



3RD MAY 2024

Monday—Friday 13th—17th May

Y6 SATS

**REMINDER
SCHOOL IS CLOSED BANK HOLIDAY
MONDAY 6TH MAY**

The School Day

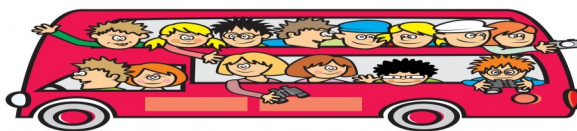


In line with the letter sent home September 2023, lessons start at 8.45 am school gates open from 8.35 am and close at 8.50 am classroom doors close at 8.45 am. If you arrive after this time please bring your children to the main office and wait until they are signed in.

ASSEMBLIES

Friday 17th May Y1 8.50 am

SCHOOL TRIPS



Y5 17th May Blackpool Zoo
Y3 20th May Summit Up
Y1 21st May Hollingworth Lake
Y4 22nd May Neeli Mosque
Y4 20th June Tropical World
Y2 26th June Lytham St Annes
Y1 9th July Blue Planet Aquarium
EYFS 5th July Williams Den

Please log onto Parent Pay to give permission for your child to attend

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.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

AMINO

PETS

AGE RESTRICTION
12+

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Amino is a social media platform offering a large group of subcommunities under one digital 'roof'; it was envisaged as the online version of a convention, where fans gather to celebrate a shared interest like comic books or sci-fi, for example. While many such platforms are harmless spaces for devotees of a certain TV show or video game to congregate, there are still some aspects that trusted adults should be aware of. With a focus on sharing user-generated content, the idea of Amino is for users to communicate with like-minded individuals – but even that can create plenty of hazards.

MUSIC

MODERATION GAPS

Amino has a 12+ classification in the App Store and a 'Teen' rating on Google Play. However, certain communities on the platform have little to no moderation in place – increasing the potential for more adult-themed content to reach young users. It's also possible to create an account without proof of age, raising the possibility of even younger children finding their way onto the platform.

COMICS & COSPLAY

MEMBERSHIP COSTS

Amino+ is a premium membership for the platform, offering a bevy of customisation options such as stickers, 'moods' to display and an exclusive profile badge. Users can also purchase one-off cosmetic items including different styles of chat bubble or profile frames. If your child has payment methods available via their device, they could potentially make these in-app purchases without you realising.

UNSAFE CONTENT

The central concept behind Amino is for users to share content, then make and receive comments on these uploads. The level of anonymity that the platform offers (someone's true identity can be completely obscured behind their username, for instance) means that it would be extremely difficult to stop suggestive or outright predatory comments and messages being sent to young people.

REPEATED USAGE

As a social media app, Amino is focused on keeping its communities engaged and coming back for more. Part of this approach is encouraging people to build up 'streaks', as users are awarded 'reputation points' for logging in regularly. This type of mechanism, of course, always carries the risk of young people feeling a compulsion to repeatedly check in with the app, further increasing their screen time.

INAPPROPRIATE IMAGES

Like most social media, Amino offers easy sharing of images. Its community guidelines state that any suggestive photos of under-18s will be removed immediately, but of course this doesn't prevent inappropriate pictures being seen by a young person. Not all of Amino's communities are rigorously moderated, so there's a chance that some unsuitable images could temporarily evade detection.

CENSORED

Advice for Parents & Carers

TALK ABOUT IT

If your child is old enough and chooses to download and use Amino, it's probably wise to remind them of some online safety basics – such as how not everyone in the digital world is who they claim to be, for example, or not to give out personal information online. It might also be a good idea to go into the app's settings and disable incoming chat requests from users that your child doesn't know.

MEMBERSHIP MEDIATION

If your child asks for an Amino+ membership but you're not entirely comfortable with that, be prepared to explain your decision in depth. Young people's sense of injustice can naturally become inflamed when their friends have things that they don't. Parents of older teens, meanwhile, might actually decide to agree to the membership request but continue to monitor their child's activity on the app.

STAY UPDATED

Ensure that your child knows to report any upsetting or worrying online content they might see to you. As much as possible, try to stay aware of which communities they're joining on Amino. Most of these areas are well moderated and full of innocent conversation about common interests, but on any platform of this breadth, there's always the potential for chats to veer off into potentially harmful places.

MONITOR SCREEN TIME

If you haven't already, you might want to consider setting up controls such as Family Sharing (on iOS devices) or Family Link (on Android) so, from your own device, you can keep an eye on how much screen time your child is having – and what apps they're spending it on. This can be extremely useful with regard to platforms such as Amino, which can be quite addictive and reward repeated use.

