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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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NOVEMBER

Sunday 9th—Family Mass
10:30am in church

10th—Anti-bullying Week—
ODD SOCK DAY

10th—Prospective New
Reception & Nursery Parents
tour 9:30am

11th—Class 5J Assembly
9:05am

11th—Year 6 Bentley Priory
Trip

11th—SATS Information
Evening online

13th—Girls Football Match

13th—Year 3 Online History
Video

13th—Infant Music Festival PM

14th—Mr Marvel Disco
Reception to Year 3 only

17th—Road Safety Week

17th—Pantomime “The
Reluctant Dragon”

18th—Class 4M Assembly
9:05am

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new half term!

I hope that you all enjoyed a good half term break and a change of pace from the usual hectic routines. We have now started the second half of the Autumn Term and as always it is expected to be an exceptionally busy one, particularly in the weeks leading up to Christmas. I know that the staff are already considering songs and plays for the Christmas nativities and the children will begin learning these during their music lessons each week. Whilst it might seem rather early, there is only five weeks until the Nursery and Reception children have their Christmas Singalong (the first of all the concerts) and invite their parents in to join them. The other year groups will follow on.

We are having our first school/parish mass of the year at St Agnes' church on **Sunday 9th November at 10.30am** - this is a wonderful opportunity for us to come together as a school whilst appreciating that we exist as part of a wider community within our local church. This year our mass is being held on Remembrance Sunday and we will be presenting poppy wreaths to remember the bravery and courage of those gone before us who lost their lives to give us the freedoms we enjoy today. Miss Moran has been working hard to encourage children to participate in the various roles for Sunday - readers, presenting the offertory and of course the choir. I would ask you all to make every effort that you attend this mass with your child and preferably in school uniform please. Fr Chinedu has arranged for refreshments to be served after mass in the Parish Centre, all are welcome.

Many thanks to the parents who donated cakes or served at the Bonfire Bake Sale on Wednesday afternoon - your efforts were very much appreciated. Thanks to your generosity we raised the sum of £158.50 which will be used as part payment towards the forthcoming panto 'The Reluctant Dragon' which will visit school in a few weeks time, allowing us to offer it to the children at no charge.

Wishing you a great weekend - see you at mass on Sunday.

Susan O'Reilly





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

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/wednesday-word/good-news?pid=MTA101634&v=163.4>

Arbor Payments

When making payments via Arbor please ensure that payment is made for the correct item. If payment is received for the incorrect item, it will be refunded to your account which can take between 7-10 days.

You will then need to make the payment to the correct account.

SAVE THE DATE - Governors Morning

Our termly Governors Morning will next be held on **Thursday 20th November**, where they will focus on the enrichment opportunities offered at St Agnes. As always parents are welcome to pop in for the first part of that session - **8.40-9.05 am** and meet a few of the governors over a coffee.

It is an opportunity to ask questions, make suggestions and celebrate strengths of the school.

Headteacher Conference

I will be attending the Barnet Headteacher Conference in Bournemouth next week, which will be from Wednesday 12th to Friday 14th November - therefore I will not be on the gates on those days. I look forward to bringing back new ideas and good practice that I am sure I will learn from other schools and fellow colleagues.

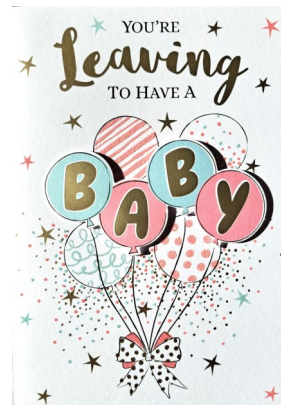
Safeguarding

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 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.

Goodbye for now

Mrs Carey left on Wednesday to begin her maternity leave. We all join in wishing her a healthy end to her pregnancy and of course await the news of her baby in a few weeks time. I know she will pop into school to introduce them to us in time.

Miss Coleman is joining the staff for one year in order to cover Mrs Carey, I am sure she will feel part of the St Agnes family in no time at all.



When: Monday 10th November - Friday 14th November.

Time: 3pm-3:30pm

Where: Multi-Purpose Room.

Cash and online payments accepted.

