



The Pope's Prayer of Intention – February

For the terminally ill:

Let us pray that the sick who are in the final stages of life, and their families, receive the necessary medical and human care and accompaniment

'Well Done'

to the following pupils who received special awards this week:

Reception - Luna, Rowan T, Mattie

Year 1 – Noah, Anthony, Olivia T

Year 2 – Ernie, Jasper, Jamelia

Year 3 – Milan, Alasdair, Bea

Year 4 – Danny, Charlie, Clemmie

Year 5 – Skylar, Alfie, Emily

Year 6 - Harry, Ava, Freddie



Message from the Headteacher

On the 31st January, a group of Y6 children went to a hockey tournament at Chipping Norton Secondary School to compete against four other schools: Kingham, Hook Norton, Charlbury and St. Mary's. There was a boys' team (Ethan, Harry, Ruben, Mickey, Hansel, Arlo and Daniel) and a girls' team (Iris, Frankie, Amelie, Mathilda, Amelie, Bea, Ava, Molly and Harry)! Harry played in goal for both teams which was amazing because the goalie's kit was really hard to get on and off! The girls won 2 games and drew 2 games and they won the girls tournament. The boys played really well winning two games and drawing one. They were second in the boys tournament.

Written by Iris Year 6

Well done everyone, you all played brilliantly and you were a credit to our school.

Today, we have been lucky enough to have the ladies from Kingham Lodge visit us for a clay workshop. The children in were able to create some very impressive time capsules.

Next Tuesday is Internet Safety Day. www.whiteboardblog.co.uk provides an excellent guide for parents of primary age children. Please take some time to have a look. We will also be talking to the children in school about internet safety.

Express Yourself Day! Friday 9th February 2024

Next week, it is Children's Mental Health Week. This year's theme is 'My Voice Matters'.

My Voice Matters is about empowering children and young people by providing them with the tools they need to express themselves. This also links to our Catholic Social Teaching theme, the Dignity of the human person.

We're all different – we all have different things that make us tick and that bring a smile to our face. We are having an 'Express Yourself' day on Friday 9th February to celebrate what makes our children unique with an incredibly fun dress-up day – this could be sharing their favourite hobby, such as skateboarding or dancing, or wearing their favourite colour or accessory. Or it could just be coming in as themselves. 'Express Yourself' is about letting children's voice shine through and empowering them to tell their own stories!

This Week in Photos



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Dates for Autumn Term	
Wednesday 7 th February	Year 5 & 6 Choir Workshop
	Year 4 Ball Skills Tournament
	Reception & Year 6 Height and Weight Checks
Friday 9 th February	Express Yourself Day (NEW)
Monday 12 th February	Half Term Holiday
Thursday 22 nd February	Chair of St Peter Mass
Wednesday 6 th March	Year 1 Dance Festival
Wednesday 13 th March	Year 2 & 3 Multi Skills Festival
Tuesday 19 th March	Parent Consultation Evening
Wednesday 20 th March	Year 5 Chipping Norton Music Festival
Thursday 21 st March	Parent Consultation Evening
Tuesday 26 th March	Holy Week Mass
Thursday 27 th March	Year 3 & 4 Easter Production
Thursday 28 th March	School Closes at 12.05pm for Easter
Tuesday 16 th April	Beginning of Term Mass
Tuesday 18 th April	Year 1 Trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park
Wednesday 24 th April	Year 4 MFL Festival
Wednesday 8 th May	U10s Rugby Tournament
	Confirmation Service - 7pm
Thursday 9 th May	Ascension Day Mass
Monday 13 th - Thursday 16 th May	SATS Week
Monday 20 th - Friday 24 th May	Year 6 Yenworthy Residential
Wednesday 22 nd May	First Reconciliation - During School (NEW)
Monday 27 th May	Half Term Holiday
Monday 3 rd June	INSET
Wednesday 5 th June	Class Photos - NEW DATE
Sunday 9 th June	First Holy Communion - 11am (NEW)
Monday 10 th - Wednesday 12 th June	Year 4 Everdon Residential Trip (NEW)
Wednesday 19 th June	Year 5 Drama Workshop
	U11 Cricket Tournament
Friday 21 st June	Sports Day
Friday 28 th June	Backup Sports Day
Wednesday 3 rd July	Year 5 Kids in the Kitchen
Thursday 4 th July	Year 6 Transitions Days - CNS
	Whole School Move Up Day
	Meet the Teacher Afternoon - 3.15pm
Friday 5 th July	Year 6 Transitions Days - CNS



Online Safety Newsletter February 2024

Snapchat: new controls

What is Snapchat?