Meet Our Expert

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Wednesday 1st May 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

God is love and all love comes from God. When we invite Jesus, as a loving friend, into our family life then love grows and life becomes more joyful.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus entrusts his friends, the disciples, with his message of unconditional love, and asks them to carry it to the whole world - not just in their words but also in their actions.

Love is life's greatest blessing and Jesus' message is for us too. By loving as Jesus loves, we too become his friends and we experience the harmony and peace which comes from following his command - to love.

Enjoy a very special time this evening, hearing your child's thoughts about this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's word, which is **LOVE**.

Dom Henry Wansbrough



A Word from Pope Francis

"The family's strength lies in its capacity to love and to teach how to love. Let us ask the Lord for the grace to love everyone."

THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH Sunday 5th May 2024



Jesus said, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy may be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you. I shall not call you servants anymore, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another."

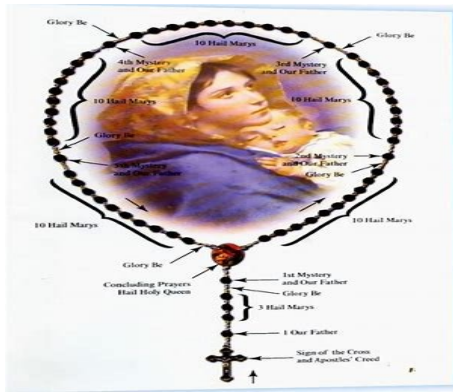
Adapted from John 15:9-17
The 6th Sunday of Easter, Year B

Getting to know Jesus makes life joyful.
Learn more about this Sunday's Gospel in your local Parish Church: all are very warmly invited.

2024 The Year of Prayer: Family Time Prayer & Share

Good News for Everyone

In Sunday's Gospel, Jesus gives his friends, the disciples, a new commandment - they must love one another as Jesus loves them, with whole-hearted and unlimited generosity. Everyone likes to be loved and family and school life become more joyful when we follow Jesus' command to love one another.



GIFT TEAM

This week, the GIFT team have invited all the children and staff to join them to pray the Rosary at lunchtimes next week. They hope that many will join them at the Mary statue as we continue to celebrate the month of May as the month of Mary. They have also been planting flowers around her statue and it looks beautiful.



Congratulations to this weeks Golden Hearts winners Rubylee for always ensuring that our class is a happy and safe environment to work in and to Harmony for always being safe, ready to learn and respectful to adults and friends.

Congratulations to Y2 for the highest percentage attendance this week of 98% and to Y6 for being the most improved with their lates

CONGRATULATIONS



Dear Nursery and Reception Parents/ Carers,

Our CARITAS workers, Jayne and Louise, are hosting 'Positive Parenting' sessions in the Summer Term.

The sessions will include activities, ideas and strategies to support positive parenting, as well as the opportunity to seek advice or ask questions from our CARITAS workers. It is also a lovely opportunity to chat with other parents. The session dates and themes are as follows:

13th May- rewards and consequences The sessions are from 9-10.30am.

Parents will then be invited to join their child in class from 10.30-11am to complete play and activities linked to the weekly theme. Thank you for your continued support,

THURSDAYS CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Well done to the following children on their achievements

Y6 Lexie- dance award

Y5- Bikeability Level 1 and 2

Y2 Football Awards- Kai, Theo and William

Y6- Amelia Gymnastics

Y5- Leah D Gymnastics and Dance

Y2- Layla Gymnastics

Y1-Isla Gymnastics floor routine

HEADTEACHERS AWARD

Headteachers award children awarded this week in Nursery to Milanna for learning so many new words and using sentences and to Kiki for always showing respect to her friends and teachers

In Reception Year to Matilda for working hard at lunchtime everyday to organise her friends on the benches and to Ella for putting so much effort in every day.

In Year 1 to Iman for being a kind friend by helping a child with her computing work and to Harleigh for a big improvement in her phonics and reading.

In Year 2 to Kingsley and Ava (N) for their roles as Angel Gabriel in Year 2's Crowning Assembly.

In Year 3 to Hughie for taking pride in his Handwriting and to Kamil for taking pride in Music

In Year 4 to Zoe for good application of adverbials in her writing and to Alisha for her effort in improving her handwriting and letter formation

In Year 5 to Frankie for a fabulous independent big write in English using high level vocabulary and to Elijah for putting great effort in everything he does and showing good resilience with his learning

In Year 6 to Joshua for showing pride in his work and to Ollie for showing care and respect for others by always being a reliable classroom helper

Well done everyone.

Well done to Kevin, Jessica and Lexi all chosen this week for much improved knife and fork skills, impeccable manners at all times and quiet sensible table manners.

