



St John Fisher News

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Citizen of the Week

This week's recipient is **Sophie Ball** in **Y3** for knowing that it is ok to make mistakes in line with our 'Statement to Live By' this week. Sophie tries really hard in class and understands that having the confidence to push herself also means being willing to take risks - within the safety of her classroom and school. This inevitably involves making some mistakes along the way, which is part of learning. She knows that mistakes are positive when we learn from them, so that we can do better next time! What a star you are, congratulations!

Online Safety

Protecting our children online is a key safeguarding priority. Educating children and ourselves in using the internet and specifically social media must be a key priority for all parents/carers and schools.

At St John Fisher we take this responsibility very seriously because we understand that whilst the internet can provide a gateway for children to access resources, information and opportunities when used safely and responsibly it can also provide a gateway to bullies, inappropriate material and predators.

As parents, carers and school staff we are responsible for our children's safety. We

want to look after them and support them as they grow to be healthy and happy and to develop positively both physically and mentally. This is key to our view that education is about formation; body, mind and spirit.

Above all, we want them to be safe. Children learn through exploration and natural curiosity, and it is part of our job to encourage this. However, as our children grow up, develop and discover new experiences, we have to take more and different steps to ensure their safety.

Until their understanding and instincts catch up with their curiosity, our children need to be protected from everyday dangers including those posed by going online

KEEP YOUR KIDS SAFE Online



Depending on the age of children and the personal circumstances of their families, young people may already be familiar with computers, smartphones or tablets from a young age. It is therefore possible that they may already be able to use them to access certain (trusted) websites and social networking sites.

Some primary-aged children could probably even be considered to be 'online veterans' who know their way around the internet, apps, games, downloading and social networking with ease.

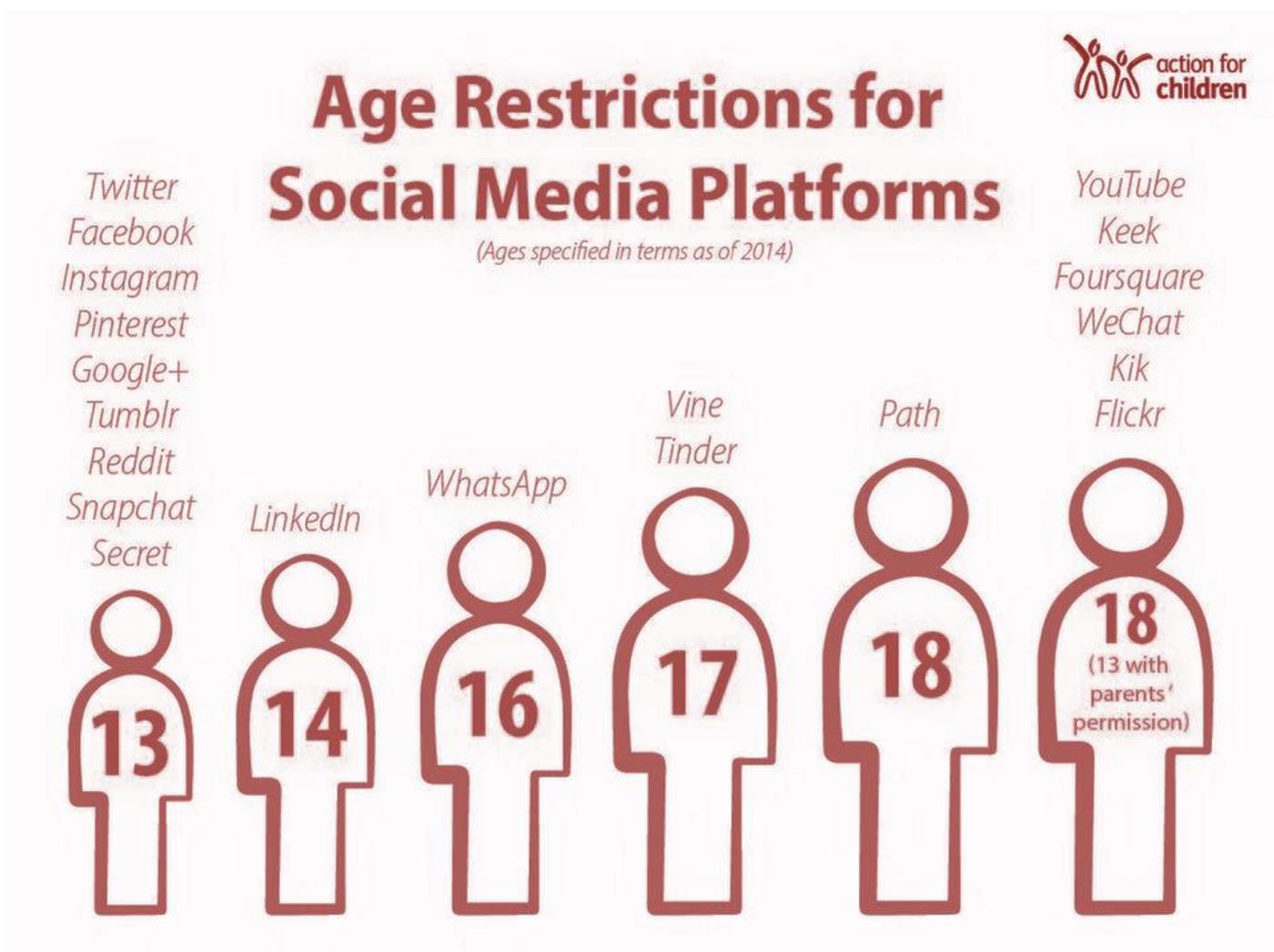
Chances are, they might even know more about these things than their parents do. However they almost certainly do not have the life-experience and wisdom to handle all of the situations that they might encounter through their access to the internet via PC, apps, televisions, tablets, mobile phones and games consuls. This is why we need a measured approach to keeping our children safe when they're online.

