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School Newsletter Spring Term 2019
 No.12 - Week Commencing: 8th April

Our attendance to date is: 95% 😞

CLASS	% ATT.	
RI	94.9%	😞
R2	97%	😞
Yr IR	87%	😞
Yr IS	90%	😞
Yr 2C	94.8%	😞
Yr 2V	95.9%	😞
Yr 3LH	96%	😞
Yr 3M	98.7%	😊
Yr 4C	96%	😞
Yr 4U	87.2%	😞
Yr 5D	92.5%	😞
Yr 5T	91%	😞
Yr 6C	98.6%	😊
Yr 6D	93.2%	😞

ATTENDANCE

KSI Attendance Winner this week is
R2 – Miss Farrell's class with 97%
 KS2 Attendance Winner this week is
Y3M – Mrs Morgan's class with 98.7%
BRILLIANT – well done to you all!

CATHOLIC LIFE



Thank you to year 6 for leading our whole school mass so beautifully today.

The Easter Reflection led by Year 3 and Year 4 yesterday was a reverend occasion that prepared us for our journey through Holy Week next week.

Please try to attend mass during this most important week of our liturgical year. Please see the Holy Week Programme attached for the times of services over Easter at both St. Augustine's Church and Christ the King.



We are all looking forward to having a bit more time to relax with a good book over the holiday. Don't forget you can visit Jubilee Crescent library Mon, Tues, Thurs and Friday 10am-7pm, and Saturday 9am-4pm. There are lots of activities going on for children, including story time, so do pop in and see what's going on.

THANK YOU

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Hatton for her years of service to the school both as a TA at St. Augustine's and previously as a member of the playgroup which served the school for many years.



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EASTER MORNING

Parents / Guardians please come and join us on Tuesday 30th April 9:00am to 10:00am

This will be very similar to the Advent Morning. Please enter through child's classroom. During this time you will be involved in a short Easter reflection and an Easter activity.

ST. AUGUSTINES COMMUNITY PLAYScheme

This will run Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 10:30am to 2:00pm
Nursery, Reception, Y1, Y2, Y3 and Y4 welcome with parents and younger siblings.
Y5 and Y6 children welcome unaccompanied

Arts and Crafts, games, movies and more.
Packed lunch provided.

Registration forms must be completed and signed for ALL children on the first day
Y5 and Y6 will need a parent to sign for them.

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Week Commencing 29th April

MONDAY	WEDNESDAY
Marvellous Monday's Library time 3:05pm to 3:35pm	Coding Club 3:15pm to 4:15pm
TUESDAY	
Choir Practice 3:15pm to 4:15pm	

SPELLING STING!

This week's winners will be announced on the first Monday back after Easter, when we may have a mystery guest to help us celebrate great spelling.... There will also be a special prize for the class with the best average score so far this year. Keep up the great work, children!

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

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

William
Emmanuel / Reception 2
Emily
Takunda
Maita
Dominik



Best wishes to these children who have their birthday during the Easter holidays

Keva	Kai / Year 6
Mikey	Isabel
Corey / Year 3	Mahdy
Brandon / Year 3	Gabriela / Year 2
Nicolas / Year 2	Filip / Year 1
Jakub / Year 1	Emma / Year 5
Lawson	Ezra
Charlie / Year 2	Kolton
Georgia	Ryan
Zofia	Elizabeth
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We hope you all have a lovely day