FOSA News

Thank you to the parents who gave of their time to attend the planning meeting for the Christmas Fayre. It is great that 3 parents have volunteered to work together to be co-chairs and have agreed to support the co-ordination and planning of fund raising events for the year ahead. They are Ana, Sandra & Annemarie. Melanie offered to act as Secretary. Of course they will be looking for plenty of helping hands to bring their ideas into action and we all know that many hands make light work! Please get involved as much as possible and speak to any of the FOSA chairs if you are able to support in any way for the Christmas fayre which will be held on Thursday 4th December 3-5pm.

Mr Marvel Disco

Children in Reception through to Year 3 are invited to an afternoon of dancing, fun and games with Mr Marvel on Friday 14th November 1.15-3.00pm. The ticket price is £6.50 per child, payment to be made in advance through Arbor. The children can wear their own clothes on the day and will receive a small snack and a drink during the afternoon.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about STREAMERS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Livestreaming has become a big part of the entertainment people consume, and what began as a series of gamers sharing their screens has grown into a huge industry packed with personalities - and potential risks for your children. With over 2.5 million people watching Twitch, the most popular streaming service, at any one time, it's important to remain aware of the risks associated with streamers.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT



Some gaming streamers will stick to family-friendly titles, but others will play more violent games that tend to be more popular. Non-gaming streamers could, in theory, discuss just about anything, and some streamers will often stream in revealing outfits.

NEGATIVE INFLUENCES



While things have improved, streamers are often paid by companies to promote products, and this isn't always stated explicitly. While it's unlikely these goods will be harmful to your child, some streamers and influencers have engaged (knowingly or not) in scams in the past.

FINANCIAL HARM

Streamers will often have donation buttons on their screens for users to submit money. What can start as small amounts can quickly spiral as streamers engage with paying viewers more often, potentially leading to financial issues.

UNREALISTIC EXPECTATIONS



Influencers often showcase how glamorous their lives are, making some users feel as though they are lesser. However, it's important to stress that, in many ways, this is an act, or at the very least, not common. Logan Paul, who has been successful as a streamer and influencer, has a Pokemon card worth \$5 million, but this is atypical of anyone working in the medium.

MISINFORMATION



Streamers are, in many ways, just like us - and they can get things wrong or reel off an opinion without having thought about it. Some can simply say awful things to get a rise out of viewers or to sway them to their side of a hot topic.

ADDICTION AND SCREEN TIME



If your child is watching a lot of a particular streamer, it can be just as damaging to their social life as playing too many video games.

Advice for Parents & Educators

EXPLAIN HOW STREAMING WORKS



For a younger viewer, being a streamer or influencer seems aspirational, but it involves a lot of work and no small degree of good fortune. Streamers are often managed and unable to speak freely due to sponsors, and influencers are just that - influencing young minds, for better or for worse.

CHECK OUT STREAMING PLATFORMS



While Twitch was the de facto streaming service for years, YouTube has gained popularity, too. Then there are Kick and Rumble, which have grown in popularity with moves for less-name streamers - despite many being dogged by controversy.

DO NOT LOG PAYMENT INFORMATION



Streamers can reward donations with additional content, on-camera "shout outs" and more. If you're unsure about who or what your child is watching, consider avoiding linking payment information. This is especially notable with Twitch, which is owned by Amazon and therefore has some crossover.

SET SCREEN TIME LIMITS



You can set screentime limits for mobile apps on iOS and Google, but with other platforms like a PC it may be more difficult to keep tabs. Consider checking in regularly to ensure your children aren't watching content they shouldn't be.

Meet Our Expert

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Class	Star of the Week
1C	Natasha
1M	Arlo
2D	Ellie-Rose
2HK	Charlotte
3FW	Kian
3M	Leen
4I	Sophie
4M	Kuba
5A	Aline
5J	Amelia
6C	Ana
6P	Adley
Reading Eggs	Ysaac 2HK
TT RockStars	Natalie 4I
French	Emily 4I

Weekly Attendance		
Class	Attendance %	Number of Lates
RM	94	4
RZ	99	4
1C	95	4
1M	99	2
2D	94	3
2HK	92	4
3FW	96	5
3M	93	4
4I	94	1
4M	95	5
5A	95	1
5J	94	2
6C	90	1
6P	96	0
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.

Birthdays: up to 9th November 2025

3rd Khriston RZ
 4th Orvin 5J & Matilda 1M
 5th Asser 3FW, KC RZ & Isaac 1M
 9th Alia 4I, Azzurra 3FW, Haley RZ, Seth 2HK & Caddi 3M



Thought of the Week

'Love is an undulating energy that moves through you, within you and radiates out of you and changes everything'

St Bartholomaeus

