



# Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

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## Safer Internet Week

It has come to our attention that some children at school have Facebook profiles even though the permitted minimum age to use the site is 13, according to the sites terms and conditions.

We are committed to promoting the safe and responsible use of the Internet and as such we feel it is our responsibility to raise this particular issue as a concern. Websites such as Facebook offer amazing communication and social connections, however they are created with their audience in mind and this is specifically over 13 years old. Possible risks for children under 13 using the site may include:

- Facebook use "age targeted" advertising and therefore your child could be exposed to adverts of a sexual or other inappropriate nature, depending on the age they stated they were when they registered
- Children may accept friend requests from people they don't know in real life which could increase the risk of inappropriate contact or behaviour
- Language, games, groups and content posted or shared on Facebook is not moderated, and therefore can be offensive, illegal or unsuitable for children
- Photographs shared by users are not moderated and therefore children could be exposed to inappropriate images or even post their own
- Underage users might be less likely to keep their identities private and lying about their age can expose them to further risks regarding privacy settings and options
- Facebook could be exploited by bullies and for other inappropriate contact

Facebook cannot and does not verify its members therefore it is important to remember that if your child can lie about who they are online, so can anyone else!

We feel it important to point out to parents the risks of underage use of such sites, so you can make an informed decision as to whether to allow your child to have a profile or not. These profiles will have been created away from school and sometimes by a child, their friends, siblings or even parents. We will take action (such as reporting under aged profiles) if a problem comes to our attention that involves the safety or wellbeing of any of our children.

Should you decide to allow your child to have a Facebook profile we strongly advise you:

- Check their profile is set to private and that only friends can see information that is posted
- Monitor your child's use and talk to them about safe and appropriate online behaviour such as not sharing personal information and not posting offensive messages or photos
- Ask them to install the CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre) application from [www.facebook.com/clickceop](http://www.facebook.com/clickceop) on their profile. This places a bookmark on their profile to CEOP and the Report Abuse button which has been known to deter offenders
- Have a look at the advice for parents/carers from Facebook [www.facebook.com/help/?safety=parents](http://www.facebook.com/help/?safety=parents)
- Set up your own profile so you understand how the site works and ask them to have you as a friend on their profile so you know what they are posting online

Make sure your child understands the following rules:

- Always keep your profile private
- Never accept friends you don't know in real life
- Never post anything which could reveal your identity
- Never post anything you wouldn't want your parents to see
- Never agree to meet somebody you only know online without telling a trusted adult
- Always tell someone if you feel threatened or someone upsets you

We'd recommend that all parents visit the CEOP Think U Know website for more information on keeping your child safe online [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)

If you would like any further information please don't hesitate to contact Miss Youds who leads on internet safety in school.

## World Book Week

This is the first week back after half term. 2017 is a particularly special celebration – marking 20 years of the event! We have lots of exciting things planned on the day in school, in particular we are hoping to create an Art Gallery inspired by the theme of 'Oddles of Doodles'. We'd love some 3D works for our gallery too, so here's an optional challenge for half term!

Take a potato, wooden spoon or a hard-boiled egg and turn it into a book character of your choice! Bring the complete entry into school the first week back after half-term. There will be prizes. ☺ Good luck!

This week's special mentions

Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Katie	Poppy H	Emilio	Daniel	Rohan	Findley	Tristan

This week's attendance figures

YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
95%	99%	99%	93%	96%	97%	100%



The children have really enjoyed their special treats for filling their Respect jars. Well done children for working so hard!



## Attendance

This week's attendance: 97%

This is fantastic, well done all!

Well done to Year 6 you have 100% attendance this week.

## Infection Control & Medication

Please can we remind all parents that no medication should be sent into school directly with your child without completing a medicine form and handing it into the office with the medication. Also at this time of year when there are all sorts of bugs, germs and viruses around, in order to minimise the spreading of illnesses we ask parents to consider whether your child is well enough to attend school. Reminder – if a child has had sickness or diarrhoea they must not attend school for at least 48 hours since the last occurrence. Currently whilst we have so many cases, if your child is infected with Ringworm they must stay at home for the first 3 days of treatment following a visit to their GP. Thank you for your support in minimising infections for other pupils and staff.

## We Say Goodbye

We sadly get ready to say goodbye to Mrs Keffler and Amy. Mrs Keffler has been working with St Francis, in particular, and I know they will be very sad to see her go. We wish her the very best of luck for her new adventures. We also say goodbye to Amy who has been our lunchtime time supervisor, cleaner and admin support. She will be greatly missed too. The whole community would like to thank you both for all that you have bought to our school. We welcome Mrs Manning as LTS and Mrs Hobbs as HLTA and LTS.

## School Dinners

For those who pay at the beginning of each half term for school meals, the cost will be £63 when we return after the week's break. Cheques payable to Warwickshire County Council please. If your child has credits due this half term, they will bring home a blue slip on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February advising the amended amount. Please look for these in your child's bag.

## Building Fund Contributions

Every year we ask that parents make a contribution to our school building fund – you will have received a letter recently detailing this. Any amount, large or small would be gratefully received and will help to make a difference to our school. If you are going to contribute, please place it in the envelop provided and gift aid it.

Thank you to those parents who have already returned theirs.

## Alton Castle reminder

Just a reminder about payment for the Year 6 Alton Castle Retreat need to be in asap please. We have, to date, had very few made.

Thank you.

## Log Trail and Grass

The children are not allowed to go on the grass at the moment, nor the log trail. It is wet and dangerous. It is also not fair on our cleaners to be clearing up lots of mud in school. Therefore, please DO NOT walk across the grass after school to collect you

child and DO NOT allow your child or their siblings on the log trail.

## Lego

We have so many children who would love to start a Lego club at lunchtime. So, if you have any spare/old Lego, please could you donate it to school? Thank you in advance.

Next week at glance:

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> 10:15  
Mass at Princethorpe

[Multi Faith and Art Week ☺](#)

Next week we will be learning about different faiths and looking at our own faith in more detail. We will creating art work around the theme of 'Jesus, fisher of men'.

We will have Asta in during the week to help us, which we are very excited about.

Staff have worked really hard to ensure that the week is full of interest and enjoyment.

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> 2:30 Year 1 and 2 assembly. Parents invited.

Have a wonderful weekend  
Kate Madia



**AT OUR LADY'S WE ARE FULLY COMMITTED TO SAFEGUARDING AND PROMOTING THE WELFARE OF CHILDREN. WE EXPECT ALL STAFF, PARENTS AND VISITORS TO SHARE THIS COMMITMENT.**



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