THIS WEEK'S LETTERS

Letters sent home this week:
Easter Morning, Schoolcomms,
and Attendance



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HOLY WEEK PROGRAMME



Palm Sunday 14th April	Blessing of Palms and Procession at all Masses	
Saturday	6:00pm	Christ the King
Sunday Masses	9:00am	Christ the King
	10:30am	St. Augustine's
	12 noon	Christ the King
	4:00pm	Passover Meal in the Parish Centre
Monday 15th April	9:15am	Mass at Christ the King
	7:00pm	Stations of the Cross at St. Augustine's
Tuesday 16th April	9:15am	Mass at Christ the King
	7:00pm	Service of Penance at Christ the King
Wednesday 17th April	9:00am	Mass at St. Augustine's
	12 noon	Mass at Christ the King
Holy Thursday	7:30pm	Mass of the Last Supper, Washing of Feet and Watching until Midnight at Christ the King
Good Friday	10:00am	Office of Readings and Morning Prayer
	3:00pm	Solemn Liturgy of the Passion at Christ the King
	3:00pm	Solemn Liturgy of the Passion at St. Augustine's
	7:00pm	Stations of the Cross and Veneration at Christ the King
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Holy Saturday	10:00am	Office of Readings and Morning Prayer
	8:00pm	Easter Vigil at Christ the King Easter Fire, Renewal of Baptism and Reception of Converts
Easter Sunday	9:00am	Easter Mass at Christ the King
	10:30am	Easter Mass at St. Augustine's
	12 noon	Easter Mass at Christ the King

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DATES TO REMEMBER

APRIL



EASTER HOLIDAY

Monday 15th April
to Sunday 28th April



Monday 29th

8:30am - Back to school

Tuesday 30th

9:00am - Easter Morning

MAY

Thursday 2nd

Year 5 – trip to Think Tank Birmingham

Monday 6th

May Day holiday – **children not in school**

Saturday 18th

10:00am - First Holy Communion (Y3M)

Friday 24th

3:05pm – pupils break up for half-term

HALF TERM BREAK

Saturday 25th May to Sunday 2nd June

More dates to follow on the next newsletter



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Online Safety Newsletter: April 2019

Instagram

Children should be over 13 years of age to access Instagram.

According to the latest NSPCC research, there has been a 200% rise in recorded instances in the use of Instagram to target and abuse children in an 18 month period.

It is important that if you do choose to allow your child to use Instagram that you enhance the privacy of their account. Go to account settings:

- Set account to private.
- Story control – either set allow message replies from ‘followers you follow back’ or turn off.
- Don't allow sharing of your photos and videos from your story.
- Comment Controls – select hide offensive comments.

Talk to your child about the ‘Search & Explore Tab’ and who your child is following. There are accounts set up on Instagram that can include graphic content and they may come across inappropriate content and language.

Ensure your child knows how to report posts and people as well as how to unfollow and block people, delete and turn off comments. More information can be found here:

<https://wellbeing.instagram.com/safety>. You are also able to report photos, videos, comments or profiles that are bullying or harassing via Instagram's help centre.



Make sure your child understands that there is a risk that content they upload can never be removed (other users can screenshot it for example) so they must only share content that they are comfortable with you seeing. Ensure that they know that they should talk to you or another trusted adult if they have any concerns.

Online Challenges

There are lots of challenges that circulate across the Internet, some funny (do you remember the mannequin challenge?) but some can be frightening. We won't mention the name of the most recent one (which some have suggested was now a hoax).

With challenges, the consensus is not to introduce your child to them by asking them about them so start with a general chat about being online. Ensure your child knows that if they do see anything they don't like online then they should talk to you or another trusted adult.

It is so important to have regular chats with your child about their online life.

Further information:
<https://www.common sense media.org/blog/viral-youtube-challenges-internet-stunts-popular-with-kids>

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YouTube

You should be 13+ to use YouTube. Lots of inappropriate content can be found on YouTube and it relies heavily on users flagging content that violates the terms and conditions of their service. What can you do to make it safer for your children?

- Turn on Restricted mode – this mode restricts the availability of mature content.
- Sit with your child and see what they are watching.
- Ensure your child knows how to report content.
- Make sure your child understands that they can talk to you if they see anything upsetting online.

YouTube Kids is also available with the option to select the shows you prefer your child to watch, however inappropriate content has also been found on here too. Services such as Netflix, Amazon Prime and BBC iPlayerKids are a great alternative containing lots of children's programmes.



