



FRIDAY NEWS

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JULY
2024

The official newsletter of St James CE Primary School



This week, Year 6 performed their highly-anticipated end-of-year production, showcasing their hard work and talents.

'Matilda' was a captivating musical, full of drama and laughs, that wowed parents and families in the audience. The pupils portrayed the all-too-familiar characters brilliantly, especially the role of the infamous headteacher, Miss Truchbull.

After the performance, the pupils were met with lots of well-deserved applause and cheers. A special thanks was also given to the hardworking producers and directors of the show; the year 6 staff. Rating **A+**

MONDAY MORNING

Having consulted with many of the schools in our Farnworth cluster, we will be opening at the normal time of 8:40 am on Monday 15th July and we do expect children to arrive on time. However, regardless of the outcome of the England match on Sunday, children are allowed to come to school in their England shirts, other football shirts or sportswear to celebrate the achievements of the national team.

STARS OF THE WEEK

- Class 1 - Cole L
- Class 2 - Lilly-May H
- Class 3 - Scarlett L
- Class 4 - Ibrahim S
- Class 5 - Imogen L
- Class 6 - Brooke B & Tommy W
- Class 7 - Maddison R
- Class 8 - Joan I
- Class 9 - Tyler M & Bella MD
- Class 10 - Poppy A
- Class 11 - All of Year 6

GOLD SCROLL

**Peter O, Scarlett L,
Destiny H, Ashaal A,
Faith Y, Renad T,
Cole HC, Tyler M,
Bella MD, Harry G,
Lincoln B, Atlanta C,
Myles C**

CHRISTIAN VALUE

Our Christian value this half term is Hope.

BIBLE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Be strong and take heart, all who hope in the Lord. Psalms 31:25

"With God, there is no limit to what you can do. There is no obstacle you can't overcome. Through Him all things are possible."

(Matthew 19:26)

Attendance

FARNWORTH MATTERS



On Thursday 11th July, Class 9 children had a remarkable opportunity to celebrate the culmination of a year-long project at Bolton School. In collaboration with 10 primary schools from Farnworth, the focus of this project was well-being; encouraging all participants to reflect on how they could contribute positively to their own well-being.

The collaboration project aimed to inspire children through the exchange of learning experiences with their peers from different schools. Emphasising the importance of well-being, the motto "Farnworth Matters because children matter" encapsulated the spirit of the event.

In a significant moment, Bolton's esteemed Mayor Andy Morgan and Mayoress graced the occasion with their presence. Two of our outstanding children showcased their public speaking skills by delivering a speech in front of an audience of over 300 children and adults. Despite the daunting task, they exuded confidence and composure.

The children gained invaluable insights into various strategies for looking after their well-being, setting a solid foundation for their future growth and development. This collaborative effort underscores our commitment to nurturing well-rounded individuals who are equipped to thrive in all aspects of their lives.

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

**ATTENDANCE
OUR TARGET IS 96%**

Whole School	89.6%
Class 1	77.8%
Class 2	91.8%
Class 3	94.3%
Class 4	87.4%
Class 5	83.3%
Class 6	92.4%
Class 7	91.4%
Class 8	91.0%
Class 9	97.0%
Class 10	88.3%
Class 11	87.0%



UPCOMING EVENTS

**WC 15th
July**

- 15th - KS1 Sports Day - weather depending
- 15th - Reports out to parents.
- 16th - Year 6 leavers trip.
- 16th - Reception Graduation at 2 pm.
- 17th - Year 6 Graduation at 9:15 am.
- 18th - Pupil of the Year assembly at 9 am.
- 19th - School closes for summer at 3:15 pm.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SHARING INTIMATE IMAGES

An intimate image depicts sensitive – often sexual – content, and sharing these photos or videos is commonly known as ‘sexting’. As of January 2024, it is a criminal offence to distribute any intimate images shared by a third party without consent, with offenders facing prison time. Naturally, misuse of intimate images can lead to emotional distress and reputational damage.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

EMOTIONAL DISTRESS

Victims of the misuse of intimate images and so-called ‘sextortion’ (blackmail involving sexual material) often experience significant emotional distress. The threat of having these photos or videos shared publicly can lead to anxiety, depression and a sense of helplessness. This emotional turmoil can affect daily life, academic performance and personal relationships.

DAMAGE TO REPUTATION

Intimate images being made public can severely damage a person’s reputation. This can lead to bullying, social ostracisation and long-term impacts on personal and professional relationships. If a blackmailer gets their hands on any intimate images, the fear of reputational damage can also make a victim far more vulnerable to ongoing extortion.

PRIVACY VIOLATIONS

Once intimate images are shared online, it can be difficult to quickly control where they wind up and who else sees them. This loss of privacy can have lifelong repercussions, including identity theft and persistent online harassment.

FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION

Perpetrators of sextortion may demand money from victims under the threat of releasing their intimate images publicly. This can lead to severe financial problems for victims and their families, compounding their emotional and psychological distress.

LEGAL CONSEQUENCES

If a child or young person creates and/or sends intimate images to others – especially adults – this is considered a form of child abuse under UK law. Having to disclose this type of abuse, although necessary, can be harrowing, leading to further trauma. It’s crucial for parents, carers and educators to understand the legal processes and be able to provide proper guidance and support.

TRUST ISSUES

Sharing of intimate images without consent can lead to long-term trust issues. Victims may find it difficult to trust others, impacting future relationships and their ability to form healthy, supportive connections. This erosion of trust can have profound effects on mental health and social wellbeing.

Advice for Parents & Educators

FOSTER A CULTURE OF OPEN COMMUNICATION

It’s vital to encourage open communication with children and young people about the dangers of sharing intimate images online. Create a safe space where they feel comfortable discussing their online activities and any concerns they may have without fear of judgement. Be sure to respond to any worrying information with an attitude of support and learning.

PROMOTE DIGITAL LITERACY

Digital literacy is incredibly important for children and young people to understand how to protect their privacy online. Teach them about secure online practices, such as using strong passwords, enabling privacy settings and recognising suspicious behaviour. This empowers them to be proactive in terms of their own safety.

EDUCATE CHILDREN ON THE RISKS

Children and young people often want to understand *why* certain rules are in place. Educate them about the risks of sharing intimate images online, explaining the reasons for monitoring and other security measures. Highlight the potential for misuse, including sextortion, and the long-term consequences that can arise from these actions.

PROVIDE SUPPORT RESOURCES

Ensure that children and young people know where to seek help if they become victims of sextortion or any other online abuse. Help them identify in advance which adults they can turn to and provide them with information about trusted resources like helplines (e.g. Childline) that they can access if they need help.

Meet Our Expert

Gabriella Russo is a safeguarding and neurodiversity consultant with over 30 years’ experience working with children, families and adults in education, local authority and mental health settings in the UK and abroad.



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