



I AM A DISCIPLE FOR YOU JESUS



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YEAR 3: LILY-ROSE & MARTINA
YEAR 4: JESSICA & ESMÉ
YEAR 5: TYLOR & COREY
YEAR 6: THE WHOLE OF YEAR 6 – OUR OLYMPIC ATHLETES

Dear Parents and Carers,

Olympic fever has certainly taken over and the presentation of bronze, silver and gold medals has seen great competitive spirit and excitement in children and staff. This has been a great way to build on the children's physical education skills but also enabled them to work together and celebrate the success of individuals. It is true to say I have never witnessed such sporting behaviour and attitudes – it really is the taking part that counts. The children have been very vocal and persuasive in asking if this can replace our annual sports day event. Pupil voice at its best!

We remain very fortunate that our bubbles have not burst but it needs everyone to continue to be vigilant. **HANDS - FACE - SPACE.**

Please continue to wear a face mask on the playground. Please do not be offended if staff are unable to engage in conversation with you – as without a mask it is hard to maintain distance and safety.

Please see the information below regarding signs and symptoms and what to do if your child or any family member has symptoms.

Let us hope and pray we manage the final three weeks safely and together. We spent far too long apart and it would be a pity not to see the end of this different and difficult academic year end safely.

God bless, Mrs Girling

Congratulations to our pupils in group 9 from Years 3 children who received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion this morning at Parish Mass. Our thanks to Canon Jonathan for making it so very special and to the staff in Year 3 for preparing them so well. Your family, friends and staff at school, our parish and St Teresa of Calcutta MAC are all very proud of you.



TO BRING GOOD NEWS, TO SHINE FOR YOU.



Sacred Heart and Holy Souls Church – PLEASE CHECK THE BULLETIN ON THE WEBSITE

MASS IS AVAILABLE VIA LIVE STREAM ON YOU TUBE

MASS TIMES – Vigil Mass Saturday 5:00pm Sunday Masses 8:30am, 10:00am and 12:00pm.



This week's we congratulate our **Leaders for Learning** for doing their very best!

RTA	Riley and Melody	4PC	Georgia and Gabriela
RTH	Toby and Rosie	4W	Natalie and Reghan
1KF	Lilly May and Luke	5F	Riley and Lena
1G	Sofia and Ellie-Mae	5MS	Michael and Majka
2WM	Liyel and Mannie	6K	Jack and Erin
2B	Luke and Brooke	6C	Amy and Pawel
3W	Justin and Georgia	6M	Oliwia and Tymon
3TB	Emily and Elijah	We look forward to Games and activities in Golden Time!	

I love hearing a little knock on my office door as the children come to collect their pencils. Well done children - I am very pleased and proud of you.



Sports Stars of the Week:



Reception: Zuzanna

Key Stage 1: Morgan

Key Stage 2: All of Y6

ROAD SAFETY

We have all seen the increase in articulated lorries in Mallard Close this week. Please do stay safe and be alert. We have reminded the children about this in school this week. My thanks to our parents who have approached Birmingham City Council and Local MPs in bringing this matter to their attention.

Likewise the car park at Church remains **FREE** and **AVAILABLE** – there is no reason to drive down Mallard Close – it will be too late if something happens.



Hot Weather

Now that the weather is warmer please remember to send your child in with a suitable hat to wear at playtimes. Please ensure that on hot/sunny days you apply cream **BEFORE YOUR CHILD COMES TO SCHOOL**. Do not send children to school with bottles of sun cream. We are not allowed to apply sun cream for children.

Children need to have had their hay fever medication before they come in to school and bring a water bottle with them. Thank you



PE KITS

Due to the success of the children coming to school in PE Kit on their PE day we will be continuing this in September. It has increased the amount time spent actively participating. A uniform reminder letter will be sent out shortly but as you may be buying new uniform a reminder that PE kit is a white polo shirt and navy shorts or joggers. (not black or grey) No logos or hoodies as a school jumper worn over the polo shirt is fine. Thank you.

Let us pray.....

On Thursday we celebrated the Feast of St John the Baptist. Why not share this prayer together at home.

O God, you raised up St. John the Baptist to prepare a perfect people for Christ.

Fill your people with the joy of possessing this grace and direct the minds of all faithful in the way of peace and salvation.

Grant that St. John was martyred for truth and justice, so we may energetically profess our faith in you, and lead others to the way, the Truth and Eternal Life.

Amen.





CLASS	%	LATES	CLASS	%	LATES
RTA	93%	1	3TB	93%	0
RTH	90%	1	4PC	93%	0
1KF	94%	0	4W	95%	0
1G	93%	0	5MS	94%	0
2B	96%	0	5F	97%	1
2WM	94%	0	6M	87%	1
3W	91%	1	6C	93%	0
			6K	96%	0

OVERALL ATTENDANCE - 93% STAR ATTENDERS OF THE WEEK ARE - 6K & 4W

Miss Finn will be sending out letters regarding punctuality and attendance.

