



15TH SEPTEMBER 2023

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please log onto PARENTPAY to make payments for trips and meals.  
If you have any difficulties please call in to the school office

Welcome back! It has been wonderful to welcome all of our children and families back to school this morning.

All of the children look very smart in their uniforms and have already made a brilliant start to the new school year.

## MASS TIMES

### Sacred Heart Church Mass Times

There are two Churches in our Parish. Holy Family in Kirkholt and Sacred Heart on Kingsway. The Parish Priest is Father Simon and he resides in Sacred Heart Presbytery.

#### *Saturday at Sacred Heart*

*5.15 Confessions*

*6.00 Vigil Mass*

#### *Sunday*

*9 am at Holy Family*

*11 am at Sacred Heart*

## ASSEMBLY DATES

Friday 29th September Y5 9 am

Friday 13th October Y6 9 am

Friday 20th October Y4 9 am

## TRIPS

Wednesday 4th October Y1 Queens Park

## VISITORS IN SCHOOL

Wednesday 4th October Y2 Life Long Age Education Group

## School Closes for half term

Friday 20th October

## PHOTOGRAPHER

Monday 13th November photographer in school to take family photographs from 8.15 am and then individual photographs during the school day.

## PENALTY NOTICES



### Poor attendance

Children who miss more than 20 sessions/10 school days unauthorised absence in a 12 week period will receive a Penalty Notice which is £60 per parent.

### Holiday absences

Children who miss 10 sessions/5 school days unauthorised absences will receive a Penalty Notice which is £60 per parent, per child. Holiday requests will be reviewed separately and in some circumstances may be approved.

## CAPTAINS TABLE

Captains Table children (and friends) all chosen this week for excellent, quiet lining up and polite manners to lunch time staff



## HEADTEACHERS AWARD

Headteachers award children chosen this week for helping others especially our new children/ for settling in so well in his new class and with his new friends/for excellent listening and great effort in all subjects/trying really hard with his reading/a great start to Y2/consistently following school rules and being a kind helpful friend/ making a great start to Sacred Heart, always listening and tries her best/fantastic listening, trying her best and participating in lessons/for a Determined Dexter attitude not just in maths but for a great Y4 start/for an enthused approach in all aspects of class life and supporting class friends in lessons/making a super start in Y5 and always contributing in lessons/super ideas in English and use of high level vocabulary/showing a sense of maturity and supporting others around the school and for working calmly and methodically in all areas of learning this week. A great start to the year! Well done everyone.



It has been lovely to welcome our children into Breakfast Club this week. If you would like a place for your child, please contact the School Office.



# GIFT TEAM



We welcomed the GIFT Team back and they are now busily preparing for the assembly for all children and staff on Friday 6th October for CAFOD'S Family Fast Day.



# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about iPADS

Apple debuted the first iPad in 2010, kickstarting the tablet market, and it remains the best-selling tablet to this day. Although Apple doesn't offer a child-specific version, iPads are hugely popular with youngsters due to their ease of use and endless choice of apps. There's a selection of models, with different-sized screens and distinct features – including the standard iPad; the iPad Air; the iPad Pro; and the iPad mini. Thankfully, they all offer parental controls so you can regulate how your child uses the device ... and how long they spend on it.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### PHYSICAL DAMAGE

Some tablets (such as Amazon Fire Kids) come with rugged – proof cases, built for rough and tumbles. They're also more expensive than other tablets, and any damage to your child's iPad will be costly to repair. Buying a rugged case for the device could be a savvy move, especially if it's being used by younger ones.

### SCREEN ADDICTION

Most digital devices, tablets included, have the potential to become quite addictive. You might find your child spending too long staring at their screen, which could lead to irritability, anger and a loss of interest in important tasks. If this is the case, be sure to visit the built-in Time settings and ensure you know how long they're able to use the device each day.

### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

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Even if it would never occur to your child to go searching online for age-inappropriate sites, apps or information, there's always a possibility that something unexpected – perhaps a video that auto-plays or content incorrectly suggested by an algorithm – could appear on their tablet and upset them. You can help prevent this by adjusting the content settings (see our 'top tips' section below).

### SIRI SUGGESTIONS

The parental controls built into iOS (the fundamental operating system of Apple devices) enable you to block access to most age-inappropriate content – but your child could potentially still bypass these restrictions (either accidentally or deliberately) by using Siri, Apple's voice-activated digital assistant. To avoid this, toggle the 'Ask Siri' functions to 'off' in the iPad's settings menu.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### ENABLE FAMILY SHARING

Enabling Family Sharing on an iPad is a great idea to set up Family Sharing, as this lets you utilize the parental controls to manage exactly how your child is able to use the device. You can do this fairly easily by going to the iPad's settings; once there, you'll be able to set up an existing Apple account (if your child already has one) or set one up from scratch.

### APPLY SOME LIMITS

The 'Downtime' function allows you to tell the iPad to lock itself at certain periods (at mealtimes or before bed, for instance), while 'App Limits' removes access to certain apps once they've been used for a specified length of time each day. The iPad can display a reminder when these limits have nearly been reached, letting your child mentally prepare for the end of their gaming or viewing time.

### STOP ACCIDENTAL SPENDING

To empower your child with an increased sense of freedom on their device (without giving yourself something else to worry about in the process), you could enable the iPad's 'Ask to Buy' feature. Whenever your child tries to download or buy an app, game or product, the iPad sends you a request to approve (or deny) it. This option only becomes available if you've set up Family Sharing.

### CONTENT AND PRIVACY RESTRICTIONS

Parental controls can stop the iPad from displaying explicit or inappropriate content (in apps like iTunes and Safari, for example) when your child is signed into their account. You'll also be able to restrict the capacity to download and install apps, and you can give permissions which prevent children from changing the iPad's settings once you've selected them.

### TRACK IT DOWN

Just like the iPhone, Apple's iPads have 'Find My' software to help you locate your child's iPad – or indeed, any linked Apple devices that have gone AWOL, including phones, watches and AirPods. If you enable 'Find My' in the settings menu, it will display the last known location of an iPad that's been misplaced, as well as giving you the option to lock a missing iPad that you suspect has been stolen.

### Meet Our Expert

Meet an experienced technology journalist with a wealth of over 20 years in the industry. Previously the editor of the award-winning site, Emily's name features in technology magazines and newspapers.



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