



St. Mark's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher Mrs. D. Linley



Friday 25th June 2021

Dear Parents and carers,

You will see a big piece this week on this newsletter about online safety. A lot of good can come from the internet (just look at our school Twitter account - @StMarksRC) you will see all the fantastic learning experiences your child/ren is having in school. I often hear parents say that when they ask their child what they have done at school that day, they never get much out of them. Our school twitter account is great for sharing with you what your child has done at school and it is a great conversation starter for when children come out of the school gates. It is important to educate children responsibly about the dangers of the internet, because many of our children access the internet every day.

I would like to thank Miss Dorsett and all the staff and children for organising significant Windrush learning activities that educated as well as engaged our children this week. It was pleasing to hear so many children proudly tell me about family members who were part of the Windrush generation. I'm sure we all in some way have some connections to the Windrush - my own grandad came to England from Jamaica in the 1950's. If you haven't seen the short video on Twitter of two veterans entering the Year 6 classroom - please take a look. It was very moving and the children were superbly behaved and well-mannered.

This weekend, we will be celebrating Year 4's First Holy Communion. Please keep them in your prayers.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs. Linley and the St. Mark's Team



TOP STAR EARNERS OF THE WEEK



Well done to the following children for earning the most stars this week!!

(YR) Anhad	(YR) Leonel	(YR) Yuvraaj	(Y1) Ellie-Mae	(Y1) Zayyan
(Y1) Mia	(Y2) Jasdeep	(Y2) Taon	(Y2) Nathan	(Y3) Kyle
(Y3) Keeley	(Y3) Hristiyan	(Y4) Christina	(Y4) Holly	(Y4) Destiny
(Y5) Elena	(Y5) Preeti	(Y5) Kimaya	(Y6) Arya	(Y6) Afreya
(Y6) Sara-Maria				

Congratulations & Well Done!

We would like to say a big well done to the following pupils for receiving a Congratulations certificate this week. Keep up the great work!



Reception: Dior & Aarav
Year 1: Anaiya & Gabriella
Year 2: Kaiden & Suriyah
Year 3: Nishika & Nasri
Year 4: Sachin & Zia
Year 5: Mya & Claudia
Year 6: Annie & Zayaan

Keeping Children Safe Online

Last week, every class in school had an internet safety workshop and here is what some of our children had to say about it...

What did you learn that you didn't know before?

"I learnt that some apps collect data and send it out for everyone to see without permission from me." Y5

"I learnt that sometimes when accepting terms and conditions, we could be accepting things that we don't know abouts, so it is important to read them." Y5

"Some apps track you and some apps take your pictures and private messages." Y6

What important information did you learn from the workshop?

"When you are trying to log on to something, don't put in a weak password. Make sure that it is strong and don't tell people your password." Y2

Following from the workshop, what will you do now to stay safe online?

" Check the terms, tell an adult and think before I post." Y6

Keeping children safe online is EVERYONE'S responsibility. Online safety has become of paramount importance especially during this pandemic we are going through.

Our children are spending more time online, and some parents are not aware of the risks they are putting their children through by allowing them unsupervised time on the internet.

Did you know?...

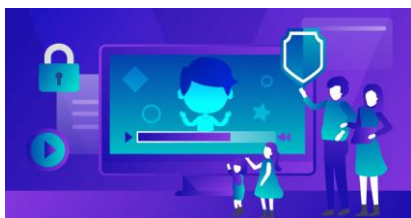
Whenever a child in school types in an inappropriate word or phrase on any of the school devices, our firewall security software detects this and a DSL in school receives a notification of which device this occurred on and who was logged in on the device at the time. A DSL in school will then investigate and speak to individual children and their parents as it is likely that if a child searches an inappropriate word or phrase online then they are likely to do the same at home. Children cannot view any inappropriate material in school, but we are aware from speaking to parents that many parents struggle to either set up controls on devices to keep children safe or effectively monitor what children are accessing online.

Mobile phones and iPads have smaller screens than PC's so it is much easier for children to search for an inappropriate word or phrase while still sitting in the same room as their parents. Please keep this in mind. We would be happy to support any parent who is having difficulty to set up parental controls/privacy settings. Mr. Edge (our school IT technician) is in school every Monday afternoon so if you would like further support, please email the school office and we will get this arranged.

Below is a very useful website for you as parents to find out more about keeping children safe online.

[How to Keep Kids Safe on YouTube \(Restrict Unsafe Videos\) in 2021 - SafetyDetectives](#)

What are YouTube's built-in parental controls? YouTube's Restricted Mode is supposed to filter out a huge range of "adult" content, but it's surprisingly ineffective. In about 5 minutes with Restricted Mode turned on, I was able to find speeches by famous white nationalists, footage of war-torn Aleppo, a cannabis cooking show, women in lingerie, and a brutal street fight in Colombia.



www.safetydetectives.com

<https://www.safetydetectives.com/blog/parents-guide-for-safe-youtube-and-internet-streaming-for-kids/>

Wednesday Word - Sharing the Gospel

Please click on the following link to access this spiritual resource to share with your family and friends:



<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/faith?pid=MTA101634&v=32.13>

Non-Uniform Day!

Children can come to school in non-uniform on Friday 2nd July for a £1 donation to the school.



Diary Dates

For your Diary

Dates for Diary: -

Saturday 26 th June 2021	Y4 First Holy Communion 3.30pm
Saturday 3 rd July 2021	Y3 First Holy Communion 3.30pm
Wednesday 14 th July 2021	Y6 Enterprise Event (after school)
Friday 16 th July 2021	End of year reports will be provided to parents
Monday 19 th July 2021	Y6 Treat day

School Term Dates

Summer Term 2021

Term Ends: Wednesday 21st July 2021

Autumn Term 2021

Thursday 2nd September and Friday 3rd September 2021 are Staff INSET days so school is **closed to all pupils**.

Term Starts: Monday 6th September 2021

Half Term: Monday 25 October 2021 to Friday 29 October 2021

Term Ends: Friday 17 December 2021

Spring Term 2022

Term Starts: Tuesday 4 January 2022

Term: Monday 21 February 2022 to Friday 25 February 2022

Term Ends: Friday 8 April 2022

Summer Term 2022

Term Starts: Monday 25 April 2022

Half Term: Monday 30 May 2022 to Friday 3 June 2022

Term Ends: Friday 22 July 2022

