



19TH JANUARY 2024

SPANISH DAY

We will be having a Spanish day on Thursday 25th January. Children can wear Spanish themed outfits or the colours red/yellow/white. We will also be having a Spanish themed meal if your child normally has a packed lunch but would like a meal please ring the office to book .



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

ASSEMBLIES

Friday 26th January 8.55 am Y5

Friday 2nd February 8.55 am Y4

Friday 9th February 8.55 am Y3

HALF TERM Monday 19th-23rd February 2024

PENALTY NOTICES

TRIPS

Friday 26th January Y3 Manchester Jewish Museum

Tuesday 6th February Y6 Dovestones Reservoir

Tuesday 13th February Y5 Manchester Art Gallery

Friday 1st March Y5 Buddhist Centre Manchester

Thursday 14th March EYFS Smithills Farm

Monday 18th March Y5 Chocolate Museum York

GATES

The school gate is now fully operational please use the side gate and, for their own safety, DO NOT let your child run through them when they are in motion.

ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE COMMUNITY

Does your child take part in any out of school hours activities? Dance/Gymnastics/Judo/football/Cubs/Brownies/horse riding etc? If you would like to share their achievements/certificates/medals please send them into school on Thursday morning with an explanation and Mr Jones will present these to your child during Merit Assembly in the afternoon.



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 sensible lining up and lovely table manners



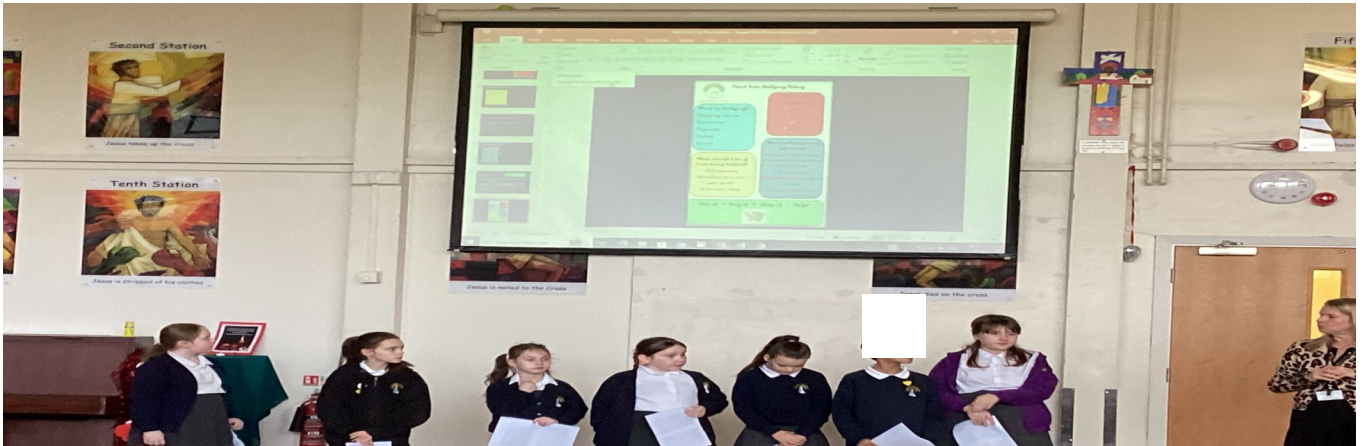
HEADTEACHERS AWARD

Headteachers award children chosen this week for (N) for wonderful writing and beautiful pictures and for being a kind friend to others and a super “tidierupper” (R) for trying hard with his big voice and for her fabulous phonics and independent writing (Y1) excellent progress in her phonics and reading and for trying hard to improve her written work (Y2) for a brilliant Dojo challenge (Y3) for an improvement in letter formation and for excellent work on the layers of the earth (Y4) for showing to be an excellent School Council representative with her class presentation and organisation in obtaining views from her peers and for delivering a great liturgy (Y5) writing a fabulous story in English based on the book “The Snowman” (Y6) for a responsible hardworking approach to all aspects of school life.

Well done everyone.



SCHOOL COUNCIL



This week our School Council are collecting the views of the children in KS2 children to see if they have any ideas for improving our playtimes.



Congratulations to our Golden Hearts children chosen this week for always being willing to share and take turns and for always following the school rules and being ready to learn



Severe Weather Plan 2023-2024- A Guide for Families



Severe weather is classified as weather conditions which have an impact on service delivery. This weather may include heavy snow, black ice, fog, floods, extreme heat or strong winds.

In the event of severe weather

In the event of ice or snow, as much as practically possible, rock salt will be spread on the paths around the school grounds.

If necessary parents will be notified via text message and Facebook advising them of a safe route to access the school and classrooms. For their own safety, Parents and children must stick to the cleared, gritted pathways.

If staff are delayed getting into school, as a consequence of severe weather, upon their arrival at 8:45am the children will be taken into the hall to read, watch a film or do an activity, where they will be supervised by staff members. Once the appropriate number of teaching staff have arrived, the children will be sent to their classrooms for learning as usual.

Playtimes - whether play is indoor or outdoor will be made by the most senior member of staff on site. Please ensure that your child attends school wearing clothing appropriate for the weather:

- Cold, ice, snow: a warm coat, hat, scarf, gloves, wellington boots and a change of shoes to wear in school.

