



Friday 10th February **Break for Half Term**
Monday 20th February **Back to School 8.40am**
Friday 31st March **Break for Easter**
Monday 17th April **Return to School 8.40am**

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Pupil of the Week

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Well done to all our winners.

Class	Pupil of the Week 6th January 2023
Nursery	
Reception	Lenny
Year 1	Teddy
Year 2	Nancy
Year 3	Riley
Year 4	Sofia
Year 5	Thomas B
Year 6	Elis B

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Nursery	Noah
Reception	Georgie
Year 1	Mason
Year 2	Darcie M
Year 3	Luca
Year 4	Deacon
Year 5	Fabio
Year 6	Milah



St Charles' Catholic Primary School Newsletter

"Love, learn and grow together"

Headteacher Mrs Rebecca Dean

13th January 2023



Happy New Year!

Welcome back to the Spring Term. It has been lovely to welcome all the children back and to hear their Christmas stories. I hope everyone had a good Christmas and managed to find some time to relax.

The term has started smoothly and I have been impressed with how quickly the children have got back into the routine of school. There is always a lot happening at school so keep an eye on the dates, newsletters and dojo as we will try to give as much notice as possible to things that are happening and any changes to planned events.

As always if you have any worries or concerns please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance, Mrs McKinstry - SENDCo, Mrs Battersby - Deputy Headteacher or myself.



Owen McVeigh Foundation

During the Spring term, we like to think about others in our fund raising. This year we will be raising money for the Owen McVeigh Foundation. This charity aims to help children and their families who are suffering with cancer in Merseyside. This is a charity which is close to our school community as we have a family who is accessing this help.

Over the spring term each class will organise a way of raising money alongside our whole school usual fundraising events.

To find out more about the charity visit
<https://www.owenmcveighfoundation.co.uk>



Congratulations to Year 1 for being our best attenders this week. **Year 2 and Year 5** you have been amazing, *no lates* all week.

Time Keeping

We have noticed over the last couple of weeks that timekeeping is becoming an issue. The gates close at 8.55am and lessons start promptly after the register. **Daily phonics and rapid reasoning is taught at this time and is a vital start to the school day.** Coming in late in the morning has a big impact on your child's day.

Pupil Premium Funding

If your circumstances have changed recently you could be eligible. Please look at the link below to see if you are entitled to Free School Meals.

Statistics indicate that more children in our school are entitled to pupil premium, free milk and meals.

- Income Support Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support from NASS (National Asylum Support Service) under part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, Working Tax Credit run-on, Universal Credit.

How do I apply for pupil premium and free school milk? Access Liverpool City Council's Website via <https://liverpool.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/grants-and-funding/free-school-meals/>

Please let school know when you have received confirmation.

Class	Attendance & Punctuality for this week
WHOLE SCHOOL	94.09% 36 Lates
Reception	90.48% 5 Lates
Year 1	99.50% 9 Lates
Year 2	85.67% 0 Lates
Year 3	97.67% 3 Lates
Year 4	93.75% 6 Lates
Year 5	93.33% Lates
Year 6	97.20% 3 Lates

Reading

Reading with your child helps them develop language and listening skills and prepares them to understand the written word.

As a parent, you are your child's first and most important teacher. When you help your children with their reading you are opening the door to a world of books and learning.

The ability to read is vital. It paves the way to success in school, which can build self-confidence and motivate your child to set high expectations for life. By listening to your child reading aloud helps them to build their reading speed, fluency, accuracy and confidence.

The children are expected to read a minimum of 3 times a week, however it would be ideal for them to read every day. Children should be reading a book each week unless they are reading large chapter books.

Safer Internet Use

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one game of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about WORLD OF WARCRAFT

World of Warcraft originally launched way back in 2004, and since then the game has blossomed into a major entertainment property. It's spawned spin-off novels, merchandise and even a Hollywood movie adaptation – but why are we still talking about it in 2023? World of Warcraft's most recent iteration, Dragonflight, launched last November and marks the game's ninth major expansion. This latest addition has attracted a whole host of lapsed players back to the game – as well as newcomers jumping into the realm of Azeroth for the first time.

