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St Agnes' Weekly News

The family of St Agnes loves, learns and grows together as followers of Jesus.

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SEPTEMBER

20th—Year 2 RAF Museum trip

20th—Class 6M Assembly
9:05am

22nd—**International Evening**
3:15-5:15pm

25th—Year 4 Swimming Lessons –6th October

27th—Class 3G Assembly
9:05am

28th—Reception Information morning followed by FOSA Coffee morning

29th—**Maggie's Coffee Morning & House Captains Pyjama Day** fund raiser

OCTOBER

2nd –Wellbeing Workshop
9am

4th—Class 5M Assembly

5th—St Faustina Feast Day

5th—Nursery Information morning followed by FOSA Coffee morning.

5th—Class 5P Golders Hill Park trip

6th—Class 5M Golders Hill Park trip

Dear Parents,

House Captain Elections

On Monday of this week we held our annual house and vice captain elections. This is both an exciting and daunting prospect for our Year 6 pupils as they are pushing themselves out of their comfort zone and it takes a lot of courage to stand up in front of your peers and canvas their votes!

Each pupil that put themselves forward had prepared a speech outlining why they wanted to be considered for the role of House Captain and what they would do as the House representative. Once the children from the rest of the school had heard all speeches, each had a vote to cast.

I am very pleased to announce that our House and Vice Captains for this year are as follows:

St Alban - Hannah Captain & Zoe Vice-Captain

St Faustina - Ronny Captain & Veronica Vice-Captain

St John Southworth - Sofia Captain & Kyla Vice-Captain

St Teresa - Elissa Captain & Zara Vice-Captain

We would really encourage the children chosen to bring something new to the role and I know that Miss Bashid who has the responsibility of liaising with the pupils is very much looking forward to working with them too. For the remaining Year 6 pupils there will be a variety of other roles on offer which many can become involved in.

Wishing everyone a great weekend,

Susan O'Reilly



A Warm Welcome

We have continued to welcome our children into both Nursery and Reception this week and we are pleased to offer a warm welcome to :

Nursery - Viola, Mira, Angelina, Dylan, Alessandro, Juaquin, Bianca, Luca, Maya, Sarah, Federico, Markus, Daniel, Matilda & Isabela

Reception - Siera, Raphael, Naxhie, Alexander, JJ, Dolcie-Rae, Keano, Maria, Treasure, Zara, Ryan, Isla, Seth, Eli, Eliana, Florence, Gianna, Isabella, Isobel, Aiden, Aliden, Atarah, **Ellie-Rose** & Martina



International Evening

We are very much looking forward to our annual evening of food and drink representing all of the countries our families come from.

This will be held on Friday 22nd September 3.15-5.15pm. This is being organised by Miss Duggan and a letter went home last week. This event is solely reliant upon parent support - it cannot go ahead without it.

As of today we have had confirmation that the following countries will be represented:

Philippines, China, Brazil, Portugal, Ukraine, India, Bulgaria, South Korea, Fiji, Hungary, Poland & Albania.

There is still time to get together with other families and work on a staff from your country together - it will be a wonderful evening.



INTERNATIONAL
EVENING

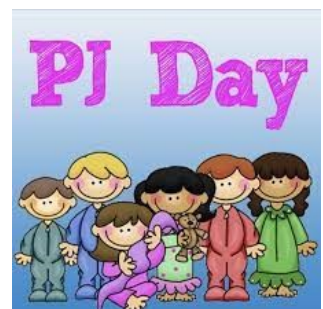
House Captain Fund Raiser

The House Captains will be holding a fund raiser for Maggie's at the Royal Free hospital on Friday 29th September, this will run alongside our coffee morning on the same day.

Children can wear their pyjamas on that day in return for a donation of £1 towards this great cause.



Please come along and support on this day for such a worthy cause



First Holy Communion

Holy Communion forms are now available to collect at the Parish office for 2023/2024.

The deadline for returning forms is Sunday 1st October. Any forms returned after this date will not be accepted into this year's program.



Please see the information below where you can celebrate the weekly gospel at home with your family.

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/forgiveness?pid=MTA101634&v=102.6>

Contact Information

Could you ensure that the school office has all your up to date contact information ie mobile number and email address in case we need to speak to you or send emails/text messages to keep you updated on school life. It is important we also have up to date emergency contact details should your child have an accident at school.

Your co-operation in this matter is greatly appreciated.



Celebrating Birthdays

This is a reminder that we ask parents who wish to celebrate their child's birthday with their classmates to either send in fruit/raisins to share or even better liaise with the class teacher to buy a book that can be donated to the class library. This book will have a special addition on the front page, saying who donated it on the special occasion of their birthday.

This will be enjoyed by the children throughout the year.

Thank you.


Newsletter

Over the next few weeks during Mrs O'Reilly's absence we will make a change to the front of the newsletter. The front page each week will feature the class assembly that week - a few sentences on the theme and content with a picture or too. We hope that you will enjoy this change.

Safeguarding

The wellbeing of our children is of paramount importance to all staff. Should any person (parent or staff) have a concern regarding a child's wellbeing, please inform one of the school safeguarding team (Mrs O'Reilly, Mrs Hourihan, Mrs Gale, Mrs Breslin or our Chair of Governors Gill Abbott). In cases where school staff have concerns, they have a duty to discuss the issue with Social Services to seek further advice. This is the statutory obligation of all schools.

DONATE A BOOK



I often get asked how parents can donate books to the school. So I have created an Amazon book wish list. This is a way for you to donate a book that we need for our wonderful school reading library.

