



St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER

25th June 2021



Stars of the Week

is an opportunity to celebrate our Learning Stars.

St Francis	Tori	Gracie
St Clare	Jan	Reece
St Vincent	Filip	Isla M
St Teresa	George	Ellie
St Oscar Rom.	Ethan	Archie

Dates for the term are on the school website.

Thank you to the everyone who has donated a wide range of books to our school library. We are very grateful.



Congratulations We were delighted to hear about the safe arrival of Lily. Congratulations Connie on the birth of your sister and to all the family. We wish you all the very best with your new bundle of joy.

St Aloysius Day

We held a non-uniform day on St Aloysius Day, Friday 18th June, to raise money for the Catholic Children's Society. Thank you to all that donated. We are delighted that we raised **£187.23** for this very worthy charity.



First Holy Communion

Three children from St Joseph's will be celebrating their First Holy Communion on Sunday 27th June .

We wish Emily, Federico, Phillip and their families a lovely day. Please remember them in your prayers.



COVID-19 Update

Unfortunately, with the latest Government announcement we have had further guidance about ensuring that our risk assessment remains robust. We have all done so well at St Joseph's to avoid closure of whole classes, it is important that all our control measures are rigorously enforced to enable us to get thorough to the end of the summer term. This means that:

1. We continue to adhere to social distancing, ventilation, hand hygiene and face coverings.
2. We will not be inviting parents on site to participate in the Year 6 Leavers' Act of Worship. It will be shared with parents by film.
3. The induction meetings for new Reception have been postponed. We are waiting for updated guidance from Devon County Council but we are committed to ensuring that some sort of transition goes ahead this term.
4. We will not have a traditional whole school Sports Day instead each class will have a 'Day of Sports' in their bubble.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

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Ofsted Monitoring Report

Our most recent Ofsted report from May 2021 can be found on our website. We are delighted that the inspector acknowledges our successes over the last year and agreed with us about the next steps for continued improvement.

Junior Camp for School Years 3-6

9-13 August online with activities in the morning and evening, with the group coming together Friday 13th at St Rita's Centre, Honiton.



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Email: juniorcamp@prcdtr.org.uk

Staff Changes

Mrs Hunter is leaving us at the end of this academic year to focus on her family.

Mrs Mariadas is leaving us as a class teacher at the end of this term, but we are very much looking forward to her working as a regular supply teacher in the school.

Miss Warren we will be leaving us at the end of this academic year. She is moving to a new job in Surrey.

From September, Mrs Wilson will only work as the school's SENCO, one day a week, on a Friday. We are grateful for her cover as class teacher over this academic year ensuring that St Teresa of Calcutta had consistent provision in the absence of one of their class teachers.

We will very much miss our leaving staff members as they move on to new and different adventures. We wish them every success and happiness.

We are delighted that two much respected teachers will return to St Joseph's in September 2021. Mrs Soby, who left in December 2020, will be returning as a part time class teacher. Miss Hannaford, who left the school in July 2019, is returning to work as a full time class teacher.

On 9th July, you will receive your child's school report and this will also include information about your child's new class teacher.

Safeguarding

As more people are socialising and going out with the relaxation of COVID rules, there is the possibility that you may see or hear things in your local community that concern you.

If you are worried about the safety of a child in Devon and want to speak to someone, or if you are a child worried about your own safety, you can contact Devon's Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) on:

0345 155 1071

or email:

mashsecure@devon.gov.uk

and give as much information as you can.

If a child is at immediate risk, contact the police on 999.



MASH is the central resource for the whole of Devon, receiving all safeguarding and child protection enquiries. It is staffed with professionals from a range of agencies including police, health, mental health, education, social care, housing, probation, early years, youth offending, fire, and domestic abuse services. These professionals share information to ensure early identification of potential significant harm, and trigger interventions to prevent further harm or to safeguard children's welfare. MASH staff gather and review information from a range of agencies and use this to decide the most appropriate way to support a family and ensure the needs of children are met.



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We have seen a surge in E-safety concerns amongst the children in school this term.

E-safety is an important part of our curriculum and we will continue to educate and support children in what is appropriate behaviour both online and in person.

Below are links to information about how you can help keep your child safe online at home, and how you can support them with their online friendships, and help them to manage their 'fallings out'!



<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>



<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

NSPCC

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<h1>S</h1> <p>Stay Safe</p> <p>Don't give out your personal information to people / places you don't know.</p>	<h1>M</h1> <p>Don't Meet Up</p> <p>Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Always check with an adult you trust.</p>	<h1>A</h1> <p>Accepting Files</p> <p>Accepting emails, files, pictures or texts from people you don't know can cause problems.</p>	<h1>R</h1> <p>Reliable?</p> <p>Check information before you believe it. Is the person or website telling the truth?</p>	<h1>T</h1> <p>Tell Someone</p> <p>Tell an adult if someone or something makes you feel worried or uncomfortable.</p> <p>Follow these SMART tips to keep yourself safe online!</p>
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SMART tips based on resources from www.thinkuknow.co.uk

14 WAYS TO BE KIND ONLINE

Showing kindness online can mean so much to someone else. It is a choice we can all make that helps others, puts people's needs before our own and which can generate feelings of empathy and compassion. Small gestures can have a large impact and often one act of kindness can lead to more, making the world a happier and more positive place. That's why we've created this guide to suggest a few simple 'acts of kindness online' that can benefit people's mental health, support their wellbeing and encourage a more positive approach to engaging online.

1. BE POSITIVE

Post about things that make you happy and that you're thankful for. It could brighten up someone else's day.

2. OFFER TO HELP

Sometimes a friend or family member might post a question online or ask for help with something they can't do themselves. If you know the answer or are able to offer help, provide support and send a response. Something that may be easy for you might be difficult for someone else.

