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GENEROSITY



This half term we are studying the Christian value 'Generosity' with a focus on teaching the children to be generous to each other, adults around them and with their time and help. We have included an information sheet on the value in the pages below with ideas of how you can support your children with our value.

Bedtime Story

We are organising a Bedtime Story night for Tuesday, 16th November 5.00-6.00pm. A letter will be sent home giving full details. We hope Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children and their parents/carers are able to join us to share books.

Children in Need

Friday, 18th November we are having a non-uniform for a £1 donation. Come dressed in your spots, as Pudsey or in anything Children in Need. There will be some prizes for the best in each class. We are selling some Pudsey themed merchandise from Monday, 7th November.

Parental On-line Payments

A reminder, Dinner Money, Trips and Uniform can be paid on-line through Schools Cash Office. Mrs Walters can send you login details/instructions if you wish to use this method of payment. In future, we are also going to allow payment on-line for discos, cinema nights and non-uniform days.



Communication

Newsletter subscription

Subscription via the website is on the School Website home page:

<http://www.allsaintscofe.lancs.sch.uk/>

HAVE YOU DOWNLOADED THE CHORLEY ALL SAINTS APP ?

Open your app store on your phone/device and search '*School jotter*', click install. Type '*PR72LR*' and click on 'Chorley All Saints' Church of England Primary School'. This will sign you up to the School app. You will receive notifications when news/newsletters are shared, however you may need to check your phone settings to allow notifications to come through.

Facebook

Chorley All Saints business page is on Facebook announcements, updates and news only. You can find the page by searching '**Chorley All Saints**' in the Facebook search box and 'Like' and 'Follow' to receive news.

Seesaw

It is important that all parents' **sign up to 'Class Seesaw' & 'Family Seesaw'** as homework and communication from the class teacher will be via this method. We will also share pictures of your child in their work and class activities. If you are new to the school or would like help doing this please ask at the office. **Staff can only respond in school working hours, Monday to Friday 8.30am – 4.00pm**

Autumn Term 2 Afterschool Clubs

If children are staying behind for a SPORTS club they **will wear their SCHOOL PE KIT ONLY – black/navy tracksuit bottoms or leggings**. Please do not send children in other clothes.

Monday	Year 5/6 Tennis Club	Y2/3/4/5/6 Board Game Club		Y3 -6 – Homework Club
Tuesday	KS2 Football Club	Rec/Y1 – Hob Nobs Club		Y3 -6 – Homework Club
Wednesday	Y3/4 Basketball	Y2/3/4/5/6 Board Game Club	Y4/5/6 Choir	Y3 -6 – Homework Club
Thursday	Y2/3 – Hob Nobs Club	Year 5/6 Dodge Ball	Y4/5 Art & Craft Club	Y3 -6 – Homework Club
Friday	Y5 Ukulele Club	Year 1 & 2 Sport Club		

Uniform

Please ensure your child has the correct uniform and all items are named as this helps us return them when they are misplaced. Uniform is as follows:

- Royal blue school jumper/ cardigan / Hoody
- Grey/ Black trousers / skirt/ shorts (NO JOGGERS or TRACKSUIT PANTS)
- White polo shirt
- Black school shoes appropriate for wet weather (NO WHITE or COLOURED TRAINERS)
- Warm coat (they go outside most weathers)
- Grey/ black/ white socks

PE Kits

These must now be in school all the time.

PE kit **must** consist of: **School jumper, School team T- Shirt or Plain White T- shirt, Royal blue school shorts or Black Shorts, Blue/ Black joggers or leggings and Trainers**
Please DO NOT send children in other coloured clothes or non-uniform.

Online safety

Each month we will sharing some support and guidance to help you keep your children safe online. .

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 and Carers Need to Know About...

ROCKET LEAGUE

Age Restriction
PEGI 3

Rocket League is a free-to-play multiplayer vehicle football game. It was developed by Psyonix, now part of the Epic Games family (which also includes Fortnite and Gears of War). Rocket League is essentially a football game where, instead of running, the players drive rocket-powered cars. The game was a surprise hit that took the world by storm when it first released in 2015. Rocket League is available for the Xbox One, Xbox Series X, PlayStation 4 & PlayStation 5, Nintendo Switch, Windows PC, MacOS and Linux.

