



FRIDAY NEWS

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The official newsletter of St James CE Primary School

This Anti-Bullying Week,
let's make a noise about bullying.



ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

As part of this year's Anti-Bullying Week campaign, we are urging everyone to think about what we mean by 'banter', the role 'banter' plays in bullying and how we can tackle it.

Banter is defined as 'the playful and friendly exchange of teasing remarks' and 'banter' or 'jokes' can play an important role in friendships. However, sometimes these behaviours can be taken too far such that the behaviours constitute bullying and can be downplayed when people try to pass these behaviours off as 'just banter' or 'it was just a joke'.

Therefore, we have spent the week completing activities to teach us to be more mindful of our words and actions and learning to be the 'kindness' in the world.

Also, we have been reminded our children how to recognise bullying and who to report it to if they come across it.

STARS OF THE WEEK

- Class 1 - Zayyan W
- Class 2 - Ava Y
- Class 3 - Dua A
- Class 4 - Michael M
- Class 5 - Isaac W
- Class 6 - Brooke B
- Class 7 - Tallulah-Rose L
- Class 8 - David O
- Class 9 - Joseph M
- Class 10 - Kacper S
- Class 11 - Lola H

GOLD SCROLL

Liliana C, Madison R, Oscar W,
Tianna W, Zohan A, Anna D,
Charlie H, David W, Isaac Wi,
Jessica C, Leila W, Ashaal A,
Faith Y, Ruby River P, Mitzy W,
Isaac Wa, Alicia L, Lexi G,
Hing S, Daniel O, Eva-Rose S,
Dua A, Francis N, Joseph M,
Felicity P, Myles C, David M,
Tallulah-Rose L, Jessica N,
Farrell S, Jakes S, Sophia B,
Shahaine J, Lucas R, Willow M,
Tobi-Jaye B

CHRISTIAN VALUE

Our Christian value this half term is
Peace.

BIBLE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*Blessed are the peacekeepers, for
they will be called the children of
God. Romans 12:18*



CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Children in and around Gaza are living through a nightmare – one that gets more distressing by the hour. The children caught up in this terrible conflict – who had nothing to do with causing it –urgently need help.

On Thursday 7th December, we will take part in Christmas Jumper Day. Children can wear Christmas jumpers on this day for a donation of £1 with all proceeds going to Save The Children International. Donations will go to help provide lifesaving resources such as food, clean water, clothing and blankets.

ATTENDANCE

If you have been keeping an eye on our attendance, you may have noticed that our whole school percentage has taken a sudden dip. We know this has not been helped by the surge in Chicken Pox cases. But as the days become colder and wetter, we need to make sure that all children are in school every day, on time.

Don't forget that we will hold our termly raffle for those with an attendance of 96% or better. A child from EY/KS1 and a child from KS2 will win £50 in Amazon vouchers.

Our school target is 96% and we all need to work together to get as close to this target as possible. If you have any concerns about your child's attendance or getting to school, please come and speak to a member of staff.

ATTENDANCE

OUR TARGET IS 96%

Whole School	92.4%
Class 1	88.6%
Class 2	89.7%
Class 3	91.3%
Class 4	89.1%
Class 5	93.6%
Class 6	94.6%
Class 7	92.4%
Class 8	92.0%
Class 9	94.8%
Class 10	92.2%
Class 11	94.6%

Green: 100% - 95%

Yellow: 94.9% - 90%

Red: Below 90%

Don't forget that you can find lots of information on our website:

www.st-james-farnworth.bolton.sch.uk or follow us on



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Christmas Events

Christmas Markets

Friday 1st December at 2 pm

School will close at 2pm to accommodate this start time.

Christmas Performances

*EYFS Nativity - Tues 12th December at 9:30 am & Wed 13th
December at 2:15 pm.*

*KS1 Christingle - Tues 12th December at 2:15 pm & Wed 13th
December at 9:30 am.*

Year 3 & 4 Carol Service - Friday 15th at 2:30 pm.

