



INSKIP ST. PETER'S C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Learning, Loving and Living with Jesus



Keep your roots deep in Jesus Christ the Lord, build your lives on him

and always be thankful. *Colossians 2:7*

Compassion Friendship Respect Forgiveness Trust Thankfulness

Week Beginning Monday 16th January 2023



On Monday we welcomed **Harry** and **Isaac** and their two families to our school, we look forward to getting to know you all well!

Author Visit



On **Tuesday 31st January** we have the internationally best-selling author **A F Steadman** visiting our Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 children here in school to talk about her writing and book '**Skandar and The Unicorn Thief**'.

AF (Annabel) Steadman will talk about her inspirations for her blockbuster hit **SKANDAR AND THE UNICORN THIEF** – recently crowned **Waterstone's Children's Book of the Year**, translated in 45+ languages and with a **film by Sony Pictures** around the corner.

Once again we are extremely fortunate that this visit is free of charge to our school thanks to the generosity of Elaine Silverwood, the bookseller and author event organiser from the local bookshop 'Book Bean and Ice Cream' in Kirkham, who is bringing the author to our school.

We have invited children from other local schools to come to our school and share this wonderful event with us.



Sing Together

The children in Upper and Middle School are very excited to be taking part in the **Let's Go Sing concert** at **King George's Hall, Blackburn on Friday 10th March** at 6pm. They have been practising and you no doubt parents have been able to listen to some of their beautiful voices as they practise at home.



This concert is where children from schools around Lancashire come together to produce some amazing music. It really is a treat to be able to watch the children. We are always so proud of them representing our school and all the hard work they have put in.

We would love for you to come along and support the children as they perform in this exciting and uplifting event. Tickets for the concert are available via the King George's Hall website www.bwdvenues.com and box office 01254 582579.

Christian Values

Our Christian value theme this half term is '**Compassion**'.

Here's a way of exploring this theme at home.



READ TOGETHER...

The good Samaritan

When someone asked Jesus the question, "Who is my neighbour?" he told a story that surprised everyone who heard it. The hero was from Samaria but those listening were mainly Jews. (Jews and Samaritans usually kept well away from each other.)

"A man set out on foot from Jerusalem to a town called Jericho", said Jesus. The crowd murmured and exchanged knowing glances. They knew this was a lonely, dangerous road, a favourite place for robbers to attack travellers.

"As the man reached a rocky and desolate place, a gang of robbers leapt out and beat him. They took all that he had and left him bleeding and bruised. To the man's relief, he saw in the distance a priest from the temple. A priest is bound to help me, thought the man. He waited until the priest came a little closer and then called out, 'Thank goodness it is you. Please Sir, take me to safety.' But to his amazement the priest hurried past pretending not to see or hear him.

As the poor, injured man grew weaker and weaker in the burning midday sun, he once again heard footsteps. Looking up he saw a Levite, another of his own people. 'Please Sir, please help me', he called out. Surely this Levite would take pity on him, but to his horror the Levite just kept on walking.

The man had almost given up hope when he felt a gentle touch on his shoulder. A stranger, a Samaritan, had bent down beside him and was bandaging his wounds and giving him sips of water to drink. The Samaritan helped the man on to his own donkey and slowly, carefully took him all the way to an inn. There he paid the innkeeper to look after the man until he was well. The man never forgot the **compassion** and kindness of the Samaritan stranger."

"Who do you think was a good neighbour?" asked Jesus.

Bible story based on Luke 10:29-37



QUIZ The Stranger on the road was kind....

Change one letter in the word to answer the next clue.

The traveller was attacked as he walked along the	R O A D
Watching from the rocks was a small creature like a frog	_____
The Samaritan _____ the innkeeper to look after the man	_____
The Samaritan acted with courage. He was _____	_____
We sometimes talk about the _____ of friendship (rhymes with pond)	_____
Wrap tightly with a bandage (rhymes with find)	_____
The Samaritan in the story was	_____

Online Activity

We all want our children to be safe online and with that in mind we will be providing you with information about online behaviours, apps and games which will be useful to you in supporting your child to stay safe. This will also support the daily teaching of online safety at school.

This week we inform parents and carers about 'World of Warcraft'.

Please also take a look on our website at [Our Safeguarding](#) page where you will discover our 2022-23 new academic year safeguarding.

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one game of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about OF WORLD WARCRAFT

AGE RESTRICTION
12+

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ALWAYS ONLINE
World of Warcraft is an MMORPG, which stands for Massively Multiplayer Online Role-Playing Game. Players create a character and head off on mythical quests to earn rewards and become more powerful. The game's environment is absolutely vast, and it can only be played online on PC or Mac – so there's a high probability of young Warcraft fans wanting to monopolise the family computer.

REGULAR EXPANSIONS
As is common with many MMORPGs, World of Warcraft's developers, Blizzard, release regular expansions for the game (usually every 18 months to two years). So although there's still plenty of content for young players to experience right now, there will almost inevitably be a requirement to continue buying future expansion packs, which tend to cost around £50.

