



St. Alban's Catholic Primary School

'Following in the footsteps of Jesus we love, live and learn together'

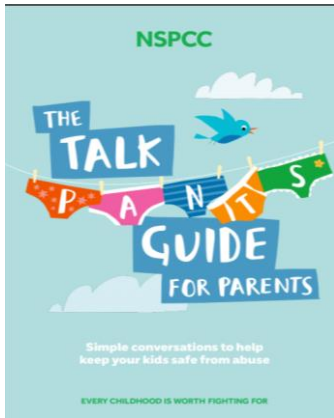


Headteacher: Mrs R McKinney

Week ending: Friday 26th January 2018

Safeguarding Newsletter 1

We will be using the NSPCC Pants Resources with the children during the Spring Term. Please take a look at the resources online and share as a family. www.nspcc.org.uk



Talk about their online world

We talk to children about crossing the road, bullying and speaking to strangers. But what about staying safe in the digital world?



Having regular conversations about what your child is doing online - just like you would their day at school - is the best way to keep them safe.

You'll be able to spot any problems, encourage them to come to you if they're worried and make sure they know what's ok to share online - and what's not.

You can find out more about the social networks, apps and games your child uses with our [Net Aware](#) tool.

3 tips to help start the conversation

1. Explore sites and apps together and talk about any concerns.
2. Ask your child if they know how to stay safe online.
3. Talk about personal information and what to share online.

Get more advice about how to [talk to your child](#) to help them stay safe.

Stay up to date and keep your child safe in today's digital world

www.net-aware.org.uk

It has come to our attention that some children are accessing online applications which are unsuitable for their age group when outside of school. In this particular instance, the apps are Music.ly, Snapchat and Instagram, where it has been reported that children at St. Alban's are sending inappropriate and rude messages. These apps have a recommended age rating of 12+ or 13+ and therefore should not be used by the children without supervision. As with all forms of social media, the messages that the children are sending may be viewed by strangers and unintended parties. The children have been repeatedly reminded about the importance of their own online safety as well as the importance of being respectful online. As the safety of our children is the school's top priority, please ensure that your children are using these applications safely and sensibly. The internet is a great place for children to be, being Share Aware makes it safer. Just like in real life, children need our help to stay safe online. Teach children to be #ShareAware with the NSPCC and O2 by visiting <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-childrensafe/share-aware>.

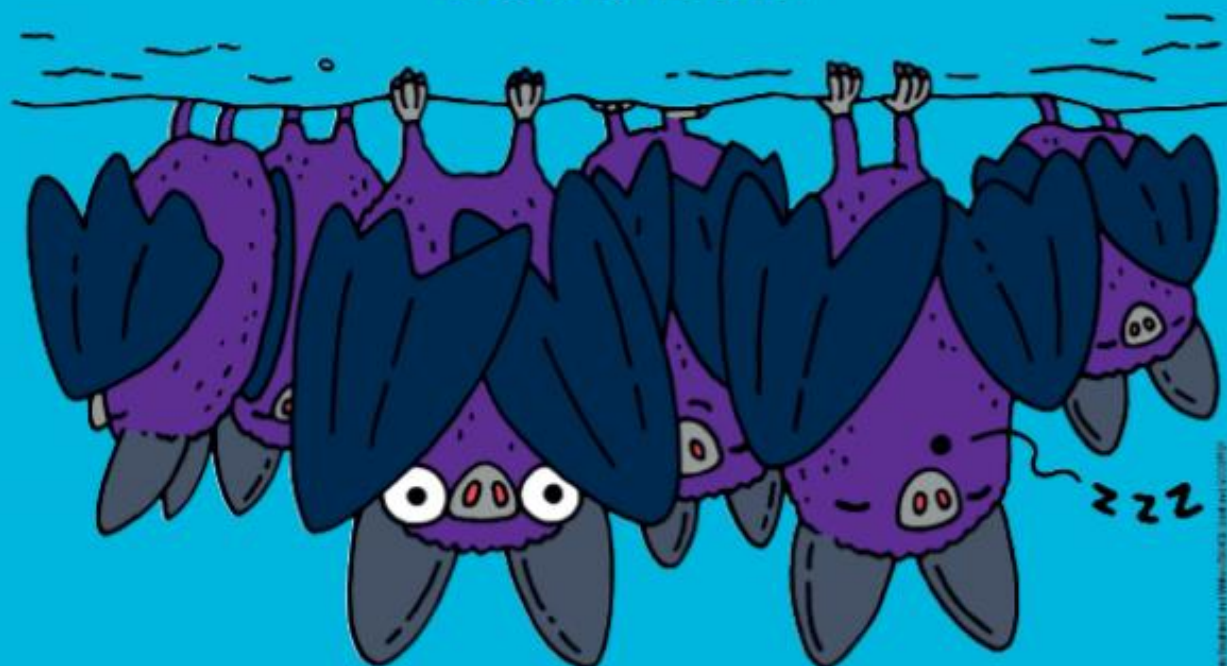
Thank you for your support – Mrs McKinney

Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms

- 13**: Facebook, Reddit, Google+, Twitter, Instagram, Tumblr, Snapchat, Pinterest
- 14**: LinkedIn
- 16**: WhatsApp
- 17**: Vine, Tinder
- 18**: YouTube, Flickr (With Parents permission YouTube and Flickr can be accessed at 13)

WORRIED? NEED TO TALK?

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It's free, you don't have to tell
us your name – and we're
here to talk all day and night,
whatever your worry.