So what has changed?

Until relatively recently, most homes had one family computer, on which parents could safely introduce their children to the internet, keep an eye on what they were doing and introduce a degree of monitoring and control using parental software.

Now more children have their own computers and various means of connecting to others via the internet and social media sites (PCs, tablets, smart phones, internet connected games consuls e.g. Xbox Live) it has become more difficult to work with them to ensure they are safe and are not visiting appropriate websites and are not talking to strangers online in the privacy of their bedrooms. It is now increasingly challenging for parents to monitor and control their children's online behaviour.

You will see from the chart below that no primary-aged pupil should actually have their own social media accounts, and yet we are aware that a number of our pupils do. Nor should pupils have their own YouTube channels below the age of 18 (and below 13 year if they have parental support).



These age restrictions exist to protect children and not get in the way of them having fun. Today across the UK there will be children being supported or even encouraged by their parents and carers to get around safeguarding restrictions that exist to protect them in order to set up and use their own accounts.

Serious concerns have even been raised by parents/carers of children using the popular and free-to-purchase musical.ly app. Please see the article available via this link:

<http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/world-news/horrified-parents-warn-paedophiles-using-8363035.amp>

The Risks

No one is immune from encountering problems online. Our children are certainly at a vulnerable stage in their lives. They are naturally inclined to be respectful and trusting towards adults and are obviously less exposed to the potential risks posed by the darker side of the internet.

Some of these potential issues are as follows:

- ✓ the ability to access the internet through a variety of different means, including televisions
- ✓ inappropriate contact from people who are seeking to groom, abuse, exploit or bully children
- ✓ inappropriate conduct resulting from their own and others' online behaviour e.g.
 - sharing personal information and making it public
 - making unkind or personal comments to (or about) others which cause anxiety and upset - and can be viewed by those on the receiving end as cyber-bullying
- ✓ accessing inappropriate content deliberately or accidentally – which might include material deemed to be sexually explicit, racist, violent, extremist or other harmful material
- ✓ accidentally becoming the target of aggressive advertising and marketing messages
- ✓ accidentally providing access to your personal information stored on the computer, mobile device or games console, and passing it on to others, including parent's financial details in order to purchase something online
- ✓ enabling viruses and spyware by the careless or misinformed use of computers, smartphones, tablet, games consoles etc.

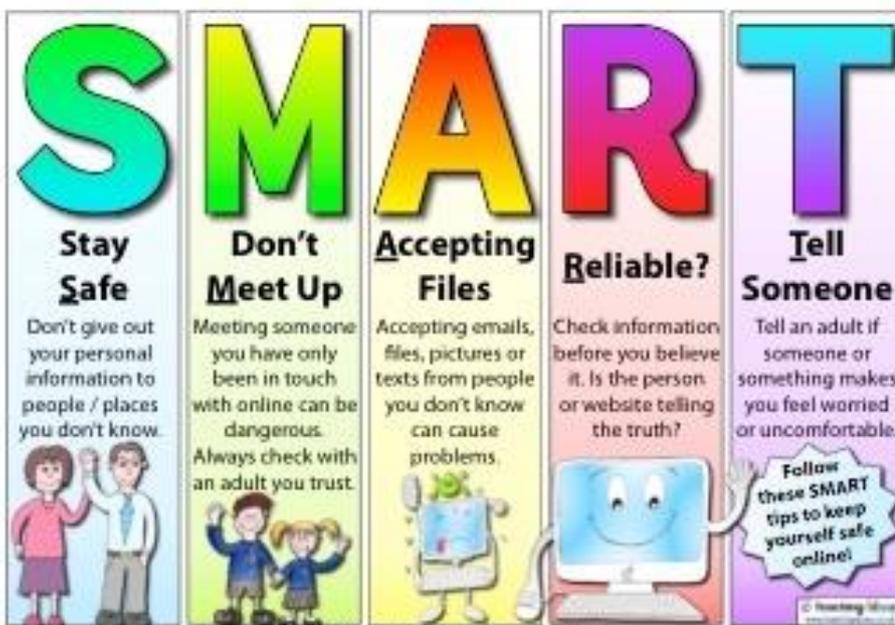
Our Advice

Everyone needs help sometimes and that's especially true of parents trying to stay switched-on to their children's online safety. Information is available via these sites about pre-existing and emerging risks and how do to talk to your children about being safe online and using technology responsibly.

