

Attendance

Whole school attendance
(18-03-2019 to 22-03-2019)

Year	%
1	84%
2	92%
3	97%
4	96%
5	95%
6	99%

Year	%
Nursery	79%
Reception	86%

Whole school attendance
4th Sept to 22th March

Year	%
1	96%
2	96%
3	97%
4	96%
5	96%
6	96%

Year	%
Nursery	85%
Reception	91%

What's your attendance grade?

A = 100% Excellent	
B = 98% Very good	
C = 95% Good	
D = 92% Satisfactory	
E = 90% Below Average	
F = 85% Poor	
E = 80% Unacceptable	

Congratulations to Year 6 with 99% Attendance

Attendance from Monday 18th to Friday 22nd for Key Stage 1 and 2 is 94%

School Attendance from 4th Sept to 22nd March for Key Stage 1 and 2 is 96%

Please ensure your child attends school unless they are too unwell to do so.

All children should be in school by 8.55am at the latest.



Alive in Jesus

THE MESSENGER

CATHOLIC LIFE



Thanks go to our Liturgy group who led mass on Ash Wednesday marking the beginning of Lent. This is a sombre time in the churches year where we are encouraged to pray more, give to others, and go without or do extra. The children will be raising money for local charities, thinking about those in our local community and outreach to the wider world.

A word from Pope Francis 'Lent helps us fight against any faults. We all Can improve and change for the better'.

Important Reminder

It is with great disappointment that I have to write to you, to say how concerned I am that some of you, a very small minority to be exact, feel that they have the authority to abuse our staff either on the playground, on the telephone and even more recently, on social media. You may, or may not know, that this action could be seen as defamation of character in the eyes of the law. This behaviour goes against all our Catholic Values here at St Paul's. However, in light of the majority of you who do follow our Gospel Values and our Mission Statement, I want to say a big 'thank you' to those of you who, when you do have a concern, follow the correct procedures by coming in to speak with us, knowing that we endeavour to sort things out. I hope this message is clear and that it doesn't have to be repeated in the future.

Hope you all have a lovely weekend,
Mrs N Damms

On-line 3 Minute Daily Retreat

The Jesuit Fathers provide an excellent resource for prayer and meditation. If you go on-line to www.loyolapress.com you will see that it provides a three minute daily retreat. This is an excellent way of doing something extra by way of prayer for the season of Lent. Just follow the instructions when accessing the reflection. The meditations provided are accompanied by scripture references and gentle background music.

Parents' Evening Consultations

Appointment bookings for parents' evening have now been sent out. Parents' evening will take place on Wednesday 27th March from 1.30pm – 6pm. Parents who do not live together in the same household as their child, will need to communicate together to choose an appointment time so that both parents can attend. A parent questionnaire will be issued whilst you wait for your appointment. We really appreciate you taking the time to complete these whilst you wait. Feedback from these helps us to further improve our school. Some parents have additional appointments to meet with Mrs Williams regarding your child's attendance – please check if you have received a letter regarding this.

Learning is the lifelong process of transforming information and experience into knowledge, skills, behaviour and attitudes.

Online Safety

Online safety continues to be a concern for schools and families up and down the country.

With the ever increasing ways children and young people have to interact online, it can be hard to keep up with everything.

However, there are lots of great websites for parents to use to give you information about how certain apps work, what you need to know as a parent and any tips to help you manage your child's safe usage.

The National Online Safety website (www.nationalonlinesafety.com) has some great easy to navigate posters for parents with top tips and everything you need to know.

We have included an example poster for WhatsApp for you to see the layout.

As a minimum, ensure all devices in your home which your children have access to are safely setup with parental controls. The poster 'Setting up a device safely for kids' is a great place to start!

If you have any concerns, please come and speak to a member of staff.



WhatsApp is one of the most popular messaging apps in the world, with more than 1.5 billion people in more than 180 countries using it to send and receive text, photos, videos and documents, as well as make voice and video calls through an internet or Wi-Fi connection. The free app offers end-to-end encryption, which means that messages can only be read by the sender and the recipient in one-to-one chats, or all members if it is a group chat. Not even WhatsApp can read them.

