

Friday 10th May 2019

Dear all,

The children watched Sycamore Class perform their assembly this week. Sycamore children were superb! They showed so much learning about the global community and what they could do to make the world a better place. The assembly included singing and performing – well done Sycamore Class!

Upcoming dates:Monday 13th – Wednesday 15th May – Maple Class, Magdalen residentialMonday 13th – Thursday 16th May – Beech Class SATs testsFriday 17th May – Cherry and Willow Class trip to the estuary

Next week our Year 6 children take their SATs so this week's newsletter is a letter for them:

Dear Class 6,

Next week you will sit your SATs tests, something you have been working so hard towards. Please do not worry about them this weekend!

I want you to know, that we all recognise how hard all of you have worked this year and we know how much effort you have been putting in.

I also need to remind you that these SATs tests only test a few areas of what makes you special. The tests are written and scored by people that do not know you the way we do or the way your friends and families know you.

The tests do not show how amazing you are with your buddies and your friends, they will not show how much you make us smile with your funny comments and jokes.

The tests cannot show how proud all the staff are of you. They cannot show how proud Mrs Turner is of the way you have thrown yourself into PE lessons, or how proud Mrs Ertle is of the way your confidence and self-esteem has soared this year, or how proud Mrs Greenway is for the way you take on board and act on advice, or the way Mrs Mulholland is so pleased with how you support each other as a class, or show how impressed Mrs Jukes is with the way you have grown as both a class and as individuals – making her smile every day. Nor will the tests show how proud I am of each one of you for the way you have grown into kind, caring, individuals who will go out into the world and make the world a better place.

The tests will not show what a super brother or sister you are or how even when the sky turns grey, one hug or smile from you makes your parent's day.

Yes I want you to do well in your SATs but that is so that you can see all your hard work and effort being recognised – but remember whatever your result there is still so much more to you than a score.

You need to be proud of who you are as individuals, proud of the successes you have achieved in all aspects of school life and proud of the unique, amazing and awesome young people you are!

Now rest up over the weekend. Your homework is to do something fun, get some fresh air, rest well and spend time with your family.

Believe in yourself, we know you are amazing, you just need to believe it!

See you for croissants, cereal and crumpets Monday morning!

Mrs Taylor-Bashford

Headteacher's Awards: Rowan - Chloe**Platinum Awards:** Rowan – Chloe, Beech - Charlotte**Gold Awards:** Rowan - Harry**Silver Awards:** FSU – Amelia, Lusi, Rowan - Lydia**Star of the Week Awards:** Oak – Jonah, Rowan – Emma, Sycamore – Queenie , Cherry – Gina, Willow – Vince, Maple – Bart, Beech – Charlotte**Breakfast club Award:** Cherry - Phoebe



St Joseph's Primary School

Online Safety Newsletter: May 2019

Roblox

PEGI have rated Roblox a PEGI 7 due to frequent scenes of mild violence and scenes which younger children may find frightening. It is not suitable for persons under 7 years of age.



Roblox gives players the opportunity to play, build and create games and now has over 90 million monthly active users. Is your child one of them? It is available on PC, Mac, iOS, Android, Amazon Devices and Xbox One.

What should I be aware of?

Chat Facility

Players can chat to each other, however for players under 12, this feature can be turned off completely or restricted to friends only (although do they (you) know all of their accepted friends?). Players age 12 and younger do have their posts and chats filtered both for inappropriate content and behaviour and to prevent personal information from being posted.

Blocking users and reporting abuse

Roblox offers the ability to block users so as with all games your child plays, ensure they know how to block users that may be harassing or bullying them.

Virtual Currency

Roblox is free to download and free to play. Players can however buy Robux (their virtual currency) to buy in-game upgrades or accessories. If you do not want your child to purchase them ensure your card details are not saved.

Account PINs

You can set up a 4 digit Account PIN to stop your child making any changes that you've set to the account.

