

St Mary & St Peter Primary School Newsletter

Set Sail for Success

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Our Mission Statement

Through nurturing trust and strong relationships, our learning adventure will see each and every one of us thrive in God's love.

Values

*Believe
Respect
Love
Trust*

Headteacher's News

Dear Parents and Carers,

I write to inform you that I will be leaving St Mary and St Peter Catholic Primary School at the end of this academic year. It has been a privilege to lead such an amazing school and I will miss working with such a fantastic group of staff and children. I am leaving for a leadership position that is closer to my new home in Suffolk.

Mrs Crane will be Headteacher for the Autumn Term, until my replacement has been appointed. I would like to thank all the staff and school community, especially all the parents, for their continued support during the past two years that I have been here. For a majority of this time, we have had to navigate the pandemic together, and I cannot thank you all enough for all of the hard work that you have put into the home learning, and the support and understanding during Covid outbreaks.

We will also be sadly saying goodbye to Miss Bull, our Year 1 teacher, and Miss Cooper, our Nursery teacher, at the end of this academic year. I know that both will be very missed as they have had such an impact on our pupils over their time here. We wish them all the best in their future endeavours.

The school is on an exciting journey, and I know it will continue to grow from strength to strength.

Warmest best wishes,
Mrs Block

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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

FIFA 21

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You don't need to be a football fan to have heard of the FIFA series of games (named after the Fédération Internationale de Football Association: the worldwide governing body for the sport). Part of the franchise's massive appeal is that official licensing gives users the opportunity to play games as their favourite teams, controlling their favourite footballers. They either compete online against other players or work through a solo-player career mode. With updated editions launched annually, FIFA is playable on a range of consoles, with mobile versions available for smartphones and tablets.

Recurring Costs

FIFA's trump card is that it includes real current players; a feature no other football arcade game can offer. However, this means that a new version of the game is released every year, with updated teams, players, kits and stadiums, plus gameplay tweaks and extra features. Young FIFA fans usually want to be playing the latest version, so the pressure to buy each annual update is likely to be considerable.



Online Chat

While the game of FIFA itself is suitable for children of all ages (as it does not include any inappropriate content), there is the issue of in-game chat. Your child can play against other people online and audio chat with them using headsets. As this communication is largely unregulated, it could mean that your child is exposed to language or conversations that are inappropriate.



Possibility of Scams

Your child may receive an email or see a message on social media or in forums which appears to be a genuine FIFA promotion, but could be a scam. Following these links would take them to what may seem like a FIFA login page but is actually a phishing attempt to capture their login name and password. Scammers often use a legitimate-sounding name, such as EA Admin or 'FIFA Developer'.



In-Game Purchases

FIFA offers an array of in-game purchases. The FIFA Ultimate Team (FUT) mode lets gamers build their own team, playing matches to win coins. These coins can be used to recruit better players or packs containing random players. Some purchases can be made with in-game currency; others require real money – which can become expensive. There have been reports of parents receiving large credit card bills after their children's in-game spending.



Addictive Gameplay

Your child could end up playing FIFA for long periods of time. Matches last around 20 minutes, so playing through an entire tournament can quickly eat up a large chunk of the day. Children sometimes struggle to control their gaming behaviour, at the expense of their daily routine. This is called 'gaming disorder' and is classified as a genuine mental health problem by the World Health Organisation.



Over-Competitiveness

FIFA has occasionally been criticised for its competitive gameplay leading to disproportionate aggression and negative emotion in some players. This can be amplified by the in-game audio chat with opponents in real time. The potential for an emotional outburst can sometimes reach unhealthy levels – especially if your child's team is losing heavily or is defeated by a very late goal.



Advice for Parents & Carers

Set out Your Strategy

As a parent, it's worth considering that – if they like gaming and football – your child's fascination with FIFA probably won't be short term. It's more likely to be the start of a relationship that could last for years, involving repeated outbursts on each updated edition of the game. If you think this may pose a problem, it might be best to make your child aware of it beforehand to avoid disappointment later.



Give Abuse the Red Card

The facility to chat to other players certainly adds to the overall enjoyment of FIFA, and it's unlikely that you'll be able to convince your child to play the game without using it. It would be wise, however, to make sure beforehand that your child is aware of how to mute the audio of any abusive players and knows how to report anyone who is being offensive or intimidating.



Defend against Scammers

Teach your child to stay clear of scams. Explain why they should be suspicious of any link which asks them to verify their username and password or provide other sensitive information: game developers never send messages asking for players' login details. Console messages, emails and social media posts promising in-game content if a player inputs their login information are fake.



Control In-Game Spending

To spend real money in FIFA, a player's account must have a payment method enabled. Check whose debit or credit card – or PayPal account – is linked to the device that your child plays FIFA on. Most devices' parental controls can be adjusted to limit spending. There is also the prepaid option of Paysafecard – you can top up the balance, making it easier to control your child's purchasing in the game.



Avoid 'Extra Time'

Devices' parental controls can also be used to restrict the amount of time spent playing. If you feel it's necessary, keep an eye on how long your child spends playing FIFA, just like you might monitor how long they watch TV for. Warning signs of over-playing include disinterest in other activities, tiredness or fatigue, neglect of personal hygiene or becoming angry when they have to stop playing.



