



Warton St Paul's

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'Believe, Belong, Be the Best that you can Be'

"Whatever you do in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord" Colossians 3:17

Friday 4th October 2024

Newsletter

Thank you to all of our wonderful families who came and supported our Macmillan Coffee Morning. It was wonderful to chat to so many of you. Our youngest children did an amazing job of presenting a worship to us all about "The Little Red Hen" and being a good friend involves helping each other. Well done Opal and Pearl Class!

Next week is our Harvest Festival at Church (Sunday 13th October 9:45am) all children and families are welcome to join us. Please could we ask that any one wanting to donate dried/canned goods can do so through school on Tuesday 8th October as part of Mrs Ahmad's Class Worship. These donations will be taken to church to be displayed and distributed to the local Food Bank. Have a wonderful weekend,
Take care, Mrs Dean

Our Gospel Value this half term is ...

Friendship

FRIENDS

- Friends are the most important part of our life
- Friends are probably the only people who will understand the depth of our silence than our words
- Certain feelings and emotions that you can't share with your family can be shared with your friends
- Friends form the most important part of our childhood and the kind of friends we surround ourselves with will help us shape our personality

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Do to others as you would have them do to you.

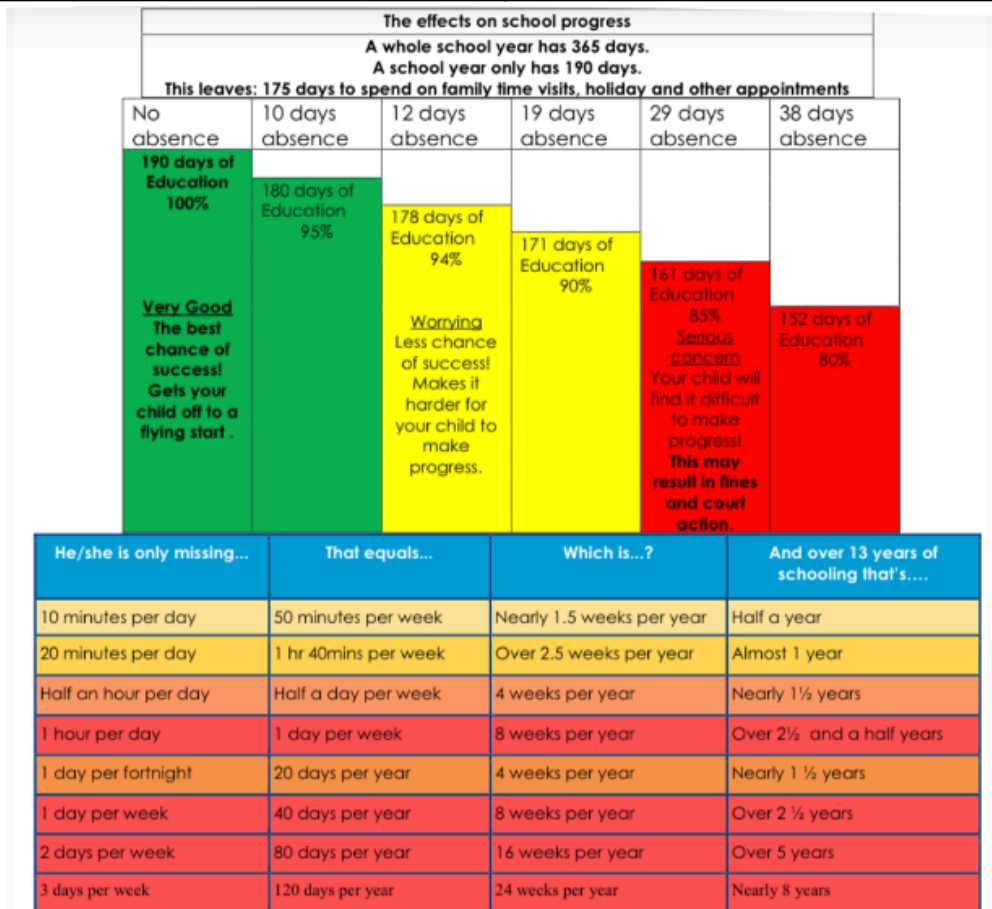
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Southern Living



EVERYday
counts
attendance matters

Class	Attendance for last week
Opal	82.73%
Pearl	93.81%
Emerald	97.22%
Topaz	97.78%
Amethyst	87.14%





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We would like to wish Miss. Tsegi many happy returns of the day!



