grey or black trainers. If your child comes to school in boots, they should have a pair of shoes to change into once in school.

Thank you for your co-operation

## AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Week Commencing 21st January

### MONDAY

Marvellous Monday's

Library time

3:05pm to 3:35pm

Football

Years 1 & 2

3:15pm to 4:15pm

Gymnastics

Years 4 – 6

3:15pm to 4:15pm

### TUESDAY

Choir Practice

3:15pm to 4:15pm

Homework Club

3:05pm to 4:00pm

Dance

Years 1 to 3

3:15pm to 4:15pm

Multi Sports

Years 3 to 6

3:15pm to 4:15pm

Netball

Years 5 & 6

3:15pm to 4:15pm

### WEDNESDAY

Coding Club

3:15pm to 4:15pm

Invasion

Years 1 & 2

3:15pm to 4:15pm

Football

Years 3 & 4

3:15pm to 4:15pm

### THURSDAY

Football Practice

Years 5 & 6

3:15pm to 4:15pm

## LITTER

We have received complaints that our small green milk cartons have been thrown into the front gardens of our neighbours. Please use the bins provided around the school to dispose of your rubbish or take it home with you.

Thank you

## BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Many Happy Returns to these children who celebrate their birthdays during this week.

Sophie Y3

Tyler Y4

Lily Y5

Samuel Y6

Samuel Y1

Keaton Y2

Libbi Y6

Makenzie Y6

Samuel Reception

Nadia Y6

Olivia Y6

Enjoy your special day boys and girls.



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## HELPING HANDS



## DATES TO REMEMBER

The Coventry Deanery are looking to answer the call of Pope Francis and serve the poor in our local community over the days of World Youth Day, Saturday Jan 26th - Sunday January 27th

Volunteers from our parishes and Catholic Secondary Schools have created a mission project for young people to engage in, that will run from St. Marys and St. Benedict's parish church in Hillfields.

We are asking our primary schools to support us in collecting items for care packages that volunteers from our catholic secondary schools will distribute.

Listed below are the items which are going to be put into a Care Package for the homeless.

- sanitary products
- hand sanitiser
- tissues
- deodorant
- comb
- dry shampoo
- tooth brush/tooth paste

Can you help? Please send in any items to your child's class teacher. These will be collected on 26th January.

Thank you

### JANUARY

Sunday 20th

10:30am – Mass for First Holy Communion Candidates

Wednesday 23rd

9:00am – Mass led by Y5 and Y1

Wednesday 30th

9:00am – Mass led by Y4 and Reception

### FEBRUARY

Wednesday 6th

9:00am – Mass led by Y3

Week commencing 11th February

No After School Clubs

Tuesday 12th

Parents meetings –  
(more information to follow)

Wednesday 13th

9:00am – mass led by Y2

Thursday 14th

Parents meetings –  
(more information to follow)

Friday 15th

3:05pm – pupils break up at 3:05pm

Saturday 16th to Sunday 24th February -  
Half Term Break

Monday 25th

8:40am – Back to school

## Does your child know what personal information is?

Does your child understand the importance of keeping information private? Are they aware that by uploading a video or photo online, they may actually be sharing private information without realising? For example, have they (or even you) ever uploaded a photo or video with the following in it:

- Wearing their school uniform or wearing a local club shirt?
- Showing their local area in the background, perhaps inadvertently including street names, shop names or house numbers?
- Celebrating their birthday?

Talk to your children, do they realise the potential consequences of posting their personal information? Do they truly know all of their online 'friends'? By sharing photos described above, a follower might be able to work out what school or clubs they attend, where they live and their date of birth. Do you want people knowing this information about your child?

## Online Chatting

What are your children saying online?

Most games now include some form of chat facility; this can be via a headset or via a messaging feature within the game. It is very easy within these chats to behave in a way that children wouldn't if they were face to face with each other e.g. it is easier to call another child a nasty name via a screen than to say it to their face. These type of incidents can quickly escalate as online environments are often unsupervised so whereas an incident of name calling on the playground is quickly brought to the attention of a member of staff this doesn't happen in an online environment.



## Safer Internet Day next month

Safer Internet Day 2019 will be celebrated globally on **Tuesday**

**5th February 2019** with the theme:

**Together for a better internet.**

To help you talk to your children about having a positive and safe time online, they have created a pack for you which includes conversation starters, a factsheet and family pledge card. Available here:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2019/education>



## Parents V Kids – are you ready?

Play the Parents vs Kids Alexa quiz from O2 & NSPCC. This is great for starting conversations about staying safe online. The whole family can play to see who knows the most about the online world. Play here: <https://www.o2.co.uk/help/nspcc/parents-vs-kids>

## Go online to learn your timetables

Whilst there is an annual subscription charge of £6 (family plan) to access Timetables Rock Stars, this is a great game for reinforcing timetables by repetitively answering questions to the backdrop of a rockstar playlist to hopefully earn the title of Rock Hero! More information here: <https://trockstars.com/>

## #Goldilocks: A fairytale for the digital age

Vodafone UK and Andersen Press have worked with author Jeanne Willis and illustrator Tony Ross to produce a co-branded digital edition of #Goldilocks. This book is a great way to start a conversation with your child about using social media responsibly. <https://www.vodafone.co.uk/mobile/digital-parenting/goldilocks>

Talk to your children about how they are speaking to their friends online. Sit with them while they are playing the game to see how your child chats with others, is it always appropriate? Explain to them what to do if they are called a nasty name, how should they respond and what they can do if a situation escalates.

## Minecraft

(PEGI Rating 7 to 13 depending on version)

Minecraft remains ever popular with it being played by 91 million people every month. Minecraft is a great learning tool and is often used in schools now to teach planning skills, recreate famous buildings in 3D and coding.

However, if your child is playing Minecraft, you need to be aware that in multiplayer mode they can chat with other people, most possibly strangers. For younger children we would recommend turning the chat facility off. To do this:

- click 'options'
- select multiplayer settings
- click on chat choose shown, hidden or commands only.

If you choose to keep the chat facility on then make sure your child knows what to do if anything upsetting happens.

In addition, protect your child's privacy by using a nickname (don't include their age/birth year) and also chat to your child to make sure that when playing online they know not to tell others personal information such as where they live, what school they go to and their age.

More information is available here:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/minecraft-a-parents-guide/>