Fiercely Competitive Community

Competitive gaming isn't necessarily bad. However, playing purely to win (as opposed to simply having fun) can result in aggressive behaviour among some players if they're not successful in the game. Certain people can become hostile or 'toxic' towards other players. Continually seeing this behaviour can cause children to think it is acceptable and lead to anger issues while playing.

Grinding and Increased Screen-time

Features like the Rocket Pass and the ranking system can make Rocket League a grinding-focused game. This means players need to spend a lot of time on the game to progress through levels and collect rewards. Grinding encourages regular long gaming sessions for players seeking to climb the rankings (meaning increased screen time) but it doesn't always result in making much headway.

Unsuitable Online Interactions

A video game's age rating cannot take player-generated elements into account. Rocket League is rated PEGI 3, but its online features mean that appropriateness can't be guaranteed. Audio and text chat, player usernames, player-to-player trades and other user-created content may not be suitable for young players. The game is moderated, but catching everything can be difficult.

Scams and Bad Trades

Player-to-player trading is common in Rocket League. The game has lots of cosmetic items to collect, and some can be very valuable. Players can trade items among themselves, but younger gamers are not always the best judges of what constitutes a fair deal. This can lead to them being swindled in trades – or to children signing up to illegitimate trading websites, where they then get scammed.

In-App Purchasing

Free-to-play games (so called because they don't cost anything to download) like this depend on players making in-game purchases to turn a profit. Rocket League's in-game currency, called credits, are used to buy items in the game. Credits can be earned by playing the game or can be bought with real money – which could prove expensive if a child lets their love of the game and desire to progress get the better of them.

Advice For Parents & Carers

Use Parental Controls

Psyonix has added some safety measures into the game. The text and voice chat can be disabled, for example, limiting contact from strangers. However, it's not currently possible to block contact from other players about trades. It's a good idea, then, to talk with your child about the possibility of scams and bad trades either before they download the game or early in their Rocket League 'career'.

Stay Aware of Spending

Free-to-play games can become money sinks without children realising. For peace of mind, make sure you don't have any payment methods attached to your child's gaming account to avoid accidental purchases. Rocket League credits can be earned through gameplay or bought with real money; encourage your child to use their earned credits first before they ask you to top them up.

Monitor Gaming Time

It's impractical to sit and watch your child every time they play Rocket League. Keeping an eye on their gaming hours is crucial, however; it's easy to lose track of time while playing (even for adults), so 'one more game' can soon turn into ten more games. Helping your child to balance their gaming time with their homework, chores and other activities is a life lesson in time management.

Encourage Regular Breaks

Sitting in the same position all day while gaming isn't healthy, but it is an easy habit to fall into. A short break every hour or half hour is important. It allows players to rest their eyes, brains, hands and arms. Learning the value of an occasional break from any activity is good practice for the future. Encouraging your child to rehydrate regularly can also help to lower any rising competitive tempers!

Meet Our Expert

Clare Godwin (a.k.a. Lunawolf) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2015, providing websites with event coverage, reviews and gaming guides. She is the owner of Lunawolf Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books. With experience in esports and content creation, Clare has seen the benefits and drawbacks of all aspects of gaming.



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READING WITH YOUR CHILD

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. In school we encourage the children to read at every opportunity.

Please support your child further by listening to them read at home as this has a huge impact on the rate of progress they make not just in English but in all subjects. Please **sign their reading records** and send us some photos of them reading...extreme or simply cosied up at home. We look forward to seeing them!

Date	Event	Details
16.11.22	Rec/KS1 Bedtime Story	5.00-6.00pm
18.11.22	Children In Need	Non-Uniform for £1 donation
16.12.22	School Closes for Christmas	2.15pm
1.12.22	Cinema Night-3.30-6.00pm	
2.12.22	Rec & KS1 Nativity	2.15pm
5.12.22	Non-uniform for Christmas chocolate for Bingo Rec & KS1 Nativity	6.00pm
6.12.22	Rec & KS1 Nativity	6.00pm
12.12.22	Christmas Bingo	6.00pm (doors open at 5.30pm)
14.12.22	School Christmas Dinner	£2.40 per child (unless entitled to FSM)
15.12.22	Christingle Service in Church	5.30pm
4.1.23	School Re-opens	
15.1.23	Closing Date for Primary Admissions	
10.2.23	School Closes for Half Term	3.15pm
20.2.23	School Re-opens	
31.3.23	Close for Easter	2.15pm
17.4.23	School Re-opens	