Well done to our Stars of the Week:
Effie, Isla, Abdul, Avery, Tilly, Isabelle, Alfie and Nomanuddin

REMINDERS FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

Breakfast and After-School Club

Bookings for breakfast and after-school clubs for the week commencing 14th October 2024 are now live on ParentPay.

Absences

If your child is absent from school it is important that you inform school as soon as possible and before 8:45am. Please try and ensure your child is in school every day ... It really does make a difference!

School Uniform

Please could you ensure that all items of your child's school clothing are clearly labelled with their name. Thank you for your support.



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Appointments

If your child has a medical/dental appointment during school time, please ensure that a copy of the appointment card/letter is given to the school office IN ADVANCE of the appointment date and advise the time you will need to collect your child on the day of their appointment.

Harvest Festival

It's that time of year again when we kindly ask for donations for the Harvest Festival. We are looking to collect any non-perishable items such as tinned goods, toiletries, etc. to distribute to the most vulnerable families in our local community. If you are able to donate, **please could we ask that all donations are brought into school by Tuesday 8th October 2024.**

The Harvest Festival will take at St. Paul's Church on Sunday 13th October 2024 at 9.45am and all families are welcome.

Thank you in advance for your continued support.



Warton St. Paul's is now a cashless school and all payments must be made via ParentPay, our online payment service. We strongly urge all parents to activate their ParentPay account. Activation letters are available from the school office.

Please ensure that you have paid any arrears by the end of each week.



Should you have any queries, please email the school office

wspoffice@cidari.co.uk



ClassDojo

To keep up to date with everything that is going on in school, please ensure that you have accepted your invitation for Class Dojo.

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Dates
for your



Tuesday 8th October 2024	Harvest Worship - Emerald Class at 10.00am
Wednesday 9th October 2024	Open Day at 10.30am and 1.30pm
Sunday 13th October 2024	Harvest Festival at St. Paul's Church
Tuesday 15th October 2024	Worship - Amethyst Class at 10.00am
Wednesday 16th October 2024	Parents' Evening
Thursday 17th October 2024	School closes for half-term at 3.15pm
Friday 18th October 2024	INSET (School closed to children)
Monday 28th October 2024	School reopens to all children at 8.45am
Thursday 7th November 2024	Individual School Photographs
Sunday 10th November 2024	Remembrance Service at St. Paul's Church
Thursday 14th November 2024	Open Day at 10.30am, 1.30pm and 5.00pm
Wednesday 20th November 2024	Flu vaccinations - Reception to Year 6
Wednesday 4th December 2024	Afternoon Tea with Santa at 3.30pm
Wednesday 11th December 2024	Infant Nativity at 1.30pm and 4.00pm
Wednesday 18th December 2024	Christingle Service at 2.00pm
Thursday 19th December 2024	Film Night at 3.00pm
Friday 20th December 2024	Christmas Party School closes for Christmas at 1.30pm
Monday 6th January 2025	School reopens to all children at 8.45am
Tuesday 14th January 2025	Worship - Topaz Class at 10.00am
Tuesday 28th January 2025	Worship - Emerald Class at 10.00am
Tuesday 11th February 2025	Worship - Pearl Class at 10.00am
Friday 14th February 2025	School closes for half-term at 3.15pm



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Monday 24th February 2025	School reopens to all children at 8.45am
Tuesday 4th March 2025	Worship - Amethyst Class at 10.00am
Thursday 6th March 2025	World Book Day 2025
Monday 24th March 2025	National Child Measurement Programme
Wednesday 26th March 2025	Worship - Opal Class at 10.00am
Wednesday 2nd April 2025	Parents' Evening
Friday 4th April 2025	School closes for Easter at 1.30pm
Tuesday 22nd April 2025	School reopens to all children at 8.45am
Tuesday 29th April 2025	School Class Photographs
Monday 5th May 2025	School closed - May Day Bank Holiday
Monday 12th May 2025	SATs Week
Thursday 22nd May 2025	Sports Day
Friday 23rd May 2025	School closes for half-term at 3.15pm
Monday 2nd June 2025	INSET (School closed to children)
Tuesday 3rd June 2025	INSET (School closed to children)
Wednesday 4th June 2025	INSET (School closed to children)
Thursday 5th June 2025	School reopens to all children at 8.45am
Thursday 10th July 2025	Year 6 Production
Wednesday 16th July 2025	Summer Fair
Monday 21st July 2025	Leavers' Service at St. Paul's Church
Tuesday 22nd July 2025	School closes for Summer at 1.30pm



