

St. Ann's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 26th February 2021



What a difference a week makes! From freezing temperatures before half term break, to sunny play times – spring is on its way!

Proud to be Me: [Prayer: Lord, we ask for your blessing and guidance as we look forward to our Lent adventure. Jesus, this Lent, we want to deepen our prayer life and make it richer. Jesus, we are going to stop doing some things so that we can free our hearts and minds to reach out to others. Jesus, with the space that we have created in our hearts, we are going to deepen our relationships with those around us.](#)

Reception	Matilda	For always including all her friends at playtime and making sure they are happy and safe.
Year 1	Seb L	For sharing his learning with his family helping to teach them new things.
Year 2	Ffion	For showing great focus, reflection and sharing during collective worship.
Year 3	Marshall	For choosing to do the right thing during playtimes and not being tempted to do the wrong thing. Well done.
Year 4	Oscar J	For working and communicating confidently at home and at school throughout the week. Well done.
Year 5	Lilly-May	For listening carefully to the adult guidance in our Maths lesson and making great progress in her division.
Year 6	Maria	For always offering support and guidance to her classmates on Google Classroom.

Spanish: Vincent has produced some lovely work in Spanish at home. **Isla** for trying really hard with her Spanish learning. **Bailey** showed great enthusiasm in Spanish. She beat the teacher every time! **Lexii** has shown fantastic perseverance in trying to learn the new Spanish words.

Music: Zach played the xylophones with increasing control this week and joined in our singing with enthusiasm. **Daisy** worked hard on our new music topic this week. **Marnie** has made a great start on our new Sea Shanty topic this week.

Happy Birthday to Christopher

Plugs for Parents...

Re-opening of schools: As you will know, schools are re-opening on Monday 8th March, and St Ann's are very happy to be welcoming back all of our children from this date. The updated 'Reopening Handbook' was emailed out earlier this week for reference.

The DfE have also published an [open letter from the Secretary of State for Education to parents](#) about the decision to lift restrictions on education from Monday 8 March.

World Book Day – Thursday 5th March: This year's theme is 'Share a book', and so we will be sharing bedtime stories. All staff and children need to come to school, whether in person or online, in their pj's (dressing gown optional – and please make sure they are appropriate). Children are encouraged to bring their favourite book to share with their class.

National Online Safety (NOS): Clubhouse - Clubhouse is an audio-only social media networking app that is currently available only to Apple users. The app encourage conversation between users, in various rooms discussing topics from the serious (health, sports, cryptocurrency, etc) to the more frivolous (favourite cereals, corniest jokes and so on). Clubhouse is like an interactive podcast that allows real-time two-way communication. The app is still in beta-testing stage and is invite only – you can only join if someone sends you an invite. In the attached guide, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as adult content, no age verification and insufficient safety protocols.

National Online Safety (NOS): Avakin Life - Described as a place where teens and adults can make new friends, Avakin Life is a mobile game that has more than 1.4 million daily users. The game lets players create a virtual avatar (an 'Avakin'), style it in fashionable outfits, buy and decorate properties, and interact with others in communal spaces. It's this social aspect which has caused safety concerns, with many parents and carers unsure if the game is suitable for teenagers at all. In the attached guide, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as in-game chat, adult themes and in-game spending.

Life to the Full - Relationships Education and Health Education: We would still really appreciate your feedback on the RHSE course that is to be taught across all year groups. Here is the link to the Ten:Ten [Parent Consultation](#). This is a good introduction for parents to see how the RHSE course is laid out and what the children across all year groups will be learning. The consultation does take about half an hour, so grab yourself a cuppa and a comfy armchair! Once you have done the Ten:Ten parent consultation, please fill in our [parent feedback form](#).

Plugs for Parents Continued...

Uniform Check: Please could everyone check the labels in school uniform items, as sometimes jumpers and hoodies get taken home accidentally with the wrong child. There are a few missing items at the moment, and it would be great if they were reunited with their owners.

Wednesday Word: This week's Wednesday Word can be found by following the link [here](#).



1st March 2021

What's going on this week?



The Coca-Cola company is testing a new paper bottle as part of a long-term strategy to remove plastic from its packaging. The sample bottle is made by a Danish company from an extra-strong paper shell that still contains a thin plastic liner. The overall ambition is to create a 100% recyclable, plastic-free bottle capable of preventing gas escaping from carbonated drinks.

Things to talk about at home...

- 🍎 Can you make a list of different objects/food that have packaging? What was the packaging made of? What did you do with the packaging?
- 🍎 Can you think of different reasons why we have packaging?
- 🍎 Would the type of packaging a product is in impact on your decision to buy the product? Why?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments here...