IN-GAME PURCHASES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS
Just like its genre contemporary Final Fantasy XIV, World of Warcraft requires a monthly subscription fee to play. It's currently £9.99 per month (although you can get it cheaper by signing up to a longer subscription). There are also many items which can be purchased from the in-game store that don't affect gameplay, but instead offer cosmetic alterations to a player's character.

VOICE AND TEXT CHAT
Because World of Warcraft is played exclusively on PCs and Macs, it's easy for users to type out text messages if they aren't comfortable using voice chat. If you'll forgive the pun, that's a double-edged sword because – although there's less chance of them being harassed verbally – it puts young players at increased risk of being trolled or receiving spam through the in-game messaging function.

SIMULATED VIOLENCE
The fact that World of Warcraft is almost 20 years old means that even its most violent battles look slightly cartoonish compared with the level of authenticity in many more modern games. The exception tends to be Warcraft's in-game cutscenes: animated sections which move the plot onto the next stage. These offer more realistic visuals, but they still aren't overly gory or scary.

POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION
World of Warcraft can trigger a powerful "just one more quest" mentality in players (especially young ones) as they rush to secure the next dopamine hit from levelling their character up or earning a new item or weapon. It's also a game that doesn't have a definite 'end' because as soon as a player finishes levelling up one character, they can start afresh with another one.

Advice for Parents & Carers

MANAGE PLAYTIME
World of Warcraft can be an extremely enjoyable game to play with friends, but it's important that your child doesn't let their adventures crowd out school work, socialising or anything else they also enjoy. You could, for example, consider imposing playtime limits – such as a set number of hours to play Warcraft per week, or restricting it to particular days or just weekends.

MAKE IT A REWARD
If your child is excited about getting the next World of Warcraft expansion, you could consider using it as a reward for completing their weekly tasks (you could even call them 'quests') like tidying their room or doing their homework. This will demonstrate that you're happy for them to play the game but will also help them to build good, productive habits, reinforcing that hard work earns rewards.

SIGN UP FOR THE FREE TRIAL
Warcraft's monthly subscription effectively 'pays' for the regular new content, but there's also a sizeable free trial that lets new players explore the world of Azeroth without paying a penny. Players can play up until level 20 for free, which is easily several hours' worth of gameplay. If your child does take this option, we'd suggest minimising in-game spending by not linking a bank card to their account.

REMEMBER THE AGE RATING
Due to mild violence and the occasional use of offensive language, World of Warcraft has been rated as appropriate for players aged 12 and over by PEGI (the Pan-European Game Information system, which gives games their age certificate). It isn't really suitable for anyone below that age, so you may potentially have to explain this reasoning to your younger children if they want to play it.

ADVENTURE TOGETHER
Warcraft can certainly be addictive, but playing it together is also a great way to spend time with your child. The game's focus on cooperative questing and battling enemies can make it feel like you've accomplished something as a team, and you'll also be in a prime position to spot any early signs of addiction. Just remember to apply gaming time limits to yourself as well as your young ones!

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is Games Editor of technology and entertainment website Denshi and has been working in the gaming media for three years. A long-time gaming enthusiast, he is also a parent and therefore a keen advocate of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have also been published on influential sites including IGN and TechRadar, among others.

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School Website

Please take a look at our school blogs and see lots of the inspiring learning your children have been doing in class. Click on the title of the blog to open it in a new window. Please comment at the bottom of the blog posts your thoughts of encouragement for the children to read.

Lower School

[Jack & The Beanstalk](#)

[Beanstalks](#)

[Snow Writing](#)

[EYFS Snow Fun](#)

Middle School

[Action Packed Week](#)

[Its Electric!](#)

[Expanded Noun Phrases](#)

Upper School

[Lets Go Sing!](#)

News

[Library Van Visits](#)

Dates for the diary:-

Friday 27th January	Library Van Visit
Tuesday 31st January	Author Visit—A F Steadman
Friday 10th February	School Closes for Spring Half Term
Monday 20th February	School Reopens
Wednesday 1st March	Secondary School Offers Confirmed
Friday 10th March	Sing Together
Tuesday 21st March	Friends Meeting
Friday 31st March	School Closes for Easter
Monday 17th April	Primary School Offers Confirmed
Monday 17th April	School Reopens

Clubs:-

MONDAY 16th	8:00am	Breakfast Club
	3:30pm	Sports Club with Corey
TUESDAY 17th	8:00am	Breakfast Club
	3:30pm	Tennis with Simon
WEDNESDAY 18th	8:00am	Breakfast Club
	3:30pm	Forest School with Claire
THURSDAY 19th	8:00am	Breakfast Club
	3:30pm	Sports Club with Corey
FRIDAY 20th	8:00am	Breakfast Club
	3:30pm	Football Club with Corey



Birthdays this week:

Reagan for 21st January

Sian for 21st January