



## St Bartholomew's CE Primary School



**"Let your light shine"**

***News in school***

***20.9.24***

Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians,

### **Parent Code of Conduct**

I am saddened to say that since the beginning of term, my staff and I have received phone calls and emails which have been either confrontational, aggressive, accusatory or written in an inappropriate tone. Parents have also come into the school office and behaved in an aggressive manner too. Neither my staff nor me come to work to be treated in this manner. We work incredibly hard and really do try to give your children the best education. We continually say that our door is always open to discuss anything, and we mean it. However, please come in or contact us with the same respect that we show. I have attached the Parent Code of Conduct which can also be found on the school website.

### **Dropping off and Collecting Children on Time**

As a school, we try and be as helpful as we possibly can. However, we do not have the staff to offer free child care. Children should be dropped off and picked up on time and if that is not possible, breakfast and afterschool care should be booked please. The office closes at 3:15pm and our teaching staff have meetings and preparation to do.

### **Language**

Can I please ask anyone bringing children to either gate to be mindful of the language that they use in the vicinity. Our children are very young and often repeat phrases. No swearing or derogatory language should be used at any time please.

### **Car Safety at the Front of the School**

I appreciate that there is very little space for parking at the front of our school and that you are all busy and have places to be, however, the safety of the children is my priority. Please refrain from wheel spinning and speeding off and keep to 20mph when driving next to our school. Thank you.

Can I please remind drivers not to stop/block, even for a short period of time, the main driveway entrance to the school. We do, on occasions, require access for emergency vehicles.

### **Harvest Festival – Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

Our Harvest Festival service will take place in St Bartholomew's Church on **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 2.15pm.** Donations of tin/packet foods and toiletries for Agape Foodbank are gratefully received. Please collect your child from the Village Hall at normal time.

### **Fun Run**

On Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September, we will be collaborating with the Halmer Harriers again to bring you the 3<sup>rd</sup> St Bart's Fun Run. Entry to run in the Fun Run is £2 per runner and is open to children and adults. Please complete the ParentMail form to let us know you will be running as a register will be taken on the gate, where you will pay, and we want to make sure we have enough bacon and sausages!

### **West Pinchbeck 10k Run**

If you wish to take part in the 10k run, you can find the links on the following sites:

- Facebook – West Pinchbeck 10k
- Facebook – Halmer Harriers
- Run Britain website (search for the race)

Take care  
Miss Ingle



## ***Bible verse of the week***

### **Proverbs 18:24**

"Some friends play at friendship but a true friend sticks closer than one's nearest kin."

## ***School worship***

Almighty Father, I give thanks today for the friendships in my life. Lord, this life isn't meant to be lived alone, so I am grateful for the people who walk alongside me, supporting me, loving me, and encouraging me. For we cannot do it all alone but are better together. Help me to be more aware and gracious to my friends, appreciating them and accepting their help. Help me to be a better friend, too, supporting, loving, and encouraging others. Lord, lead me to find and cultivate deeper friendships and be a good friend in all that I do. Shower your blessings upon those I call friends, that you may ever be in our midst. Bind us together, Lord, for a cord of three strands is not quickly broken.

**Amen.**

## ***Attendance winner of the week***

Franklin Class are the attendance winners of the week and have won a trip to the park with Gerald during playtime one day next week.

# Football Match Report

Date: 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Venue: Pinchbeck East C of E Academy

Top of the League! Fast, fabulous and friendly and St Bart's were incredible this afternoon against Pinchbeck East.

St Bart's started the game bravely and Charlie scored early on smashing the ball in the back of the net. After some strong work in defence by Harry and consistency in midfield, the team passed the ball with accuracy and speed, with some excellent touches thrown in. Conceding our first goal was devastating however, St Bart's persevered and got a goal back. At half time the score was

St Bart's 1 Pinchbeck East 1

After a thrilling second half, we won 3:2! Go St Bart's.

Player of the Match: Bladen

Reason: Bladen scored an amazing goal, and he didn't stop; when we needed him, he was there.

## Church News

**Thirsty on a Thursday:** The Church is open every Thursday between 9.30—11am for you to drop in any time for tea/coffee and a chat.

**Macmillan Afternoon:** This will take place at Black Hole Drove, West Pinchbeck on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2-4pm. For more information, please contact Janet Iszatt (07443220149) who is hosting this event. There will be refreshments, books, wood turned items. All welcome.

**Harvest Lunch:** St Bartholomew's Church & Village Hall are jointly hosting this event on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 1pm in West Pinchbeck Village Hall. Hot meats, salads, dessert, tea/coffee for £10 per person, however, please bring your own drinks and glasses. There will also be a raffle. For more information, please contact Wendy (01775 640296) to book a place.

