

Sacred Heart R.C. Primary School Newsletter



Love God, Love each other, Love Learning

26TH JANUARY 2024

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

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.



Parents Evening



THURSDAY 15TH FEBRUARY 1—5 PM
BOOKING LINK WILL BE FORWARDED NEXT WEEK

ASSEMBLIES

Friday 2nd February 8.55 am Y4

Friday 9th February 8.55 am Y3

HALF TERM Monday 19th-23rd February 2024

TRIPS

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.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

The School Council have listened to the views of our peers views and are devising an action plan to implement their wishes and feelings. For example finding out who is responsible for planning in our school garden.

Congratulations to this weeks Golden Hearts children, Cameron and David chosen for always showing respect, beautiful manners, always being kind and for respecting and helping others in the classroom



ATTENDANCE

Well done to Y2 on achieving the highest percentage attendance this week of 98% and to our Year 3 for most improved. Who will get to 100% first?

HEADTEACHERS AWARD

Headteachers award children awarded this week to Elliott and Connor in Nursery for looking after a new child helping them to settle in and for always being a kind and helpful member of the class with a wonderful smile.

To Nieve and Grace in Reception for a super week, for sharing her story from the dentists with us and for always being a super star.

To Aoife and Reggie in Y1 for writing excellent sentences about a train ride and for an excellent effort and understanding in maths work on ordering numbers.

To Simara and Chanel in Y2 for trying hard in all lessons and for consistently following school rules.

To Isabelle and Finley in Y4 for being a perfect role model to others, for doing extra work at home following her English lesson and for showing a great attitude both inside and outside the classroom.

To Theo and Gloria in Y5 for a super improvement with his presentation in all subjects and for a huge improvement with her learning being more focused.

To Milan and Amelia in Y6 for trying his best over the past few weeks and engaging in his learning and for writing a super suspense story using her steps to success really well.

Well done everyone.

CAPTAINS TABLE

Well done to Cameron, Chelsea and Nico chosen this week for using their knives and forks and quiet, sensible lunch time behaviours

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about CALL OF DUTY: MODERN WARFARE II

The Call of Duty (CoD) series is a worldwide gaming phenomenon, with millions of copies sold every year. While 2021's release, Vanguard, wasn't quite as well received, this latest entry - Modern Warfare II - has so far proved a massive commercial success. A sequel to the recent Modern Warfare reboot (and not to be confused with the original Modern Warfare 2, from back in 2009), the game is an online shooter which features - unsurprisingly - extreme violence, rendered in realistic graphics. Amid the explosions and political nature of the plot, there's much for parents to be aware of.

AGE RATING
PEGI 18

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

VIRTUAL VIOLENCE

Like most of its predecessors in the franchise, Modern Warfare II carries an 18 age rating from PEGI (the Pan-European Gaming Information system, which assesses games' content for suitability). This means players will encounter - according to PEGI's wording - depictions of "gross violence, apparently motiveless killing, or violence towards defenceless characters".

OFFENSIVE CHAT & MESSAGING

Most CoD players are likely to spend the majority of their time on Modern Warfare II in online multiplayer mode. This entails competing against - or cooperating with - strangers on the online battlefield. The fast-paced, cut-throat world of CoD means that communication through the game's voice chat and direct messages often turns heated and aggressive, which may upset younger players.

IN-GAME PURCHASES

Modern Warfare II follows the 'battle pass' model of games like Fortnite. For a fee - usually around £10 - each 'season' (every three months or so), players will be invited to complete extra challenges to earn new weapons and equipment. Different tiers of battle pass (costing more money) enable them to achieve this more quickly, while items can also be purchased from the in-game store.

POLITICAL SENSITIVITY

Previous CoD games have been accused of attempting to "rewrite history": failing to correctly attribute alleged war crimes to the US military, for example. The semi-fictional version of history presented on screen can cause players to misunderstand past conflicts and the real reasons they took place. This could lead to young people developing a distorted, inaccurate view of world politics.

AN ADDICTIVE EXPERIENCE

Multplayer mode in Call of Duty titles revolves around levelling up your character to unlock new weapons, abilities and equipment. The process is designed so that it doesn't take too long to see an improvement, and the feeling of making meaningful progress can keep players hooked for hours. It's easy for gamers of any age to lose track of time, but younger ones are especially susceptible.

Advice for Parents & Carers

RESPECT THE AGE RATING

Based on accurately recreating combat situations, Call of Duty games are unflinching in their portrayal of war. Limbs are shot off and explosions send gore flying, while the previous Modern Warfare featured a lengthy interrogation and torture sequence. With Modern Warfare II offering the same style of brutal realism, it's worth reiterating that the PEGI 18 age rating is there for a reason.

SET SPENDING LIMITS

If your child is likely to be tempted by buying that 'must-have' weapon or item, consider removing your bank details from the console or computer to prevent indiscriminate spending - and an unwelcome bill. Pre-paid cards could be an option for in-game purchases, allowing you to control how much your child can spend in advance - and helping them learn the basics of budgeting.

CLOSE OFF COMMUNICATION

Unless they're playing with their real-life friends, it may be worth closing communication channels if your child plays Modern Warfare II. There's less of a team focus than in many other online combat games and therefore no real need to interact with strangers. Call of Duty fans can be intensely competitive, so even a single action by your child could provoke a barrage of abuse from strangers.

TRY OTHER MODES

If it seems that your child only ever plays Modern Warfare II in multiplayer, you could try out the Spec Ops mode with them - formulating strategies while enjoying each other's company. You could also play multiplayer together, taking it in turns to ensure regular breaks. Another alternative is the game's campaign mode, featuring bespoke missions and scenarios which follow an overarching plot.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is Games Editor of technology and entertainment website Dexerto and has been working in the gaming media for three years. A long-time gaming enthusiast, he is also a parent and therefore a keen advocate of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have also been published on influential sites including IGN and TechRadar, among others.



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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