Snapchat is a social media app used for messaging and sharing photos and videos. **You must be 13+ to sign up.** Users can send messages (snaps) to others that are only seen for a set time e.g., 10 seconds and users can also upload snaps to stories, which disappear after 24 hours.



You can find out more about Snapchat here: <https://parents.snapchat.com/en-GB>

Family Center: new features

Snapchat are expanding the features available to you in their Family Center, allowing parents to view:

- story settings: you will be able to see who your child is sharing their story with e.g. all their friends or a smaller group.
- contact settings: see who your child can be contacted by (by people they have added as a friend or their phone contacts).
- if your child is sharing their location with friends on the Snap Map.

In addition, you will be able to restrict the use of Snapchat's 'My AI.' You can find out more here:

<https://values.snap.com/en-GB/news/expanding-our-in-app-parental-tools-2024>

More information

The NSPCC provide further information about Snapchat, **the risks involved** with using Snapchat and **tips to help keep your child safe** if they are using Snapchat.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/is-snapchat-safe-for-my-child/>

At what age can my child start using social networks?

Internet Matters have produced this fantastic resource highlighting the minimum age limits for a variety of social media platforms as well as outlining the risks of being underage on social media. You can find out more here:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/what-age-can-my-child-start-social-networking>

Reality Check from Parent Zone



Most VR Headsets have a minimum age recommendation of 13+ and VR games are rated by PEGI too so check their age rating/suitability.

Parent Zone, VoiceBox and Meta have created a series of videos explaining the safety and parental control tools available when using VR and how to have a conversation with your child about VR. Find out more here:

<https://parentzone.org.uk/realitycheck>

Online Safety advice for Early Years

Internet Matters have teamed up with EE to create 'Online Safety Starts Early.' This is a 4-episode series, for those with children in Early Years. Episode one highlights how to create positive habits from the beginning and then provides links to additional resources.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/0-5/online-safety-video-guides-early-years/>

EE Learn

EE Learn includes an array of information and guidance on how to keep your child safe online, for example tips on how to help your child when they are online. Find out more here:

<https://ee.co.uk/do-more-with-ee/learn>

PlayStation



Does your child have a PlayStation? If so, have you set up appropriate parental controls? Some examples of the parental controls available are:

- Set age restrictions,
- Set daily limits,
- Control chat and messaging,
- Set spend limits.

How can I block/report other players?

If your child is playing with other players, then please ensure they know how to report/block other players and to tell a trusted adult if they do come across anything upsetting or that they are unsure of. This link details how to do this based on the device they have:

<https://www.playstation.com/en-gb/support/account/block-players-psn/>

What games are suitable for my child?

PlayStation have included a list of games along with their age rating to help you find a game that may be appropriate for your child to play.

<https://www.playstation.com/en-gb/editorial/great-ps4-games-for-kids-and-families/>

Whilst age ratings do allow you to see if a game may be appropriate, it is also important to review the game yourself and see if it includes additional features such as chat. This will allow you to make an informed decision as to whether it is suitable and if you need to apply further parental controls.

Further information

You can find out more about the controls available here:

<https://www.playstation.com/en-gb/parental-controls/>

YouTube Shorts

You should be over 13 to post videos on YouTube. YouTube Shorts are short videos which are similar in format to videos you find on TikTok or Instagram Reels. 'Shorts' are available to watch on the YouTube homepage or on the Shorts tab in the app. As they are quick to watch, they can be addictive and lead to excessive screen time. If your child is watching these videos, ensure they know that there is a report button.

The INEQUE Safeguarding Group discuss this feature in more detail here:

<https://ineqe.com/2021/07/01/youtube-shorts-need-to-know/>

3rd February

Free!
For ages
4+

SATURDAY STORYTIME

AT CHIPPING NORTON LIBRARY

Join us for a story at 11am

First Saturday of every month

**This is a drop-in event so there's no
need to book**



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