Christmas Parties

EYFS & Classes 3, 4 & 5 - Monday 18th December

Classes 6, 7 & 8 - Tuesday 19th December

Classes 9, 10 & 11 - Wednesday 20th December

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

WHATSAPP

AGE RESTRICTION
16+

in UK and Europe;
rest of the world 13+

With more than two billion active users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls, WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service. Its end-to-end encryption only allows messages to be viewed by the sender and any recipients: not even WhatsApp itself can read them. This privacy issue has been in the spotlight recently, as the UK's Online Safety Bill proposes to end such encryption on private messaging; WhatsApp is unwilling to do so and has reportedly considered withdrawing its service in the UK should this legislation go ahead.

...MSG ME...

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

EVOLVING SCAMS

WhatsApp's popularity makes it a lucrative hunting ground for scammers. Recent examples include posing as the target's child, requesting a money transfer because of a spurious 'emergency'. Plus a scam where fraudsters trigger a verification message by attempting to log in to your account, then (posing as WhatsApp) call or text to ask you to repeat the code back to them, giving them access.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

To start a chat, someone only needs the mobile number of the WhatsApp user that they want to message. If your child has ever given their number out to someone they don't know, that person could then contact them via WhatsApp. It's also possible that your child might be added to a group chat (by one of their friends, for example) containing other people that they don't know.

FAKE NEWS

WhatsApp's connectivity and ease of use allows news to be shared rapidly - whether it's true or not. To combat the spread of misinformation, messages forwarded more than five times on the app now display a "Forwarded many times" label and a double arrow icon. This makes users aware that the message they've just received is far from an original ... and might not be entirely factual, either.

ONLINE

'VIEW ONCE' CONTENT

The facility to send images or messages that can only be viewed once has led to some WhatsApp users sharing inappropriate images or abusive texts, knowing that the recipient can't re-open them later to use as evidence of misconduct. People used to be able to screenshot this 'disappearing' content - but a recently added WhatsApp feature now blocks this, citing increased privacy.

CHAT LOCK

Another new option allows users to store certain messages or chats in a separate 'locked chats' folder, saved behind a passcode, fingerprint or face ID authentication. The risk here is that this function creates the potential for young people to hide conversations and content that they suspect their parents wouldn't approve of (such as age-inappropriate material).

VISIBLE LOCATION

WhatsApp's 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, which can be helpful for friends meeting up or parents checking that their child's safely on the way home, for example. However, anyone in your child's contacts list or in a mutual group chat can also track their location - potentially letting strangers identify a child's home address or journeys that they make regularly.

Advice for Parents & Carers

...TYPING...

EMPHASISE CAUTION

Encourage your child to treat unexpected messages with caution: get them to consider, for example, whether the message sounds like something a friend or relative would really send them. Make sure they know never to share personal details over WhatsApp, and to be wary of clicking on any links in messages. Setting up two-step verification adds a further layer of protection to their WhatsApp account.



THINKING BEFORE SHARING

Help your child to understand why it's important to stop and think before posting or forwarding something on WhatsApp. It's easy - and all too common - for content to then be shared more widely (even publicly on social media). Encourage your child to consider how an ill-judged message might damage their reputation or upset a friend who sent something to them in confidence.

ADJUST THE SETTINGS

It's wise to change your child's WhatsApp settings (go to 'Privacy', then 'Groups') to specify which of their contacts can add them to group chats without needing approval: you can give permission to 'My Contacts' or 'My Contacts Except ...'. Additionally, if your child needs to use 'live location', emphasise that they should enable this function for only as long as they need - and then turn it off.



CHAT ABOUT PRIVACY

Some parents like to check in with their child about how they're using WhatsApp, explaining that it will help to keep them safe. If you spot a 'Locked Chats' folder, you might want to talk about the sort of chats that are in there, who they're with and why your child wants to keep them hidden. Also, if your child has sent any 'view once' content, you could discuss their reasons for using this feature.



Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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