You will find the list at

<https://amzn.eu/biEs0qi>

At delivery if you pick the option to send the book to the "List Donation's gift registry address" the book will be delivered directly to the school. Alternativley you can get it delivered to your home address and bring it into school.

Many Thanks as always for your ongoing and wonderful support
Mrs Gale



Top Tips for SETTING BOUNDARIES AROUND GAMING

If your child loves video games, then you'll probably be aware that how long they spend gaming – and what they're actually playing – can occasionally become a source of concern or conflict. The UK's trade body for interactive entertainment, Ukie, has recently launched a campaign to promote safer and more responsible gaming among young people – with parents and carers helping by setting sensible and fair boundaries. Our guide has tips on key areas where you could agree some healthy ground rules for your child's gaming activity.

PROMOTE SAFER GAME CHOICES

Deciding which online games are OK – and which should be avoided – is tricky. Some titles allow children to cooperate or compete with strangers, which creates potential risks. Watching your child play online for a while could provide more insight into a particular game, while the parental controls on most consoles allow you to limit who can chat to your child or send them friend requests. Remind your child of the hazards around strangers online when you discuss this boundary with them.

ENCOURAGE REGULAR BREAKS

Help your child understand the need to take regular breaks, playing in shorter bursts rather than marathon sessions. Bear in mind that some games (such as role-playing games) require time investment from the player, while others (online team games, for example) can't be stopped or paused at a moment's notice. A quick break every hour or so is good practice, and you could suggest some things to do in these breaks, such as having a drink of water or getting some fresh air.

AGREE SPENDING LIMITS

There's no doubt that gaming can be expensive, and younger players often don't realise how much paying for digital items and subscriptions can add up to. Many young gamers love to buy new skins or upgrades for their character, so you could settle on a fixed amount that your child is allowed to spend on in-game items each week or month. This sort of boundary will not only help your child to manage their expectations but will also make you more aware of the price of these items.

DISCUSS AGE RATINGS

Children often ignore the age ratings on games – or are unaware they even exist. If you're happy with your child playing a particular game even though it's rated above their age, then establish that as a boundary, emphasise that you've made an exception, and talk about what age ratings mean and why they're important. You could add context to this boundary by browsing games' boxes together while shopping, discussing why some games might have earned certain age ratings.



Meet Our Expert

Danil Upcumb is a writer specialising in technology, video gaming, virtual reality and Web3. He has also written 15 guidebooks for children, covering games such as Fortnite, Apex Legends, Valorant, Roblox and Minecraft. With work published by the likes of PC Gamer, Kotaku, Pocket Gamer and VOGUE, he has reviewed more than 50 games and products over the past year.



Source: <https://hpalapp/about/privacy.html>

FACTOR IN FRIENDS

If your child is a keen video gamer, the chances are that they'll have other gamers among their social circle, too. When friends visit, do they instantly dash to their console or computer? You could put boundaries in place before their guests arrive by agreeing on a length of gaming time. Bear in mind, though, that they may try to extend this once they're together. Try coming up with activities or challenges for them during screen breaks – if they join in, they earn a little extra time on their game.

ENJOY GAMING TOGETHER

Setting time aside to play video games together can be an enjoyable bonding exercise. Understandably, some young gamers may be less enthusiastic about a parent or carer joining in, but it can be a productive way of encouraging them to share their hobby with you. Setting goals or tasks might be useful if they love Minecraft, choose something to build together; if Fortnite's their favourite, ask to try out some of the fun game modes, like Prop Hunt, which don't require high skill levels.

TALK ABOUT EMOTIONS

Help your child to monitor their emotions as they play. Discuss what is (and isn't) an acceptable level of competitiveness to show while gaming. Are they allowed to trash talk other players, for example? Can they notice when they get angry if they lose? Do they think these emotions are healthy? Some games can provoke anger, but others can bring joy, humour and the thrill of overcoming a challenge. Try to steer your child towards games that tend to produce these more positive feelings.

BE PREPARED FOR TROLLS

A frequent problem when gaming online is other players who are deliberately troublesome. Make sure your child knows how to report and block someone who makes their experience a negative one. Between you, decide if or how they should deal with these online trolls. Talk about where your child's boundaries are in terms of what they think is acceptable: what behaviour by other users is merely frustrating, and what crosses the line to become upsetting or abusive.

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Class	Star of the Week
1B	Kamil
1Z	Kristian
2C	Eliza
2M	Connor
3C	Kostas
3G	Daniel
4AM	Chloe
4D	Tricia
5M	Maurizio
5P	Daniel
6M	Lia
6S	Sienna
AFS	Keagan 4AM Manuela 4D Thomas 3G

Birthdays: up to 17th September 2023

14th Olivia 4D & Grace 4AM

15th Dylan 4AM, Hannah 6M & Liam 3G

17th Abigail 3G & Vaughn 3C



Weekly Attendance		
Class	Attendance %	Number of Lates
1B	96	2
1Z	93	2
2C	94	1
2M	96	5
3C	98	1
3G	95	2
4AM	94	2
4D	98	1
5M	99	3
5P	98	1
6M	94	1
6S	95	7
School Target 97.5%		

Pupil Premium:

The school receives additional funding for some families. This funding is used to enhance your child's learning in many different ways e.g. additional support, learning experiences and may help with payments for school trips. This funding is a vital part of the school's budget so please read the criteria below to see if you qualify.

If either parent is on income support, job seekers allowance, is in receipt of child tax credit but not working tax credit and has an income less than £16,190 or is an asylum seeker supported by the NASS or the local council.

Thought of the Week

'Courage is not the absence of fear, but the realisation that something else is more important than fear'

Ambrose Redmoon