More information

<https://en.help.roblox.com/hc/en-us/categories/200213830-Parents-Safety-and-Moderation>



Let's Talk Online Safety

Having regular conversations with your child about their online life is so important. If you show an interest then they are more likely to come to you if they have a problem. Here are a list of questions to start with:

1. What games/apps are you playing?
2. Can I play this game/app with you?
3. Do you have any online friends?
4. What would you do if you saw something upsetting online?
5. Do you understand what private information is?

This is a great document about talking to your child about healthy internet use:

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/sites/default/files/Talking-to-kids-healthy-internet-use.pdf>

SnapChat (age 13+)

social media to share information about your child)

Place2Be and law firm Mishcon de Reya have worked together to produce three films exploring children's views on sharenting. The 'sharenting' films feature children age 9 to 11 years who give their advice to parents on how best to protect their children when sharing content online. As the films show, the internet has a very long memory and includes useful tips such as checking your security settings so you are only sharing with people you know.

<https://www.place2be.org.uk/our-story/news/place2be-and-mishcon-de-reya-launch-films-to-explore-sharenting.aspx>

CBBC and Pop Stars 'Max and Harvey' have also produced their five social media rules for parents: <https://www.bbc.com/ownit/its-personal/max-and-harvey-social-media-rules>

Snapchat is a messaging app used to send photos, videos, text and drawings (called snaps) which disappear after they've been viewed. You should be 13+ to sign up. If you choose to allow your child to have an account then you should be aware of the following:

Snap Map (sharing their location)

The Map lets users see where their friends are if a friend has chosen to share their location at any given time. Location sharing with friends via the Map is optional and is off by default (we recommend that this remains the default setting).

Snapchat streaks

Streaks count how many consecutive days two people have been sending Snaps to each other. A streak is shown by a little picture of a flame and a number (the number of days the streaks has gone on for) next to a contact's name. There can be pressure to respond on a daily basis to maintain their streaks and it can cause issues with people logging into other's account to carry on streaks for friends.

Reporting

Ensure your child knows how to report any issues when using Snapchat. Users are able to report within Snapchat stories, report a Snap they've received, an account, remove and block a 'friend'.

Safety tips and resources

It's really important to talk to your child regularly and make sure that they know that you're always there to talk to if they have any concerns. Snapchat have produced this really useful Parent guide with Connect Safely: <https://storage.googleapis.com/sc-support-web/safety/parents-guide-en.pdf> and have their own safety centre accessed here <https://www.snap.com/en-GB/safety/safety-center/>.

Slang terms used playing online games

L2P – Learn to play, usually used negatively to describe players who aren't very good.

noob – newbie, usually means not very good at the game.

owned – means being owned (usually in an argument).

FTW – For the win.



**STEP UP
& DANCE**



Our next highly anticipated three-day movie-themed dance/music course will run at **Marpool Primary School** from **Thursday 1st August to Saturday 3rd August**, from **10am until 3pm**. Katie Murray (*Step Up & Dance*) and Fay Nelmes (*Primary Music & Education*) have a wealth of experience of working as a professional dancer/musician as well as many years of teaching children. Children are guaranteed to have a fabulous experience and learn plenty of great new skills in both dance and music over the three days. Our final afternoon will include a performance to parents/carers. The total cost of the 3-day course is £70, which is payable in advance (non-refundable) via PayPal on the following link:

[Please go to : paypal.me/moviemagic2019](https://paypal.me/moviemagic2019)

Places are strictly limited and receipt of payment automatically confirms your child's place.

Children will need to bring a packed lunch, snacks and drinks (non-fizzy and no glass bottles) each day and wear comfortable clothing suitable for dancing.

For the filming day (Friday) it would be great if they could wear something related to their movie dance, which we will let you know if advance... but please do not go to additional expense. ***NB Children must avoid wearing the colour green as the technology removes this colour from the video when edited!*** There will also be the opportunity to purchase the DVD of the music videos which the children will be creating as a special memento of the course, as well as photographs. We anticipate the demand for this to be very high so early booking is recommended.

Find out more about what we do at *Step Up & Dance* at <http://www.stepupanddance.co.uk/> and *Primary Music & Education* at <http://www.primary-music.co.uk>