AGE RESTRICTION 16+

What parents need to know about WhatsApp

AGE LIMIT CHANGE
Since May 2016, the minimum age for using WhatsApp is 16 years old if you live in the European Union, including the UK. Prior to this, the minimum age was 13, which still applies for the rest of the world. WhatsApp has not yet stated whether it will take action against anyone aged between 13 and 16 who already had accounts under the old terms and conditions, such as closing their account or seeking parental permission.

SCAM MESSAGES
Occasionally on WhatsApp, people receive spam messages from unauthorised third parties or from fraudsters pretending to offer prizes or 'lucky people', encouraging recipients to click on a link or use a game. A common scam involves messages warning recipients that their WhatsApp account has been suspended or that they need to pay a fee to avoid losing their account. Other scam messages include requests for a reward or gift from WhatsApp or another person.

FAKE NEWS AND HOAXES
WhatsApp has been linked to spreading the spread of dangerous viral rumours. In India, for example, a number of attacks appear to have been sparked by false rumours shared on WhatsApp.

THE 'ONLY ADMIN' FEATURE AND CYBERBULLYING
Cyberbullying is the act of sending threatening or taunting text messages, voice messages, pictures and videos, with the aim to hurt and humiliate the receiver. The group chat and 'only admin' feature are great for multiple people to chat with their friends or family. The 'only admin' feature gives the admin of a group chat greater control over who can send messages. However, this feature can also be used to bully someone. If you are a parent, you should consider blocking any messages from people who are cyberbullying your child. If you are a child, you should report any cyberbullying to a trusted adult.

CONNECTING WITH STRANGERS
To start a chat in WhatsApp, you need to know the mobile number of the contact you want to speak to and they also need to have the app downloaded. WhatsApp can find contacts by accessing the address book of a device and recommending contacts who are using WhatsApp. If your child has shared their mobile number with someone, they should know they can use it to get in touch via WhatsApp.

LIVE LOCATION SHARING
WhatsApp's 'Live Location' feature enables users to share their current location in real time to their contacts in a chat, allowing friends to see their movements. The feature, which can be found by pressing the attach button, is described by WhatsApp as a 'fun and secure way to let people know where you are'. Location sharing is already a common feature on other social apps, including Snapchat, Instagram and Facebook Messenger, and can be a useful way for a child to let loved ones know they are safe. However, if your child is in a group chat with people they do not know, they will be exposing their location.

Top Tips for Parents

CREATE A SAFE PROFILE
Even though it's not possible to see who has viewed your profile, it's a good idea to add a photo and status, as an extra security measure to suggest you're a real person. The options to choose from are 'Everyone', 'My Contacts' and 'Nobody'. We suggest selecting 'My Contacts' or 'Nobody' to ensure your profile is protected.

EXPLAIN HOW TO BLOCK PEOPLE
If your child has received spam or offensive messages, calls or photos from a contact, they should block them. Messages and status updates sent by a blocked contact will not show up on the phone and will stay undelivered. If the blocked contact tries to remove this contact from the contact list, they will need to be removed from the phone's address book. To block a contact, your child needs to open the parent's chat screen and tap on the settings.

REPORT SCAM MESSAGES
Advise your child to tap 'Report' on any message that looks suspicious or sounds too good to be true. When your child reports a message from an unknown number for the first time, they will be given the option to report the number as spam directly inside the chat. They can also report a contact or a group as spam using the following steps: 1) Open the chat. 2) Tap on the contact or group name to open their profile information. 3) Scroll to the bottom and tap 'Report Spam'.

DELETE ACCIDENTAL MESSAGES
If your child has sent a message that they are not happy with, they can delete it. To do this, open the message, choose 'Delete' and then 'Delete for everyone'. The app allows you to delete a message before it has been sent, but it is important to remember that recipients may have seen and screenshot a message before it was deleted.

SET TIME LIMITS
A 2017 survey found that 55% of 11-15 year olds used WhatsApp for more than three hours a week. Although it is inevitable that your child will use technology, you can set boundaries. This is not easy, especially since teens use their devices for both schoolwork and free time, often simultaneously.

