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St Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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Year Six Celebrations

There are so many more safeguarding demands and health and safety considerations, forcing us to bring our sleepover tradition to an end this year. We understand that this will no doubt be disappointing for some of our children, but we promise to ensure their last weeks here are marked with a magical Leavers' Promenade and other special and memorable moments.

Year 6 Leavers' Prom

5th July 2024 at 5.30pm- 9.00pm

The theme for the Leavers Prom is 'The Oscars'. Basically, the main dress code is smart evening wear. The evening will run from 5.30pm -9.00pm. During the evening, the Y6 children will be able to have a dance (with the help of our amazing DJ), celebrate with awards all the years they have spent at St Mary's Catholic Primary School, have pictures of themselves with their friends taken by our photographer, enjoy a magnificent buffet, drinks and sweets, followed by a fire pit and s'mores – all on us!

Year Two Parents

The children will be completing some tests next week, but these are no longer statutory. Just as we have every year, we keep these low-key as they are no different to the assessments we carry-out three times each year.

Please ensure that your child attends school each day during this week and they are on time.

Please ensure too that your child gets lots of water, rest and sleep over the weekend (too much sun has been an issue for some children in the past) and early nights to enable them to perform to the best of their ability.

If you have any questions regarding this, please speak to your child's class teacher, Mrs Brazier.

Thank you for your continuous support and cooperation.

What age-rating is Snapchat?

The platform is rated 13+.

1. Make sure they sign up with the correct age

Set up your child's Snapchat account together to make sure they sign up with correct age. This will automatically enable settings that help to limit unwanted contact from adults and access to certain features.

2. Talk to them about how to feel good on social media

Children and young people can face lots of different pressures online. Use Childline's advice about <u>How to feel good on social media</u> to help give them the tools to manage their wellbeing online.

3. Set rules around friends

Before your child starts using the app, talk to them about who they can be friends with on the app. Tell them to come to you if they receive a friend request from someone they don't know.

4. Know where to report

There is a chance that your child could come across inappropriate or upsetting content on Snapchat. If this happens, you should report it to the platform. To report a Snap or a story, press and hold on it, then select 'Report Snap'.

5. Talk about what is ok / not ok to share

Ensure that your child knows what personal and private information is, and what is, and is not, appropriate to share online.

6. Explore the safety features

Read below about the 10 safety features that are available, like privacy settings and 'Snapchat Family Centre'.

Snapchat Safety Tips

Family centre

Snapchat's new family centre gives you an overview of your child's activity on the app. By linking your account to your child's, you can see a list of their friends and who they have contacted in the last seven days – but not the content of those messages. Family centre also gives you access to a confidential reporting service that allows you to report any concerns directly to Snapchat's Trust and Safety team.

Ghost mode

Enabling this will stop other users from seeing your child's location. To edit location settings, go to the cog button in the right-hand corner of the screen. Then enable 'Ghost mode' and select 'until switched off' to make sure it stays enabled.

Limit contact from adult users

Snapchat has introduced restrictions to help limit unwanted contact from adults. Adults will not be allowed to add young people who are 17 and under unless they have a certain number of friends in common. This won't stop all contact from adults, but it will help to limit it.

Privacy settings

There are different privacy settings available that will help to limit who can see your child's account and contact them. Who can contact me – This lets you manage who can contact your child. Who can view my story – Here you can block specific people from viewing their story. To explore the different privacy settings available, select the cog in the righthand side of the screen and select 'Privacy'.

Default chat functions

By default, you can't chat to someone on Snapchat unless you are friends. Make sure to speak to your child about who they accept friend requests from.



Shoe-lace Challenge

We challenge all children in the juniors to be able to tie their shoelaces. We