Hot and sunny weather: light clothing and a sun hat. Please ensure that your child attends school with a water bottle and that sun cream is applied before school.

School finish times will remain the same (3:15pm). If a decision is made to close the school early because of adverse weather, parents will be notified by text message and by phone. Staff members will remain at school with the children until they have all been safely collected by an adult. Please note that the school's dismissal and collection practices will remain in place for safeguarding purposes.

In the event of a school closure due to extreme or severe weather

The decision to close the school is with the Headteacher and the Chair of Governors; who will make the decision in accordance with guidance from the Local Authority.

Please note that the Headteacher and Chair of Governors will only make a decision to close the school when the state of the weather makes it absolutely necessary in the best interests of the children.

Parents will be advised of a school closure as early as practically possible using the following methods of communication: Facebook, text message, school phone and website.

Parents will be advised as soon as practically possible regarding the plans for the following day. A message will be communicated using Facebook and text message advising parents/carers if the school is to open the following day or remain closed.

If there are any safeguarding concerns whilst the school is closed, please contact the Rochdale Safeguarding Board on 0300 303 400

ATTENDANCE

Well done to Y4 on achieving the highest percentage attendance again this week of 97% and to our Reception Year for most improved. Who will get to 100% first?



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

TELEGRAM

AGE RESTRICTION
17+

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Telegram isn't new, but it's grown significantly in popularity over recent years, thanks to its secure nature and speedier performance than many of its competitors – including WhatsApp. While Telegram is an excellent app in terms of actual performance, like any messaging platform it brings its own challenges for parents when it comes to feeling confident about children being able to handle their own messaging conversations and contact with the outside world in general. Here's everything that trusted adults need to know about using Telegram safely.

LACK OF AGE RESTRICTION

17+

Telegram has a 16+ age restriction on using the service, while someone is required to be over 17 to actually download the app. Once that's accomplished, however, there's no need to provide further identification. That means there's no guarantee that under 17s aren't using the app – and no way to confidently verify that any other user actually is who they say they are.

POSSIBLE CYBERBULLYING

If your child uses Telegram, they could well be in a group with friends and peers on the app. These groups are managed by admins who can remove the option to post replies – possibly leading to instances of cyberbullying in which the victim has no ability to respond. Messages can be forwarded from groups, too, which potentially opens up images and text being seen by to people they weren't intended for.

UNMODERATED CONTENT

Because Telegram relies on users' self-moderation, it can sporadically become a hotbed for illegal or inappropriate content. In the past, the circulation of this material has led to its temporary removal from the App Store. In fairness, the same can be said of several messaging platforms, but Telegram's features (Secret Chats, for instance) certainly present more issues than the likes of WhatsApp.

PREMIUM COSTS

Telegram is free to use, but it also offers a premium membership (£4.99 per month or £35.99 a year) which increases download speeds, adds translation features, and increases channel and account limits. If your child has access to your Apple ID or Google Pay details, they may be able to sign up for the premium package without your knowledge.

UNAUTHORISED ACCESS

One of Telegram's major selling points is that it's accessible across multiple platforms. Once the app's been downloaded, users can log in from a phone, tablet or computer. This multi-device availability means increased opportunities for someone else to gain unauthorised access (if your child leaves a computer or tablet at school logged into their Telegram account, for instance).

SECRET CHATS

Telegram offers a feature called Secret Chats, which allows for messages which self-delete after a specified period of time. There are instances where this can be useful (journalists often use Telegram to protect their sources, for example), but for young people it can make it extremely difficult to prove that someone has been abusive or inappropriate towards them on the app.

Advice for Parents & Carers

PRVACY CONTROLS

If your child wants to use Telegram, we'd strongly suggest using the app's built-in privacy settings to restrict who can see when they were last online, their profile photo, and their phone number. This can be set to 'everybody', 'my contacts' or 'nobody': we'd recommend either the second or third options, depending on how locked down you want the platform to be.

DISCUSS SECURITY

It's important that your child understands the merits of strong passwords and logging out of devices when they're finished – and the benefits of protecting their personal data in general. This could range from relaxed chats and simple tips like "don't send your bank details" to how to set up passcodes for Telegram so your child's chats stay secure when they step away from their screen.

REPORT UNSAFE CONTENT

If your child receives private messages which include content that could be considered illegal, unsafe or upsetting, they can of course block the account responsible within the app itself. Be aware, however, that Telegram won't necessarily take any further action unless this offensive content involved a user-created channel, bot or sticker.

USE THE BLOCK FUNCTION

Users can block spam, abusive, or imposter accounts within the app. Blocking stops that account from messaging your child, or viewing their profile and activity. If the user in question is one of your child's peers or friendship circle, it may be worth bringing it to the attention of their school. Also bear in mind that your child can also voluntarily leave a Telegram group at any point if they wish.

PROTECT PAYMENT METHODS

Apple and Google's storefronts offer family sharing options, but it's also worth double-checking your settings to ensure that a password or two-factor authentication option is set up to prevent any unexpected purchases. If your child does pay for a premium Telegram subscription without your consent, Apple and Google have been known to issue refunds in some cases.

Meet Our Expert

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