3. SHOW APPRECIATION TO OTHERS

If somebody you know has done something good or shown kindness themselves, thank them for it. It costs nothing and showing them that you appreciate it means so much.

4. SHARE FUNNY VIDEOS OR IMAGES WITH FRIENDS & FAMILY

We often come across funny videos or images online that make us laugh and then we move on. If you found it funny, your friends and family might too. It could help someone smile who may be having a bad day.

5. LIKE, LOVE & CELEBRATE

If somebody posts something that you like on social media, like it, love it or celebrate it! It's a small gesture but could mean a lot.

8. SHARE POSITIVE POSTS

If you see something online that inspires you, share it with people you know. An inspirational quote, a beautiful photo or a motivational video can lift spirits, improve self-esteem and help make people feel better about themselves.

6. VIDEO CALL YOUR FRIENDS & FAMILY

It can be easy to be consumed by daily routine. Using apps like Zoom, FaceTime or WhatsApp are great for connecting with others far away and shows you're thinking of them even though you can't physically meet them in person.

7. TELL SOMEONE YOU'RE THINKING OF THEM

We can't always tell how people are feeling online and just dropping somebody a message to ask if they're ok or that you're thinking of them could literally make their day.

9. HOST AN ONLINE QUIZ

Video conferencing apps are a great way to get friends and family together. If you know someone who is feeling lonely, host an online quiz and invite them to join in. It could really cheer them up.

10. THINK BEFORE YOU COMMENT

Sometimes thinking before you act can be just as significant as acting in the first place. Showing thought before you comment could stop you posting something hurtful, offensive or negative. It's always better to post positively or post nothing at all.

11. BE COMPASSIONATE & UNDERSTANDING

Being empathetic towards others and their situation is often an act of kindness and selflessness that gets overlooked. If you notice someone who is upset, drop them a message and offer to listen.

12. CONNECT FRIENDS & FAMILY WITH SIMILAR INTERESTS

You may know two people amongst your friends and family who you trust and know well who have similar interests and likes. Introducing them can be a great way for them to make new friends but remember to always ask their permission first.

13. RECOMMEND SOMETHING YOU ENJOY DOING TO OTHERS

If you enjoy doing something online, such as playing a game, or if you've found a great learning resource, share it with others. Even if you've watched a good film, letting others know can be an act of generosity that brings them excitement or pleasure at a time when they might need it the most.

14. PRAISE OTHERS FOR THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS

Sometimes your friends or family might post something online that they're proud to have done. It might be an exam they've passed, learning a new skill or just completing a task. Either way, it's always kind to recognise hard work and effort through praise and celebration.

Meet our expert

This guide has been written by Anna Bateman. Anna is passionate about placing prevention at the heart of every school, integrating mental wellbeing within the curriculum, school culture and systems. She is also a member of the advisory group for the Department for Education, advising them on their mental health green paper.



How to create a great environment for kids to talk

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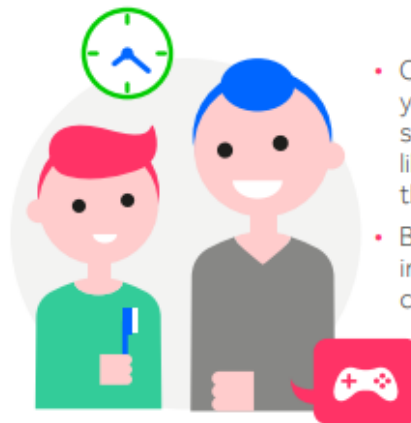
TALK EARLY AND OFTEN



- Talk with children from an early age to make it easier to maintain good communication
- Have bitesize conversations that are relevant to them

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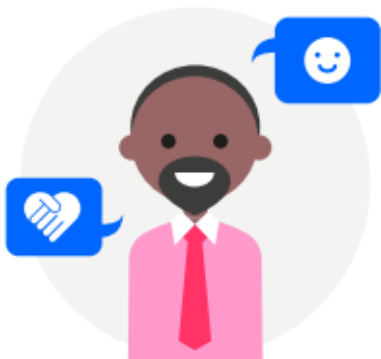
CHOOSE THE RIGHT TIME



- Choose to talk when you are due to spend some time together, like over a meal or during their bedtime routine
- Bring digital experience into normal, everyday conversations

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OPEN UP AND SHARE TOO



- Model the behaviour you want them to show by sharing about your day
- Be open and encouraging to make them feel supported

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CREATE A SAFE SPACE FOR YOUR CHILD



- Ask open-ended questions
- Ensure that your child feels listened to rather than cornered
- When they start talking, hold off with questions and really listen
- Be prepared, calm and patient with them

Things to cover in conversations

ONLINE REPUTATION



- Understanding how online activity creates a 'digital footprint' that lasts forever
- Being a good digital citizen e.g. treating people like you would face to face
- Thinking before posting

CRITICAL THINKING



- Making them aware that some people hide behind fake profiles
- Being critical about what they see online as not everything is true
- Agreeing digital boundaries to allow them freedom to make informed decisions

PERSONAL SAFETY



- Keeping info private on devices and apps they use through privacy settings
- What a good social media profile looks like
- Create strong passwords for every online account

RESOLVING ONLINE ISSUES



- Tools and strategies to deal with issues they may face online such as cyberbullying or seeing inappropriate content
- Where & how to report an issue – encouraging them to speak to an adult

BEST OF THE NET



- What they enjoy most about their favourite apps or sites
- The coolest sites and apps among their group of friends
- Talking about things online you can enjoy together and ways to stay involved in their digital world

Internet Matters App



Download our free tablet app for a fun way to start a conversation about online safety with your child and help them make smart choices online



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