The National Crime Agency advises parents concerned about their children's access to the internet to read the advice on its 'Child Exploitation and Online Protection' website: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk>

Please find further information on these other sites:

- ✓ **St John Fisher website:** <http://www.st-johnfisher.org/parents/esafety/>
- ✓ **NSPCC:** (1) <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety> and (2) <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-your-child-staying-safe-online/>
- ✓ **Get Safe Online:** <https://www.getsafeonline.org/safeguarding-children/>
- ✓ **Safety Net Kids:** <http://www.safetynetkids.org.uk/personal-safety/staying-safe-online/>
- ✓ **Kidsmart:** <http://www.kidsmart.org.uk/>
- ✓ **Cbeebies:** <http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/article-internet-use-and-safety>
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The key piece of advice is to **not** allow your child to have access to sites that they should not be accessing because of their ages. Please **ignore** peer pressure, and possible protests from your child 'that absolutely everyone else in the whole wide world has access except them!'

The age restrictions are not there to spoil the children's fun. They exist to protect them from real threats!

We plan to host some online safety workshops for parents and carers in due course and will revisit the issue continually as we already do.



Lent 2017

On Thursday lunchtimes Mrs Asquith will be exploring the meaning of Lent through reflection and song with the KS1 and KS2 children who wish to join her in 'The Ark'.

Prayer & Reflection for Parents, Carers and Friends

During Lent parents/carers are invited to join Mrs Asquith in our library each Friday from 9.00am-9.30am to reflect prayerfully on their own journeys through Lent. Please come along and join us.

Lent & Easter in Our Parish

Please hit the weblink to discover what is going on in our parish during Lent and Easter: www.ourladyoflourdessheffield.org.uk.

Term 4 Smiley Scores So Far...

St Andrew's House



100

St David's House



117

St Patrick's House



130

St George's House



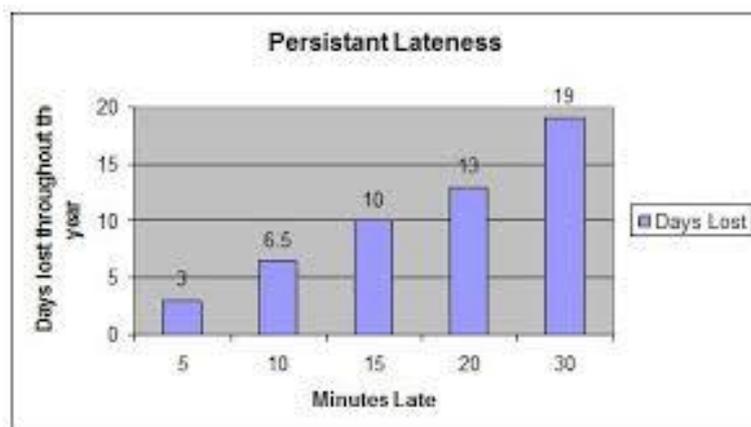
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St Patrick's Feast Day

Today the children in St Patrick's enjoyed dressing in something green today. This afternoon they came together to complete different activities organised by Mrs Pickering, the Head of House. I wish all the Irish members of our community a very happy St Patrick's feast day!

Being on Time for School

A reminder that children with 5+ late marks recorded will be contacted by Mrs Asquith. If you require any help/advice on this matter please contact Mrs Asquith. Thanks.



Parent Advice and Support – Drop-in Sessions

Please remember that all parents and carers can access advice and support from the MAST Parent Support Team. There are weekly drop in sessions in the school library from **8.30am on Thursday mornings** which are open to everyone.

Advice can be on a wide range of issues, from general information about services available to Sheffield parents/carers to more personal and specific advice on parenting, housing, debt-management and coping with addiction etc. If you would like an appointment please speak to Mrs Asquith. Thank you.

Advice and support for children and families



Contact MAST when your family needs some extra help

Our Catholic Life

Weekly Liturgy of the Word

Our next Liturgy of the Word will be led by the children of **Y1** on **Thursday 23rd March 2017**. The family and friends of our **Y1** children are invited to join us in the School Hall just after 9.00am on the day.