Meetings will be held virtually.

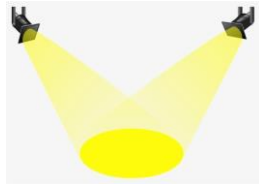
Covid symptoms and reminders

Please ensure you are following the correct procedures regarding Covid, these can be found at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

Please ensure you inform school if your child develops any symptoms.

Parents are also reminded that there is no access to the school office, if you wish to speak with a member of the office staff, please use the buzzer on the gate or contact the team via email or telephone.

Thank you for your continued co-operation.



SPOTLIGHT ON SAFEGUARDING

Each week we will be sharing ideas on how to keep safe or sign posting to organisations that may be of help.

Please take some time to look at the National Online Safety website. It has a wealth of information and safety tips for parents: <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/>

Below is an example of one of their information posters

The latest digital trend growing in popularity for our children are apps on their phone or tablet that look like one thing but are secretly hiding another purpose. They first became particularly popular in 2016. However, children are becoming more and more familiar with 'secret' photo hiding apps, where an app which looks relatively ordinary is actually a hidden gateway to private photos and videos. These apps allow their users to hide images, videos and notes within the app which is also passcode protected. One of the most common types of hidden app used is a 'fake calculator' app however many others are also available.

What parents need to know about HIDDEN PHOTO APPS

MAY HIDE 'SEXTING'
The most common use for the apps is to hide 'sexting' images which young people may be sending or receiving. This problem is growing rapidly amongst students, and from an increasingly early age. Not only is sexting dangerous, but it is illegal when it involves a minor even if both the sender and receiver are underage. By storing and sending these images, young people should be aware that they are committing a crime.

ENCOURAGE IMPULSIVE BEHAVIOUR
Young people tend to act more impulsively if they believe that their behaviour will go unnoticed and remain secret, so often they will produce content for these apps thinking that it will be safe. Let's face it, how many adults read all the small print in the terms and conditions, so why would we expect our children to.

FAKE/DECOY PASSWORDS
Some of the most secure apps that are available offer the ability to set-up a decoy feature as an added layer of security. This allows the user to provide a fake password which, when used, directs people to a decoy folder containing content of the user's choice or just stock photos. The real password provides access to the secret folder within the app.

PRIVACY RISK
If you are aware that your children are using the app, you should read the small print in the usage policy/terms and conditions to ensure the developers do not have access to any of the images stored on the device. If the photos are linked to a cloud storage, then the images stored are also in danger of being released if the application is compromised/hacked.

BYPASS PARENTAL CONTROLS
Although these apps are not specifically 'targeting' their advertisements towards children, they can generally be used by anyone over the age of 4. This means that these apps will not be blocked automatically by parental controls. Whilst online platforms, such as Apple, have removed these apps on numerous occasions from their app store, due to their popularity and potential profitability for creators, they continue to be produced and find their way into the stores or available for download.

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National Online Safety
#WakeUpWednesday

Safety Tips For Parents

TRY TO REMAIN VIGILANT
There is a natural human instinct to believe that what we see on screen is real and accurate. If you are concerned that your child might be using secret apps, you may want to look at their phone. The search feature on a device can be used to type keywords such as 'secret', 'hidden' and 'photo vault'. On iOS, this can be done by swiping down on the home screen to open a search bar. If the app appears and says 'Open' then the app is installed. If it says 'Get' then it is not installed. On an android device you can go to the apps menu and use the search bar at the top of the screen.

QUESTION THE AUTHENTICITY OF DUPLICATE APPS
You should be aware that almost every mobile device will have pre-installed apps, such as notes and calculator, so the first major warning sign would be to look for duplicates of these apps. By default, the pre-installed apps are almost always displayed on the first page of the home screen.

DISCUSS THE DANGERS OF 'SEXTING'
Ensure your child is aware of the dangers of sexting, and how it is illegal to keep or distribute images of minors. Try to talk to your children in a positive way and encourage them to take control of their online persona and what they are posting to others. Remind them that they always have a choice and that they can say no to anything that makes them feel even the slightest bit uncomfortable.

LOOK OUT FOR IN-BUILT 'HIDDEN' FEATURES
iPhones have the option to lock notes within the default Notes app. Users can paste images into a note file and lock it using Touch/Face ID and a password. In addition, iOS allows their users to move images to a Hidden folder in the photos app. When an image is moved to the hidden folder, it is removed from the 'All Photos' folder. To find this folder, open the 'Photos' app, scroll down and click 'Hidden'. Users may also create folders to try and hide the app on their home screen or on a second or third page. If you see a folder on your child's device, ensure you check each page for hidden apps.

CONTROL APP USAGE
If your child's iOS device is linked to your Apple ID account, you are able to set a passcode for downloading apps which only you know. This will mean every time your child tries to download an app, they will need your password to do so. If you do not have access to your child's Apple ID, you can delete the app without a passcode. This will delete any images stored on the app and will not be recoverable, even if the app is re-downloaded.