WhatsApp – group messaging

You must be at least 16 years old to register for and use WhatsApp.

WhatsApp is a free messaging app that allows you to send messages and videos. WhatsApp has a Group chat function which allows up to 256 people to be added. Groups are set up by one person (who is the admin) and everybody in the group, even if they're not one of your child's phone contacts will be able to see all messages sent. If your child is added to a group with someone they have previously blocked, that person can still see their messages and send them messages through the group.

WhatsApp has been used in instances of online bullying, for example sending nasty messages or sharing images of other children without their permission in order to embarrass them.

WhatsApp does offer the ability to block and report contacts.

What games are your children playing?

Children often ask to play games that they've heard about or that their friends are playing but are they really appropriate? It is really important to research games that they ask to play before you say yes, for example, check the age/PEGI rating, does it include a chat facility, does it have any parental controls and can you play the game first to see what it entails?

Here are some examples of games that we've heard primary aged children are playing when in fact they are too young to:

SlenderMan
Most versions 12+

SCP Containment Breach
PEGI rating 16+
Free survival horror game

Overwatch
PEGI rating 12+
Team-based shooter

Call of Duty
PEGI rating 16+ or 18+
Warfare game

Assassin's Creed
PEGI rating 18+
Action Adventure game

Childnet has a designated area to cover Gaming and includes what you need to know about gaming and how you can support your child based on their age: <https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/hot-topics/gaming>

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Does your child have a Playstation?

Trend Micro Kids Safety is a paid for subscription (30 day free trial available) that can prevent the internet browser from opening websites unsuitable for children. It will block websites that fall into the categories: adult (sexual), alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs, crime, cults, gambling and racism. Further information:

<https://esupport.trendmicro.com/en-us/home/pages/technical-support/psp-ps3-ps4-security/home.aspx>

Books to read with your child

Jeanne Willis and Tony Ross have published Chicken Clicking and Troll Stinks and the recently released #Goldilocks. These are fantastic picture board books specifically aimed at younger children (KS1) but can equally be enjoyed by older children.

Does your child have a Nintendo Switch?

Did you know that you can download an app to give you additional parental features and settings? This article shows you how to do this as well as how to use the existing parental controls:

<https://www.common sense media.org/blog/parental-controls-nintendo-switch>

Apex Legends – PEGI Rating 16+

Apex Legends does have similarities to Fortnite but it is important to know that it has been rated by PEGI as 16+. This means children under the age of 16 should not play this game. “This game has received a PEGI 16 because it features sustained depictions of violence towards human characters and moderate violence.” (Source: <https://pegi.info/>) *PEGI does not take into consideration the chat features.*

Apex Legends was released in February and has already hit over 50 million players worldwide. This is another multiplayer battle royale style video game whereby teams of 3 players compete against other teams to be the last team standing. It is available on Playstation 4, Xbox One and Origin for PC.

In-Game Currency

Whilst the game is free to play, players are able to make in-game purchases using ‘Apex Coins’. These packs range from £7.99 to £79.99! They can be used to advance play so children may wish to purchase them. We’d recommend password protecting your account and/or setting up a child account to ensure your child can’t make any purchases without your consent.

Chat

As players work in teams of 3, your child may be in a team with people they don’t know and potentially at risk from explicit language or harassment.

Reporting Players

As with all online games, you must always ensure that your child understands how to report abusive players. Full instructions are available here:

<https://help.ea.com/uk/apex-legends/apex-legends/?category=report-concerns-or-harassment>

Further information

<https://www.common sense media.org/blog/parents-ultimate-guide-to-apex-legends>

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/news/apex-legends-what-you-need-know/>

We would recommend that the age restrictions set by this game are adhered to. Play the game yourself first so you can assess whether you think it is appropriate or not and if not, chat to your child and explain why you think this.