



THE CATHEDRAL SCHOOL
OF ST. SAVIOUR AND ST. MARY OVERIE

Newsletter January #1 - 2019

Online Safety

Dear Parents,

Happy new year! I hope you enjoyed a restful Christmas and I wish you all the best for 2019.

Over Christmas, your household may have added a number of devices with access to the internet. These might include smartphones, televisions, tablets and games consoles (e.g. Xbox and Playstation). Many of these devices now have built in cameras which could enable your child to 'chat' and be seen online. If you don't want your child to have access to the internet it is worth researching what these products offer and what safety settings can be applied.

We have noticed that children are increasingly talking about games that have an age 18 rating. Please check, as age ratings of computer games sometimes slip under the radar for parents much more than films. Needless to say, computer games with age-ratings of 15 or 18 are inappropriate for primary school children.

Monitor

We would recommend that if your child is using messaging services like WhatsApp on their phones that you monitor the messages. (It is also worth noting that WhatsApp's minimum age of use is 16 years old). Likewise, children's internet use should be monitored. Children should be aware of this monitoring as a condition of use. **It is not 'Big Brother' - it is just being a responsible parent.** Many parents *assume* that their child simply wouldn't look at or post inappropriate content or comments – but, occasionally, this assumption has proven to be incorrect.

Children should be aware that anything they post on social media (including 'closed' groups such as WhatsApp) can be shared to the world and may be impossible to delete. For children, this sense of permanency is difficult to grasp. Sadly, however, the consequences of inappropriate use can be harmful and life-long.

The school has a service on the school website called 'Digi' which is another way for children to report inappropriate content that they may see online to staff in school.

On the NSPCC website (<http://www.cathedralprimaryschool.com/parental-controls>) there are guides for how to speak to your child about issues surrounding online safety.

Yours sincerely,
Mr Scott
Acting Headteacher



Jo McEwan

Regrettably, Jo McEwan, our Home School Liaison Officer, will be leaving the school on 23rd January 2019.

We are very sad to see her go and she has been a tremendous support to the school community over the last 5 years.

She leaves her part-time role here to dedicate all her working week to a business she has set up over the last couple of years.

We will miss her and wish her well in her future endeavours.

Parents’ Evenings

Wednesday 13th February 3.30pm - 7.30pm

Thursday 14th February 3.30pm - 5.30pm

Next week, an email will go out about Parents’ Evenings and we will also send out a copy of your parent login code for the online booking system in your child’s bag.

Miss Godsell

We are very pleased that Miss Godsell, Assistant Headteacher, has returned from maternity leave.

As well as continuing in her leadership role, she will also be covering lessons during class teachers’ PPA time, primarily at the younger end of the school.

Gift of Reading

Thank you to parents who contributed to the [fiction book appeal](#) last term.

PLEASE
READ WITH
YOUR CHILD
EVERY NIGHT

20 min

READING UNLOCKS SUCCESS IN ALL AREAS OF THE CURRICULUM

“CHILDREN ARE MADE READERS ON THE LAPS OF THEIR PARENTS”

-EMILIE BOCHWALD, WINNER OF IVAN SANDROFF LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Date	Whole School Event
21 st January	First week of clubs for Spring Term
30 th January	Class 6’s Class Led Worship
6 th February	Class 5’s Class Led Worship
13 th February	Class 2’s Class Led Worship
13 th & 14 th February	Parents’ Evenings
18 th – 22 nd February	Half Term
8 th March (Friday)	Book Day
13 th March	Class 1’s Class Led Worship
20 th March	Reception’s Class Led Worship
25 th March	Last week of Clubs
5 th April	Last day of Spring Term



FRUITS OF FRIENDSHIP WITH GOD

LOVE

JOY

PEACE

PATIENCE

KINDNESS

GOODNESS

FAITHFULNESS

GENTLENESS

SELF-CONTROL

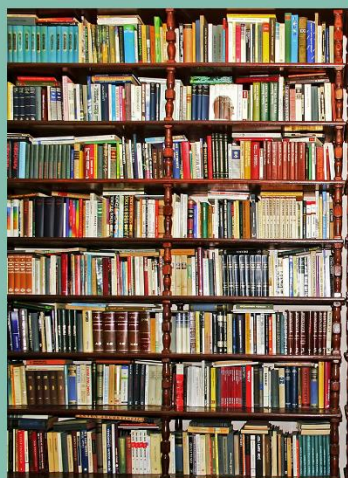


THE IMPORTANCE OF READING WITH YOUR CHILD EVERY NIGHT

Child A

Reads

20 minutes
at home each day



3,600 minutes
&
1,800,000 words
per year

Top 10%

Child B

Reads

5 minutes
at home each day



900 minutes
&
282,000 words
per year

50th Percentile

Child C

Reads

1 minute
at home each day



180 minutes
&
8,000 words
per year

Bottom 10%

*Nagy and Herman 1987, percentages refer to performance in standardised tests

Which child would you expect to:

read better?

have a wider vocabulary?

be more successful in school?

know more?

write better?

be more successful in life?

PLEASE READ WITH YOUR CHILD EVERY NIGHT