

Risk Assessment

Some of you may have already seen that our reviewed and updated risk assessment is now up on the school website. It can be found by clicking [HERE](#).

The Reading Challenge is back!

Due to the success of our reading challenges last year, we have decided to launch another challenge for this academic year! This year's challenge is called the bronze, silver and gold book challenge, and children will earn certificates throughout the year for reading a certain number of books. Please see the pdf sent home with this week's newsletter for more information about the challenge. All the children in school, from nursery to year 6, participated in a reading assembly with Miss Coy, to launch the challenge! It starts today and will finish in July next year. Good luck children and happy reading!

Friendship Week – ODD SOCKS DAY

Odd Socks Day will take place on **Monday 16th November** to encourage children to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique. All you have to do to take part is wear odd socks to school, it couldn't be simpler! Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun!

Online Safety

We understand that it can be hard for parents to keep up to date with the apps and websites that your children are using online and therefore we thought it would be useful to share this [website](#) which has been put together by Education Child Protection. The aim of the website is to keep parents informed about the games, apps and websites your children are currently using. When looking up a game, website or app you will be given a summary of what it is, what the minimum age is, what the online safety experts say and safety tips to consider. An example is shown below.

Parents can also sign up to regular updates from the company to ensure you are kept informed of any updates to the website.

FORTNITE

MINIMUM AGE: 12

WHAT IS IT? 100 players leap out of a plane on to a small island and then fight to the death until only one is left

WHAT WE SAY: Treat with caution.

The content of the game is not a massive issue - although inadvisable for young children
There is a lot of chat with strangers within the game, so a good idea to talk to children about disabling the chat altogether
A very addictive game, due to its repetitive nature, so time limits are highly recommended.

SAFETY TIPS TO CONSIDER:

- Safer to have private parties with just friends than playing with strangers
- Chat function can be disabled
- Children become very addicted

Lost Property

We have noticed an increasing amount of lost property around the school. Please remember to ensure all of your child's items of clothing are named. If you labelled them in ink at the beginning of term, please check this hasn't now been washed out. Thank you for your support in ensuring any lost items make their way back to the child.

**Safeguarding is
our TOP
priority**

Safeguarding and Child Protection at St Catherine's is EVERYONES responsibility and is taken extremely seriously. Leaflets for parents and visitors outlining the school guidelines on safeguarding are available outside the school office. We also have a dedicated Safeguarding page on our website with a number of associated policies and details of our designated Safeguarding team. Please contact one of the team at any time if you have concerns.

World Day of the Poor:

The 15th November 2020 is the fourth World Day of the Poor. It is a day where we are all called to come together and consider who may be in need in our communities and what we could be doing to help, especially in the run up to Christmas

Pope Francis has given the theme 'Stretch forth your hand to the poor', drawn from the Old Testament book of Sirach. Please have a look at the 'Advent Giving Calendar' attached to the newsletter for some ideas of how you can reach out to those in need during the season of Advent, as we prepare for a Christmas like no other.

Remembrance Day

On Wednesday we observed a 2 minute silence in memory of the fallen. Thank you to everyone who has helped us raise money for the Royal British Legion by purchasing a poppy or other merchandise.

Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus said: "At that time the Kingdom of heaven will be like this. Once there was a man who was about to go on a journey; he called his servants and put them in charge of his property. He gave to each one according to his ability: to one he gave 5,000 gold coins, to another he gave 2,000, and to another he gave 1,000. Then he left on his journey. The servant who had received 5,000 coins went at once and invested his money and earned another 5,000. In the same way the servant who had received 2,000 coins earned another 2,000. But the servant who had received 1,000 coins went off, dug a hole in the ground, and hid his master's money.

"After a long time the master of those servants came back and settled accounts with them. The servant who had received 5,000 coins came in and handed over the other 5,000. 'You gave me 5,000 coins, sir,' he said. 'Look! Here are another 5,000 that I have earned.' 'Well done, you good and faithful servant!' said his master. 'You have been faithful in managing small amounts, so I will put you in charge of large amounts. Come on in and share my happiness!'

Then the servant who had been given 2,000 coins came in and said, 'You gave me 2,000 coins, sir. Look! Here are another 2,000 that I have earned.' 'Well done, you good and faithful servant!' said his master. 'You have been faithful in managing small amounts, so I will put you in charge of large amounts. Come on in and share my happiness!'

Then the servant who had received 1,000 coins came in and said, 'Sir, I know you are a hard man; you reap harvests where you did not sow, and you gather crops where you did not scatter seed. I was afraid, so I went off and hid your money in the ground. Look! Here is what belongs to you.'

'You bad and lazy servant!' his master said. 'You knew, did you, that I reap harvests where I did not sow, and gather crops where I did not scatter seed? Well, then, you should have deposited my money in the bank, and I would have received it all back with interest when I returned. Now, take the money away from him and give it to the one who has 10,000 coins. For to every person who has something, even more will be given, and he will have more than enough; but the person who has nothing, even the little that he has will be taken away from him. As for this useless servant—throw him outside in the darkness; there he will cry and grind his teeth.'

Sunday 15th November 2020

*Give thanks
in all
circumstances
for this is
the will of God
in Christ Jesus
concerning
you.
1 Thessalonians 5:18*

House Stars

Well done to all of our children who have earned stars this week!

Gabriel	504
Michael	494
Uriel	479
Raphael	482

The Week Ahead:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Odd Socks Day for Friendship Week		1:30 Prospective Parent Meeting	1:30 Prospective Parent Meeting	Year 2 Detective Day



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