Encourage a 'Half-Time' Break

Monitoring in-game chat is difficult, as you can usually only hear one side of the conversation. But your child's reactions will be a good general indication. Dealing with the frustrations of a game and troublesome people can be useful life lessons – but if your parental instinct is that your child is getting too upset or angry, that's the time to intervene and encourage them to take a break from the game.



Meet Our Expert

Mark Foster has worked in the gaming industry for several years as a writer, editor and presenter. He is the gaming editor of two of the biggest gaming news sites in the world: UNILAD Gaming and GAMINGible. Having started gaming at a young age with his siblings, he has a passion for understanding how games and tech work – but, more importantly, how to make them safe and fun.



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Rewards

Stars of the Week 7/6/21:

Reception - Ezra and Madalena

Year 1 - Whole Class

Year 2 - Flora and Eden

Year 3 - Leo and Abbey

Year 4 - Bella and Erin

Year 5 - Coden and Aaliyah B

Year 6 - Kevin and Louie

Well done to all our star workers this week!

Attendance:

Well done Year 6 for having 98.2% attendance W/C 7th June.

Reading Record:

Reading Record winners for this week are Year 6 with 88% of the class reading each night this last week. Well done year 6!

1st Y6 88%

2nd Y2 81%

3rd Y3 73%

4th Y4 69%

5th YR 60%

6th Y1 53%

7th Y5 40%



Please can we ask that children read each night to a parent or older sibling, and that this is recorded in their school diary, to go towards the classes weekly reading total.

If your child is an independent reader, please record that you have seen them read independently instead.

Thank you!

Item donations for our**Thrive garden**

If anyone has any spare soil/compost, flower pots, plants etc., that they are able to donate to our school, we would very much appreciate this. During the children's Thrive sessions, they will be revamping our raised beds to make them look much more appealing. Thank you in advance.

Sun cream and sun hat

Now that the weather is much warmer and the sun is shining, please can we ask that sun cream is applied before school and all children must have a sunhat in school.

Governor vacancies

We are wanting to recruit a governor who is skilled in finance and/or interested in educational policy. If you are interested or know anyone who would be - please do get in touch with Mrs Block.

Transition

All pupils will take part in a transition afternoon with their new class teacher, on the afternoon of Tuesday 13th July 2021. As we are still in class bubbles, the children will stay in their current class room, and their new teacher will come to them for the afternoon.

School car drop off

Please can all pupils that arrive to school via car, and use the drop off service, please ensure that they only get out once the car is located next to Mr Lawrence and not before this. This is to ensure the safety of all our pupils during this busy time in the school day.



**appointment
with the class
teacher.**

Help in a crisis

<https://www.nsft.nhs.uk/Find-help/Pages/Help-in-a-Crisis.aspx>

FirstResponse is a 24/7 helpline offering immediate advice, support and signposting for people with mental health difficulties.

If you are experiencing something that makes you feel unsafe, distressed or worried about your mental health you can now call the helpline on **0808 196 3494**

Norfolk and Waveney Mind telephone support line

The Telephone Support Line provides a listening ear, emotional support, coping strategies, signposting and practical advice for people living in Norfolk and Waveney. This includes help with developing plans to tackle and limit crisis situations.

Visit the Norfolk and Waveney Mind helpline website, or call **0300 330 5488**, to find out more about accessing this support.

Opening times: weekdays 4pm - midnight, weekends 10am - midnight.

Experiencing low mood, stress or anxiety?

Self-refer to our Wellbeing services, which are run in partnership with the Mind charity.

Visit www.wellbeingnands.co.uk or call **0300 123 1503**

If you have more complex problems, visit your GP and discuss how you are feeling. They can refer you into our services, if appropriate.

Just One Norfolk

<https://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/>

The 'go to' health website for Norfolk.

This Week's Prayer

Prayer

The feast of the sacred heart this year falls on the 11th of June. Here is a traditional prayer used for this day:

O most holy heart of Jesus, fountain of every blessing, I adore you, I love you, and with lively sorrow for my sins I offer you this poor heart of mine. Make me humble, patient, pure and wholly obedient to your will. Grant, Good Jesus, that I may live in you and for you. Protect me in the midst of danger. Comfort me in my afflictions. Give me health of body, assistance in my temporal needs, your blessing on all that I do, and the grace of a holy death. Amen.

Big Questions

How can we know the Love of Jesus better?



*St Mary and St
Peter, Pray for
us.*

Upcoming Events

Friday 18 th June	Year 6 Eaton Vale Trip
Tuesday 22 nd June	Year 1 and 3 trip to Thrigby Hall
Wednesday 23 rd June	New Reception intake parents evening 2021
Friday 25 th June	Year 2 class Mass (Unfortunately no parishioners at present)
Friday 2 nd July	School reports emailed to parents
Tuesday 6 th July	Sports Day Y 4, 5 and 6 (see sports day letter for times)
Wednesday 7 th July	Sports Day Y 1, 2 and 3 (see sports day letter for times)
Friday 9 th July	Year 1 class Mass (Unfortunately no parishioners at present)
Friday 9 th July	Year 6 Performance 6pm
Tuesday 13 th July	Transition afternoon for all classes Year R - Year 5
Wednesday 14 th July	YR Sports Day (see sports day letter for times)
Friday 16 th July	Last day of term 1pm finish
2 nd and 3 rd September	INSET (Staff only)
Monday 6 th September	Pupils return

Dates for
the Diary: