



## St Bartholomew's CE Primary School



### News in school 19.1.24

Good afternoon,

When I invite friends to my home I always look forward to welcoming them. I wonder if you are like me? In my excited anticipation I dust, polish, vac and tidy to make sure everything is 'just right'. On arrival, I embrace my visitors, welcome them. I want them to be at their ease, to feel they belong, that they matter and that they can be themselves.

In 1 Peter 4 v 8-10, the author encourages Christians to welcome one another,

*'above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms'*

I know that our church school offers a very warm welcome and that this is extended to all in our community - pupils, parents, governors, visitors and one another. Thank you for helping us to be warm, welcoming and embracing.

#### **Willow Class Homework**

Year 6 parents will have received a notification to say that homework starts this week. Please look out for it this week and encourage your child to work independently through it. If they are stuck, please ask them to speak to Mrs Davison and Mrs Peach before the due date. This enables us to gauge challenge and set our homework at the right level for each child.

#### **Home School Agreement**

Thank you to all those parents who have already completed the Home School Agreement 2023-24 form on ParentMail. If you haven't completed it, please take the time to do so, as without permission, your child/ren will not be included in the Tempest class photos that will be taken on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

#### **Lunches**

I have been speaking to Willoughby Foods and our children regarding the food in school. I am happy to hear any feedback and I will act where I can. Please do continue to check in with your children and order meals that they enjoy and will eat, to make sure they are full and ready to learn in the afternoon.

Take care, Miss Ingle

## School worship

Help us to keep you at the centre of our lives, by welcoming everyone who we meet, just as Jesus, the perfect teacher, met everyone in the Gospels. Guided by the Holy Spirit, may we be a community of love, inclusion and acceptance — being the hands and feet of Christ in this world.

Amen

## Bible verse of the week

Matthew 25: 31-40

“I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me.”

## Celebrated this week in Collective Worship

w/e 19.1.2024	Fantastic award	Excellence award
Apple Class	Finley	Mila-Rose
Palm Class	Evelyn	Allie
Oak Class	Poppy	Hollie
Willow Class	Freddie	Esme G

## Attendance winner of the week

Willow Class are the attendance winners of the week and will receive the reward of taking Gerald to the park at playtime one day next week.



Willow Class were the Attendance Winners of the week (News in School 5.1.23) and were rewarded with a playtime in the park with Gerald!

# Dates for Your Diary

Date	Time	Event
7 <sup>th</sup> February 2024		Class Photos
7 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	3.15-4.30pm	PTFA Valentine Disco
16 <sup>th</sup> February 2024		Year 5 Girls: 11+ Registration closes for Spalding High School
1 <sup>st</sup> March 2024		Year 5 Boys: 11+ Registration closes for Spalding Grammar School
25 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	3.30-5.30pm	Parents' Evening
26 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	3.30-6.30pm	Parents' Evening
26 <sup>th</sup> April 2024		Year 1 – Learn2Ride course
15 & 16 <sup>th</sup> May 2024		Year 5 – L1 & 2 Bikeability
26-28 <sup>th</sup> June 2024		Year 6 Residential

Please be aware that Lincolnshire County Council have amended the term dates for 2024-25. Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025 is now an Inset Day and Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025 is now a normal school day. Please see our school website for all term dates.

All calendar dates/events can be found on our school website by clicking on the 'calendar' tab. If you wish to add an event to your own calendar, you can do so by clicking on the link and pressing the 'add to calendar' button.

## Any Other Information/Reminders

### PE Timetable Term 3:

	Outdoor PE	Indoor PE
Apple	Monday	Wednesday
Palm	Tuesday	Thursday
Oak	Thursday	Monday
Willow	Friday	Tuesday

### School Mobile Phone

We now have a school mobile for afterschool care. The number is: **07396725986** It will be turned off during the school day. It will only be available for parents who have children attending afterschool care during afterschool care hours. **PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE FIRST IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES.**

### After School Kids Club

Please be aware that if parents/carers/guardians are more than 10 minutes late collecting from after school clubs at 4pm there will be a charge of a full hour, per child, childcare cost.

### Pencil Cases

Please remember to ask your child regularly if they require anything replenishing.

### Severe Weather/Snow Closure

In the event of severe weather, we will always strive to ensure that the school remains open, but in the event that extreme weather conditions necessitate the closure of the school we will advise you of this in a number of ways. We will notify parents via email via Parentmail, update the school website and advise Lincs FM and BBC Lincolnshire radio stations so listen out to their broadcasts or log onto their websites. We will also post a message on the school's Facebook and 'X' pages.