**Children's Society Coffee Morning:** This will take place on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October 10am-12 noon at West Pinchbeck Village Hall. There will be refreshments, a raffle, cakes, books, wood turned items. For more information, please contact Philippa Peach (07771 733097).

# Dates for Your Diary

Date	Time	Event
29 <sup>th</sup> September	10am	WP 10k run / Fun Run
30 <sup>th</sup> September	2pm	Harvest Festival in church
24 <sup>th</sup> September	5.30-8pm	Cowley Academy Open Evening (Year 5 and 6)
26 <sup>th</sup> September	5.30-8pm	Bourne Academy Open Evening (Year 5 and 6)
1 <sup>st</sup> October	5.30-8pm	Spalding Academy Open Evening (Year 5 and 6)
3 <sup>rd</sup> October	8.30am	Individual & Family Photos
8 <sup>th</sup> October		Darwin Trip to Milton Estate
11 <sup>th</sup> October		Nightingale Trip to the Inkpot
17 <sup>th</sup> October	3.15-4.30pm	<a href="#">PTFA Welcome Disco</a>
18 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2024		Term 1 Ends
29 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2024		Term 2 Begins
22 <sup>nd</sup> November	6-8pm	<a href="#">PTFA Family Bingo</a>
13 <sup>th</sup> December		Christmas Jumper Day £1 for SoLDAS (Women's Refuge)
13 <sup>th</sup> December		Whole School Christmas Lunch (order via Willoughby's)
13 <sup>th</sup> December	1.15-2.30pm	<a href="#">PTFA Christmas Disco</a>
13 <sup>th</sup> December	3.15-5.15pm	<a href="#">PTFA Christmas Fayre</a>
16 <sup>th</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Time tbc	Parents Evenings
18 <sup>th</sup> December		Whole School Trip – Pantomime South Holland Centre
19 <sup>th</sup> December		Class Christmas Parties
19 <sup>th</sup> December	2.15-3.15pm	Christingle Carol Service at St Bartholomew's Church
19 <sup>th</sup> December		Term 2 Ends
6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025		Term 3 Begins
12 <sup>th</sup> February	Time tbc	Young Chef Valentine's Meal
14 <sup>th</sup> February		Term 3 Ends
24 <sup>th</sup> February		Term 4 Begins
6 <sup>th</sup> March		World Book Day
16 <sup>th</sup> March	10 – 12 noon	<a href="#">PTFA Car Boot Sale</a>
2 <sup>nd</sup> April	3.15-4.15pm	<a href="#">PTFA Easter Disco</a>
4 <sup>th</sup> April		Term 4 Ends
23 <sup>rd</sup> April		Term 5 Begins
23 <sup>rd</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Time tbc	Parents Evenings
17 <sup>th</sup> May	6-8pm	<a href="#">PTFA Family meal and quiz night</a>
23 <sup>rd</sup> May		Term 5 Ends
2 <sup>nd</sup> June		Term 6 Begins
27 <sup>th</sup> June		<a href="#">PTFA Summer Fayre</a>
8 <sup>th</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup> July	6-7pm	Year 5/6 Summer Production
13 <sup>th</sup> July	Time tbc	Sports Day
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Time tbc	<a href="#">PTFA Year 6 Leavers BBQ &amp; whole school disco</a>
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	9.15am	Leavers' Service
22 <sup>nd</sup> July		Term 6 Ends

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

### Book Wish List

We are constantly trying to update our school Library so the child have the opportunity to read new and exciting books. With this in mind, Mrs Szydlowski has sourced a 'Book Wish List'. It has been created by our local book shop 'Bookmark' in Spalding. They have been extremely kind and made an area on their website where you can click on a book and purchase it online and have also offered us a discount. We felt it was not only important to purchase new books for our children but also support a local small business. When a few books have been purchased they will then contact Mrs Szydlowski to go and collect them. If you feel you would like to purchase a book for our Library, or know someone that would like to, then please follow this link:



<https://uk.bookshop.org/lists/st-bartholomew-s-ce-primary-school-wishlist?>

Bookmark have informed us that if you select a book from our list on their website and buy via the website then a delivery cost will be added. If you see a book you would like to purchase please email them directly or call the shop. They will then have the books delivered to the shop for free and it will be collected from them.

### Health Care Plans

In order that we can provide the necessary care required to those children who have on-going health care needs, we require parents to complete a 'Health Care Plan' form via ParentMail. This document is used to detail the on-going health issues and, if applicable, the medication that each child requires. If you haven't done so already and your child has health care needs, please complete the form via ParentMail. Thank you to those parents who have already completed their child's Health Care Plan.