Celebration Assembly

We invite the family and friends of our **Y6** children to join us for our Celebration Assembly next **Friday 24th March 2017** in the School Hall at 2.55pm.

Parish News

The next children's Mass is on Sunday 19th March at 10.30am. It will be devoted to St Joseph who was Jesus' foster father. It is a great opportunity to offer thanks for St Joseph's example and pray for all dads, stepdads and foster dads. Please note that important information about services and events in our parish of Our Lady of Lourdes is available via the website: www.ourladyoflourdessheffield.org.uk.

Writing Champions

FS2	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Canani Alvaranga	Isobel Stoeman	Eleanor Checkley	Amelia Denham	Jack Oadley	Daniel DeSousa	Lucy Owens

Golden Children

FS2	Bronte Webb for always being sensible; for being a good listener; and for always being aware of other children's feelings!
Year 1	Filip Dworak for working hard and for demonstrating determination and perseverance!
Year 2	Sophie Hemingway for giving great answers and explanations to our mathematics problems this week and for using great vocabulary as she articulated her answers so brilliantly!
Year 3	Mitchell Clayton for his patience and super attitude towards other children and towards all his learning!
Year 4	Max Peckham for trying really hard in Mathematics then – because of his hard work – succeeding! Well done! What a star!
Year 5	William Ludlam for being very inquisitive and for asking good questions during our special lesson on World War One!
Year 6	Jack Waldron for giving his best effort in everything he does in school! A role-model to others and all-around superstar! Well done!

Achievements Outside of School

- **Lacey Lou Lockey** in **Y1** achieved her 100m swimming award! What a fantastic achievement, well done!
- **Olivia Whitely** in **Y1** achieved her 25m swimming award! An excellent achievement that has made everybody really proud!
- **Phoebe Kilbride** in **Y3** has made everyone so proud after achieving her 1000m swimming award recently! Congratulations!
- **Filip Dworak** in **Y4** recently competed in the Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu National Junior Championships! Despite being moved up to a higher weight category he managed to win a gold medal! A great achievement for his first competition! Congratulations Filip for an amazing performance!

Attendance This Week

FS2		96.7%	
Year 1		81.8%	
Year 2		96.3%	
Year 3		95.3%	
Year 4		99.1%	Bobby Bear will visit next week
Year 5		98.8%	Brenda Bear will visit next week
Year 6		97.5%	Elvis the Owl will visit next week
Weekly Target		97%	This week's Average Attendance 95.3%

Our overall school average dropped significantly this week because children throughout school and especially in Y1 have been affected by a terrible bug.

Parent/Carer Review & Target Setting Meetings

Next Monday and Tuesday we have our next of Review and Target Setting meetings. Mrs Shaw from All Saints Catholic High School will be available until approximately 4.15pm on Monday if you have any questions. We also welcome Taylor Shaw, our caterers who will be providing a selection of food for you to sample from the children's menu at both sessions. As usual our fantastic PTFA will be on hand to provide refreshments and supervise a place where children can watch DVDs, draw or play games whilst they are waiting. If you can help the PTFA, please get in touch, as all offers of help are appreciated greatly.

Appeal

Are you an ex pupil of our school? Are you a former member of staff? Would you be willing to be interviewed about your memories of coming to school whether you attended recently or in the more distant past? Do you have any photographs or school memorabilia? Please speak to Mrs Pickering if you can help – or if you can put us in touch with someone who can help. Thank you.



Statement to Live By

Next week our 'statement to live by' is '**I can learn from my mistakes and failures**'

Time to talk: This week we have been reflecting on why it is OK – even important – to make mistakes. We thought about why we must challenge ourselves so that we can actually learn how to be fantastic learners. We reflected on why this can be scary and why we have to just go for it - even though we might make mistakes in the process. We thought about what Michael Johnson (the famous American basketball player) meant when he said; **“You will miss 100% of the shots you never take!”** and we promised to try to push ourselves to our limits - and beyond - within the safety of the classroom.

This week why not reflect on when you pushed yourselves this week? What mistakes did you make and how did you react? How will you challenge yourselves next week? Why is Lent a special time for thinking, reflecting, trying, failing and trying again? What will you do differently next week?

SO I DID, AND HERE I AM.
NOW LETS TALK ABOUT WHAT I'VE
LEARNED.

Don't judge me by my
mistake, judge me by
how I learn from my
mistake!

I don't forgive people
because i'm weak, i forgive
them because i'm strong
enough to know people make
mistakes.

- Unknown

I AM STRONG
because I know my Weaknesses
I AM BEAUTIFUL
because I am aware of my Flaws
I AM FEARLESS
because I learnt to recognise, illusion from Real
I AM WISE
because I learn from my Mistakes
I AM A LOVER
because I have felt Hate
and...
I CAN LAUGH
because I have known Sadness

Have a great weekend.

Best wishes,
Mr Barratt