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Coffee MORNING



**Thank you to all our school
family for raising £81.50!**



At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about IN-GAME CHAT

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Video games are continuing to grow in popularity – including, of course, among children and young people – and the emergence of gaming communities has been accelerated by the inclusion of chat functionality across many different titles. While in-game chat isn't inherently a bad thing, it can create some concerns about online safety and the people that children might be interacting with.

DIFFERENT TYPES OF CHAT

There are a number of ways that gamers commonly chat with one another online. As the name would suggest, in-game chat happens within the game itself. There's also party chat: a group voice conversation that usually means you have with anyone on the same platform. This tends to be more commonly used by players who already know each other. Finally, many gamers – especially on PC – will chat via a third-party app such as Discord.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

Whether it's text- or voice-based, in-game chat is frequently open to all players to see. Many games default to making it an opt-in function, but some don't: meaning a child could start seeing messages within the game from people they're playing with, regardless of whether they know those individuals or not. While most strangers won't necessarily have ill intent, there are some who may behave inappropriately when chatting to a child – intentionally or otherwise.

DANGER OF GROOMING

It's been reported that some young gamers have encountered older players online who pretend to be a lower age to manipulate children, sending gifts in exchange for chatting and sending photos. Just as on any messaging platform, it's good to advise young people to avoid speaking to strangers, emphasising that they shouldn't accept gifts from anyone online that they don't know.

BULLYING AND ABUSE

While some in-game chat can turn toxic because of how a match plays out, others turn that way because of people who engage in trolling – in essence, behaving in an offensive and abusive way simply to cause pain or get a rise out of whoever they're talking to. These 'trolls' often lean on racial slurs, anti-LGBT sentiment and other hateful rhetoric; they normally feel most confident preying on younger, more impressionable gamers.

POTENTIAL FOR PRIVATE CHAT

If a player would like a re-match with a stranger after meeting them in the game, they can send a friend request, or use the party chat together in the future. For the most part, this is harmless – but it might lead to messages being exchanged in private. This could then escalate to the sharing of private information, and potentially attempts to manipulate or scam younger players.

COMPETITIVE ATMOSPHERE

Certain games are very competitive, and players can sometimes get upset if they feel a teammate is underperforming, an opponent won unfairly, or they're just a bad loser. This can lead to unpleasant messages that stray away from playful 'trash talk' and wander into the territory of bullying. Some players have been known to get incredibly abusive in situations like this, and the impact of this on a young gamer's emotional wellbeing could be severe.

Advice for Parents & Educators

LOCK-DOWN IN-GAME CHAT

In-game chat can often be disabled in the game's settings. This allows children to play without risk of contact from strangers – but it will need to be done in each individual game. Text chat appears in the corner of the screen in many titles, so it's normally easy to take a quick glance and see what's being said. With voice chat, explain to children what behaviour is inappropriate, so they can spot the dangers themselves.

REPORT POTENTIAL OFFENDERS

Most games offer a robust means of reporting other players, so you can flag an account as potentially harmful. This normally leads to the account not being matched with yours in the future and, if that person's conduct breaks any of the game's rules, they may be banned from playing entirely. This is done within the game itself, so each title has a slightly different process, but these tend to be designed for simplicity.

CONSIDER OTHER CHAT OPTIONS

If a child wants to play with people they know, consider using party chat or a third-party service like Discord. This allows everyone involved to chat on a private server and even enjoy each other's company while playing different games. It's also far more secure, as anyone looking to join will need to request and be granted access – normally by whoever is hosting the chat.

COMMUNICATION IS KEY

Make sure children understand the differences between being competitive and being abusive. Talk about what constitutes unusual or inappropriate behaviour from strangers online. Be clear that if anything ever concerns or worries them, they should tell a trusted adult as soon as possible. Encourage children to identify the risks of in-game chat for themselves and reassure them they won't get in trouble for seeking help if anything goes wrong.

Meet Our Expert

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