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# NEWSLETTER

May 2021 Newsletter



As school closes today for half term, may I wish everyone one a safe and restful week.

SCHOOL RE-OPENS MONDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2021

REMEMBER we still have to keep vigilant, keep wearing our masks, washing our hands and keeping at least 2 m apart.

*You may be aware of continuing concerns regarding rises in cases of covid 19 in the borough and across GM. Currently, infection rates in Rochdale are high in comparison to other local areas.*

*We all appreciate your support at this time and we are trying to do the best to stop the spread of covid 19.*

*During the holiday period if you or your child have symptoms please do ensure that you go for a PCR test at one of the local testing sites. Secondary aged pupils are asked to continue to test twice a week throughout half term and essentially before returning to school at the beginning of the new term. Rochdale public health are strongly encouraging the continued use of face masks in communal areas in schools and in line with school guidance where social distancing can't be maintained.*

*Parents of primary aged children can access Lateral Flow testing kits from local pharmacies and from the borough's PCR sites. We would encourage you to pick the kits up and test children before they return to school. This will help us to enable a safer return to school after the half term break.*

Today, our Year 5 and 6 children enjoyed a virtual reality experience exploring the countries of the world and 'meeting' various animals. What a great way of exploring their topics!



On Wednesday our Y2 children enjoyed a trip down the canal where they Investigated plants and wild life. They were able to use their mapping skills to identify their position on the paths. The children collected plant specimens and carried out further scientific investigations in class using their computing skills.



On Friday 28th May we all enjoyed Y2' Assembly on Africa - please click on the link to take a look

[https://youtu.be/8fF0s\\_OVNrA](https://youtu.be/8fF0s_OVNrA)

Week Beginning Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July Diamond Jubilee Celebrations	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> June SACRED HEART FEAST DAY PARTY
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	EYFS Assembly
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	Y4 and Y5 Transition Assembly
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July 2021	Year 2 and Year 3 Transition Assembly
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> July 2021	Reception & Y1 Transition Assembly
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July 2021	9.00am Leavers Assembly (Swaby & Hemmings Awards)  1.00pm Attendance Awards
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July 2021	Leavers Mass 9.30am in Church Y2 – Y6 to attend

## Online safety at home

Steps you can take to help keep your child safer online

### TOPICS

**Parental controls:** Parental controls have been designed to help you manage your child's online activities. There are various types, some of which are free but others which can be bought. However, nothing is totally fool proof so they shouldn't replace the need for you to support and advise your child using the internet. For more information and step by step instructions on setting up parental controls, visit [Parental Controls & Privacy Settings Guides - Internet Matters](#).

**Supervise their online activity:** Keep the devices your child uses in communal areas of the house such as the living room or kitchen, where an adult is able to supervise. Primary-age children should not access the internet in private spaces alone, such as in a bedroom or bathroom.

**Explore together and chat little and often:** Ask your child to show you their favourite apps, games and sites and encourage them to teach you how to use these. Ask them if anything ever worries them online. Make sure they know they won't be in trouble and can get help by talking to you or another adult they trust if anything happens online that makes them feel worried, sad or scared

**Make sure they know where to go for support:** Remind your child they can always speak to you or an adult they trust if anything happens online that makes them feel worried or upset. For a breakdown of report services, visit: [Supporting your child with reporting unwanted content online](#)

**Take a look at Thinkuknow:** Thinkuknow is the national online safety education programme from the National Crime Agency. Thinkuknow offers learning activities, advice and support for children and young people aged 4-18 and their families. The [Jessie & Friends animations](#) for 4 to 7s will help you start a conversation about online safety and for 8-10's, there's the [Play Like Share animations](#) and the [Band Runner game and advice website](#) .

**Help your child identify trusted adults who can help them if they are worried:** This includes you and other adults at home, as well as adults from wider family, school or other support services

who they are able to contact at this time. Encourage them to draw a picture or write a list of their trusted adults

Talk about how their online actions affect others: If your child is engaging with others online, remind them to consider how someone else might feel before they post or share something. If they are considering sharing a photo/video of somebody else, they should always ask permission first.

Use 'SafeSearch': Most web search engines will have a 'SafeSearch' function, which will allow you to limit the content your child can access whilst online. Look out for the 'Settings' button on your web browser homepage, which is often shaped like a small cog. Visit [Thinkuknow.co.uk/parents](http://Thinkuknow.co.uk/parents) for more information on keeping your child safer online.

*On Friday we celebrated with all the children who had a birthday in May*



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On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May you were no longer able to access our SCHOOLMONEY APP to make any payments. We will be launching a new app over the half term and you will receive details including log ins and passwords etc next week. Our menu is available on our facebook page . When we return after half term we will commence on week 2.

### ST CUTHBERT'S RC HIGH SCHOOL

From Monday 7th June 2021, St Cuthbert's RC High School will be offering the chance for Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6 students and their families to visit our school for a tour. The tour will offer families the chance to meet with students and key pastoral staff, whilst also allowing them to view our amazing facilities.

To arrange a tour, or ask any questions, please email [Admissions@scrchs.com](mailto:Admissions@scrchs.com).

Congratulations to Miss Dilkes as she becomes Mrs Wilkinson on Saturday 29th May.