### School Opening

Our school office is open from 8.30am to 3.15pm, Monday to Friday. If you wish to contact the school out of these hours, please call 01775 640357 and leave a message on our answerphone or alternatively email [enquiries@stbartholomews.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@stbartholomews.lincs.sch.uk).

**PTFA Easy Fundraising** is a great source of funds for the school which could raise £££s for the PTFA. A range of retailers, holiday companies, Ebay, Tesco and many more donate a percentage of money spent when parents / carers / guardians spend money. It costs the consumer absolutely nothing at all. Parents/carers/guardians need to click on the easy fundraising link:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/panel/>

- Register an email and password
- Nominate your cause
- Download a reminder tool to browser so when purchases are made through a partner a reminder is sent.

Make the purchase and a percentage goes to St Barts!

£34.21 raised since September 2023

# SMARTPHONE SAFETY TIPS

## for young people

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You may have been lucky enough to have unwrapped a smartphone at Christmas, or you might be eagerly anticipating getting a new one at some point during this year. Whether it'll be your first ever phone or an upgrade on your old model, it's always useful to have a refresher about how to set it up and adjust the settings to keep yourself – and your valuable personal info – safe and secure. We've collected some expert tips to help you enjoy your smartphone in the healthiest way possible.

### NEVER SHARE YOUR PASSCODE

Alongside face or fingerprint recognition, your passcode is crucial to unlocking your phone and accessing your apps and personal information. You shouldn't give it out, even to close friends – after all, you wouldn't hand them a key to your house and let them go in for a nosy around! If a friend wants to use your phone, ask them why and make sure you can see what they're doing with it.

### RESPECT PARENTAL CONTROLS

If you're allowed to have a smartphone, it's because your parents or carers feel that you're mature and responsible enough to use it safely. They might set controls and boundaries on your device – not to spoil your fun but to help you avoid hazards like too much screen time or costly in-app purchases. Following these rules means you can enjoy using your phone while respecting their wishes.

### TALK TO A TRUSTED ADULT

Whether it's to listen to music, play games, create content or chat with friends, using a smartphone should be fun. If you're ever feeling anxious, worried or scared about going on your phone, then something isn't right. It's important not to ignore these feelings; instead, talk to a trusted adult about what's happening and how it's making you feel.

### STAY ALERT

Two words: look up. It might sound obvious, but it's so easy to get immersed in what we're looking at or listening to on our phones that we can become unaware of our surroundings – or who might be around us. People often walk with their head down, focusing on their phone, and forget to check for obstacles in their path, cars or other pedestrians coming towards them, which is clearly dangerous.

### DEVELOP HEALTHY HABITS

Phones offer a vast amount of content and the chance to chat with friends whenever we feel like it, which can make it difficult to take time away from the screen. If that's something you struggle with, you could try setting time limits on certain apps. Putting our phones down for a while gives us more time to interact with others or do something physical that helps keep us fit and healthy.

### IGNORE UNKNOWN NUMBERS

There are some scammers who might call or text asking you to share personal data or to click on a link and provide your details. Some may claim to be from a genuine company, but trustworthy businesses don't spontaneously call or message to ask for your information. It's safest to ignore calls or texts from unknown numbers, and never give your personal details out over the phone.

### ONLY USE AGE-APPROPRIATE APPS

Before downloading a new app or game, check what age rating it has. Don't feel pressured into getting a particular game or app just because your friends are using it. If it's intended for older people, there's a definite risk that it could include content (which is violent or frightening, for instance) or language which isn't suitable and may leave you feeling upset or disturbed.

### REMOVE TEMPTATION

A good night's sleep is so important for concentration, mood and overall health. Unwinding properly before going to bed – which means not staring at a screen late at night – can often improve sleep quality. Put your phone on charge overnight, but not in your room. This means you'll have a lot less temptation to check any notifications, reply to messages or get caught up scrolling on social media.

### THINK ABOUT OTHERS

Watching videos, listening to music or calling someone can all help to pass the time while we're on the bus, waiting in a queue or walking down the street. It's important to remain mindful of other people, though: they might not want to hear your tunes or your conversation. Likewise, if you're calling from a public place then don't forget that anyone could overhear something personal about you.

### SWITCH OFF GEOLOCATION

In your phone's settings, you'll be able to disable geolocation for individual apps and photos: this means that people online (including strangers) can't see information about where you are when you share or post a pic. On the subject of images, it's also important to ask permission before taking or sharing a photo of someone – and don't share embarrassing images of your friends with others.

### Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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