AGE RESTRICTION 12+

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ALWAYS ONLINE
World of Warcraft is an MMORPG, which stands for Massively Multiplayer Online Role-Playing Game. Players create a character and head off on mythical quests to earn rewards and become more powerful. The game's environment is absolutely vast, and it can only be played online on PC or Mac – so there's a high probability of young Warcraft fans wanting to monopolise the family computer.

REGULAR EXPANSIONS
As is common with many MMORPGs, World of Warcraft's developers, Blizzard, release regular expansions for the game (usually every 18 months to two years). So although there's still plenty of content for young players to experience right now, there will almost inevitably be a requirement to continue buying future expansion packs, which tend to cost around £50.

IN-GAME PURCHASES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS
Just like its genre contemporary Final Fantasy XIV, World of Warcraft requires a monthly subscription fee to play. It's currently £9.99 per month (although you can get it cheaper by signing up to a longer subscription). There are also many items which can be purchased from the in-game store that don't affect gameplay, but instead offer cosmetic alterations to a player's character.

VOICE AND TEXT CHAT
Because World of Warcraft is played exclusively on PCs and Macs, it's easy for users to type out text messages if they aren't comfortable using voice chat. If you'll forgive the pun, that's a double-edged sword because – although there's less chance of them being harassed verbally – it puts young players at increased risk of being bullied or receiving spam through the in-game messaging function.

SIMULATED VIOLENCE
The fact that World of Warcraft is almost 20 years old means that even its most violent battles look slightly cartoonish compared with the level of authenticity in many more modern games. The exception tends to be Warcraft's in-game cutscenes, animated sections which move the plot onto the next stage. These offer more realistic visuals, but they still aren't overly gory or scary.

POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION
World of Warcraft can trigger a powerful "just one more quest" mentality in players (especially young ones) as they rush to secure the next dopamine hit from leveling their character up or earning a new item or weapon. It's also a game that doesn't have a definite "end" because as soon as a player finishes levelling up one character, they can start afresh with another one.

Advice for Parents & Carers

MANAGE PLAYTIME
World of Warcraft can be an extremely enjoyable game to play with friends, but it's important that your child doesn't let their adventures crowd out school work, socialising or anything else they also enjoy. You could, for example, consider imposing playtime limits – such as a set number of hours to play Warcraft per week, or restricting it to particular days or just weekends.

MAKE IT A REWARD
If your child is excited about getting the next World of Warcraft expansion, you could consider using it as a reward for completing their weekly tasks (you could even call them "quests") like tidying their room or doing their homework. This will demonstrate that you're happy for them to play the game but will also help them to build good, productive habits, reinforcing that hard work earns rewards.

SIGN UP FOR THE FREE TRIAL
Warcraft's monthly subscription effectively "pays" for the regular new content, but there's also a six-week free trial that lets new players explore the world of Azeroth without paying a penny. Players can play up until Level 20 for free, which is easily several hours' worth of gameplay. If your child does take this option, we'd suggest enrolling in-game spending by not linking a bank card to their account.

REMEMBER THE AGE RATING
Due to mild violence and the occasional use of offensive language, World of Warcraft has been rated as appropriate for players aged 12 and over by PEGI (the Pan-European Game Information system, which gives games their age certificate). It isn't really suitable for anyone below that age, so you may potentially have to explain this reasoning to your younger children if they want to play it.

ADVENTURE TOGETHER
Warcraft can certainly be addictive, but playing it together is also a great way to spend time with your child. The game's focus on cooperative questing and battling enemies can make it feel like you've accomplished something as a team, and you'll also be in a prime position to spot any early signs of addiction. Just remember to apply gaming time limits to yourself as well as your young ones!

Meet Our Expert
Lloyd Coombes is Games Editor of technology and entertainment website Decoders and has been working in the gaming media for three years. A long-time gaming enthusiast, he is also a parent and therefore a keen advocate of online safety. Writing regularly about tech and fitness, his articles have also been published on influential sites including iFT and TechAdvisor, among others.

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Lost Property

LOST PROPERTY

The lost property box in the school hall is looking very full.

If your child has mislaid an item of clothing, please ask them to look in the box in the hall.