National Online Safety

www.nationalonlinesafety.com



SETTING UP A DEVICE SAFELY FOR KIDS

YOUTUBE
SETTINGS → TICK SAFE SEARCH FILTERING → TICK STRICT

TURN OFF IN APP PURCHASES
SETTINGS → GENERAL → RESTRICTIONS → TURN OFF IN APP PURCHASES (NOT GREEN)

DISABLE SAFARI BROWSER
(IF YOU DON'T WANT THEM SEARCHING ANYTHING!)
SETTINGS → GENERAL → RESTRICTIONS → ALLOWED CONTENT

MAKE ITUNES SAFE
(TO KEEP DEVICES SEPARATE WHERE YOUR ITUNES ACCOUNT HAS BEEN CONNECTED TO)
ITUNES ON YOUR COMPUTER → EDIT → PREFERENCES → DECIDE WHICH SHOWS AND RATINGS ARE APPROPRIATE FOR THIS DEVICE AND OTHER DEVICES

SAFARI
SETTINGS → GENERAL → RESTRICTIONS → SET IT UP THE WAY YOU WANT IT AND APPROPRIATE FOR YOUR CHILDREN

DISALLOW UPLOADING OR DELETING OF APPS
SETTINGS → GENERAL → RESTRICTIONS → INSTALLING APPS OR DELETING APPS

GUIDED ACCESS
(FOR KIDS TO STAY WITHIN AN APP, TO AVOID GOING TO OTHER APPS AND WEBSITES)
SETTINGS → GENERAL → RESTRICTIONS → SCROLL DOWN TO LEARNING & ACCESSIBILITY → GUIDED ACCESS → TOGGLE ON

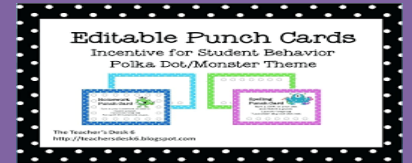
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Used books

Many parents spend a great deal of money on buying books for their children to enjoy. Often children outgrow these books and parents are not sure what to do with them. The school is greatly appreciative to those parents who donate their children's old home reading books when they no longer have use of them. If you wish to donate any home reading books please hand them into the office. This way the books will continue to be enjoyed by the pupils.

School Council Latest News....

We received suggestions in our School Council Post Box that lots of children would like to see some changes to our classroom behaviour policy (we currently use a happy and sad side system). After speaking with Mrs Damms, classes have had the opportunity to discuss their ideas further.



On Wednesday 13th March we had an extended School Council Meeting and debated all the different ideas. We voted on lots of different suggestions.

We think we have now designed a more colourful and motivating system that will allow us to receive daily rewards and will inform you, our parents, more regularly of our successes or times when you may need to talk to us about our behaviour.

We will be presenting our ideas to the Senior Management Team and hopefully to the School Governors shortly. We are hoping that the new system chosen by the children of St Paul's school will be up and running in the Summer Term.

VIRTUES

The following children were chosen for demonstrating the virtues of **Learned** and **Wise**

Y1	Jake	Y2	All of Year 2	Y3	Jayikel
Y4	Keeley	Y5	Eniola	Y6	Kwaku

SPECIAL MENTION

These children were chosen by their class teachers:

Y1	Charlotte & David- James	Y2	Zoe & Phoebe	Y3	Levi & Harry
Y4	Charlie & Asem	Y5	Riley- Jay & Shyla	Y6	Emily & Tyler

Dates to keep

- 27th March- Parent Consultations
- 28th March- Year 1 Mass 9am school hall
- 31st March- Confirmation 11am St Pauls Church
- 4th April- Talent Show KS2 School Hall 1.30pm to 3.00pm
- 9th April- Easter Bonnet Parade NUR- Year 2 School Hall 2.00pm- 3.00pm
- 11th April- Easter Disco- Reception/ Year1 and Year2 2.00pm- 3.00pm, Years 3/4/5/6 3.15pm- 4.15pm
- 12th April- End of Term Congratulation assembly School Hall 9.00am
- 15th to 26th April- Easter Holidays/ School closed- Normal Time
- 29th April- Teacher Training Day
- 30th April- School re-opens at 8:45am