### Attendance

All schools are expected to keep their attendance over 96%. At the end of our first week, our Year to Date attendance sits at 96.44%. If you need any help with attendance, please come and speak to us as we will help in any way that we can. Dr Chris Whitty released this statement via the DfE: *"It is usually appropriate for parents and carers to send their children to school with mild respiratory illnesses. This would include general cold symptoms: a minor cough, runny nose or sore throat. However, children should not be sent to school if they have a temperature of 38°C or above."*

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**

### PE/Swimming Timetable Term 1:

	PE	Swimming
Nightingale	Monday	Wednesday
Darwin	Thursday	Tuesday
Franklin	Friday	Thursday

### 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.**

### Pencil Cases

Please remember to ask your child regularly if they require anything replenishing, especially glue sticks, which are frequently used items.

### **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.

### **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!

£74.28 raised in the last quarter

### **Term Dates**

#### **2024-25**

Term 1: 4th Sept—18th Oct 2024

Term 2: 29th Oct—19th Dec 2024

Term 3: 6th Jan—14th Feb 2025

Term 4: 24th Feb—4th April 2025

Term 5: 23rd April— 23rd May 2025

Term 6: 2nd June—22nd July 2025



# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about FINAL FANTASY XIV

AGE RESTRICTION  
**PEGI 16**

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

The video game Final Fantasy XIV launched in 2010, and, despite being critically panned, it saw an overhaul that has made it one of the biggest success stories in gaming. Its huge world, epic story and versatile combat system have continued to draw in new players, but there's a lot that trusted adults need to be aware of – not least the cost of paying monthly to play.

### ALWAYS ONLINE

Final Fantasy XIV is an MMORPG, which stands for Massively Multiplayer Online Role-Playing Game. Much like World of Warcraft, players create a character in a chosen class and level up by completing quests to gain power and items. The game requires a constant internet connection, whether you're playing on PC, Mac, PlayStation or Xbox, and there's no option to play offline.

### REGULAR EXPANSIONS

As with similar titles in the genre, players can purchase expansions to unlock additional content for the game. Those without the expansions will be locked out of certain new quests and activities, meaning that young people who play regularly will potentially have the next release earmarked on their calendar, ready to buy it as soon as possible.

### IN-GAME PURCHASES & SUBSCRIPTION FEE

Users need to pay £6.99 per month to play Final Fantasy XIV, but there is a free trial. If someone stops paying, they'll lose access to their character (although they'll be able to pick up the payments again and resume where they left off). If a player forgets to cancel their payments, however, those subscription fees will continue rolling on automatically.

**FREE TRIAL**

### VOICE & TEXT CHAT

Final Fantasy XIV lets players send chat messages in-game or speak to each other over voice chat. On the one hand, that provides plenty of choice for how those enjoying the game can interact with their fellow fans. On the other hand, however, it's easier than in many games to receive unprompted messages from a stranger, with whom you constantly share your play space.

### VIOLENCE

While Final Fantasy XIV has a fairly light tone throughout some of its quests, many involve killing enemies and sometimes even wild animals. The violence isn't especially strong – more comparable to a cartoon or anime style – but the act alone may make some children feel uncomfortable, if they're not yet able to separate fictional harm from the real kind.

### POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION

As with World of Warcraft, there's an element of addiction to Final Fantasy XIV. The gameplay loop can be quite engrossing, as minutes turn into hours and hours into days while playing alone or with friends. This can potentially lead to missing real-life events, a lack of interest in any activities not related to the game and procrastination around responsibilities like schoolwork.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### MANAGE PLAYTIME

Playtime limits are a great way to counter the addictive qualities of games like Final Fantasy XIV. They allow you discuss why it's still important to enjoy things outside of gaming while still letting a child enjoy playing online with their friends when it makes sense to do so. It's all well and good to have fun with a game, so long as they're able to step away and reconnect with the real world.

### PLAY TOGETHER

The free trial makes it extremely easy to jump into Final Fantasy XIV and play alongside a child, provided they're old enough. Not only does that help you ensure that settings are adjusted for their privacy and safety, but it may also end up becoming a bonding experience for you both and any other family members that want to try it out.

### MAKE USE OF THE FREE TRIAL

The Final Fantasy XIV free trial is a generous one, with no limits on how long someone can play until their character hits level 70. That's easily dozens of hours for a child to go through the game, complete quests, and see if they enjoy it before purchasing expansions or subscribing to a membership. They may well move on to something else before you need to spend so much as a penny.

### REMEMBER, IT'S A PEGI 16

Despite its often-relaxing nature, Final Fantasy XIV carries a PEGI 16 rating for violence and drugs (although the latter is due to a character smoking a pipe on occasion). There's minimal blood, but characters can attack enemies (and other players) with weapons and spells. Take a look at some gameplay videos to see if the content is appropriate for a younger player.

### Meet Our Expert

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