



Newsletter

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In Our Lady's Catholic Primary School we learn about God and try to follow his footsteps by showing care and respect for one another.

Happy Friday to everyone.

Thank you for a wonderful start to the Summer Term, it was lovely to see so many of you attend the Coronation Picnic last Friday, despite the wet weather. The children absolutely loved welcoming you into their classrooms and they enjoyed learning all about the royal celebrations.

Congratulations to our Year 6 children. We are extremely proud of them as they have, this week, completed their end of Key Stage SATS. The children have worked extremely hard everyday and set a superb example to the younger years.

We mentioned recently about welcoming Sam Williams into our school community. Sam is from the mental health charity Place2BE. She has now introduced herself to the Key Stage 2 children and her Time To Talk sessions have begun. This is a chance for children to voluntarily share any worries or thoughts they may have that they would like to discuss with a trained adult.

Many thanks for your continued support, take care.

**Miss Wilby , Head of School and Mr Meech,
Executive Headteacher**

Change to Dinner Menu

We would just like to advise you of the menu change for Thursday 18th May and Friday 19th May. On Thursday it is Census Day and the school dinner will be Southern Fried Chicken or Quorn Dippers and chips with Ice Cream for dessert.

On Friday it will be Burger in a Bun or Quorn Hot Dog.

Our New Golder Rules

As part of our new behaviour policy our new golden rules in school are Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be Ready. As a school we have purchased these wonderful new signs to show this message around the school.



The children have been busy earning DOJO points which lead to individual certificates and whole class treats for adhering to these rules.

PTFA Crowns and Cream Teas

A huge thank you to everyone that supported our crown competition and cream tea's for the coronation. We are delighted to say that we raised over £164.00. We will keep you updated of our next event and look forward to your support. Thank you.

**Thank
You!**



Barn-a-b's at Our Lady's

Please could we ask that you check your child's hair for headlice regularly.

It is really important that you are on time to collect your child/children. Our hours are slightly different to school. We finish (and most of our staff finish) at 3pm. If you need to book an extra hour after school let us know. You can use your funding for this, if you have any funding left.

All are welcome to our toddler group, Wednesdays at 2-3. Many of the PTFA attend, so it's also a good chance to get to know them and get involved if you can.

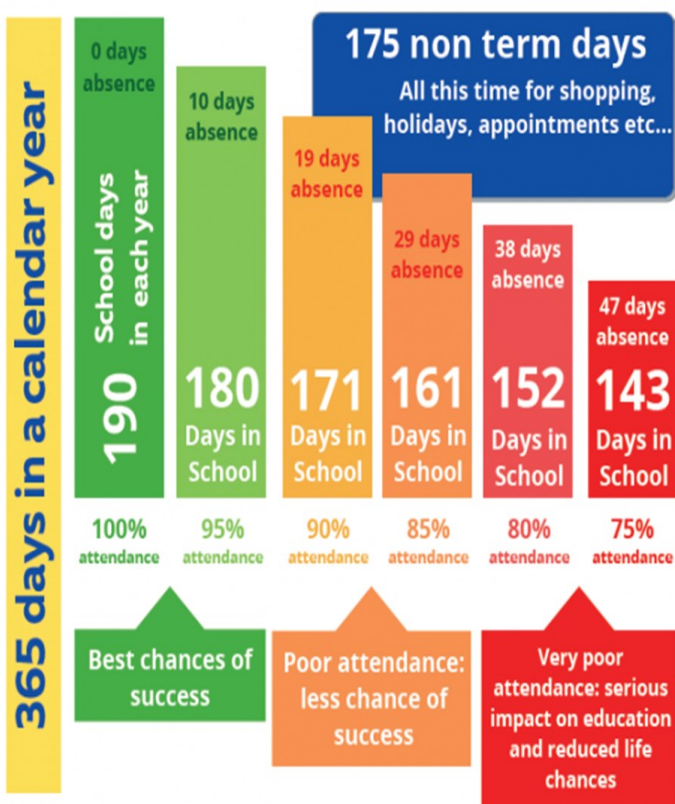
Please be aware that Chartwells (our catering suppliers) have increased the price of school meals, these are now £2.41.

We wanted to show you our beautiful Mary display we made. May is the month of Mary so we are learning about her in school at the moment.

Cathy Jeffery, Pre-School Nursery Manager



ABSENCE



Please don't let your child miss out on the education they deserve.

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS!

Kingfisher Class—Mini Police

Kingfisher Class recently took part in a community litter pick as part of their involvement in the Mini Police programme. As you can see from the full bags, lots of litter was found. Well done Kingfisher's.



Summer Term Dates

Wed 17th May	RSE Parents Evening 3.30pm
Fri 19th May	Devon County Show Trip
Weds 24th May	Y1 Multi Sports Festival
Mon 29th May	Bank Holiday—School closed
Tue 30th May	Half Term Break
Mon 5th June	Non pupil day—school closed
Tues 6th June	Pupils return to school
Weds 7th June	Pro-active Parenting Course
Mon 12th June	Y6 Residential all week
Wed 28th June	Pro-active Parenting Course

Any future dates will be shared via parentpay.



Welcomes Parents & Carers of Children and Adults with Additional Needs.

Come and join our friendly informal support groups for an opportunity to connect with other parents and carers

We meet monthly for a cuppa and a chat, offering peer support, information of local services and specialist education guidance

Barnstaple

St John's Garden Centre Café
St John's Lane
EX32 9DD

Contact: Bonnie
Tel: 07377625276

Bideford

Morrisons Supermarket Café
Kingsley Road
EX39 2LG

Contact: Natalie
Tel: 07966910527

Barnstaple

Lemon Tree Cafe
Holland Walk
EX32 1DW

Contact: Janice
Tel: 07869436621

Online via Zoom

These sessions offer
guidance & support with
specialist education & EHCP's

Contact: Tracey
Tel: 07921220840

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All Stars and Dynamos at your Local Cricket Club

Our local Cricket Club still has capacity within their **All Stars** (5 – 8 years old) and **Dynamos** (8 – 11 years old) sessions to accept more bookings.

The link below provides further details on the two programmes.

https://ecb.clubspark.uk/AllStars/SearchResults?gclid=Cj0KCQjw6cKiBhD5ARIsAKXUdybT2LI9ID02DnF6r95JQJVOUxBIF80sGEA0F9U7LGldCO9ZettCygUaAqImEALw_wcB

For more information about your All Stars session contact **Peter Wright**.

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The next newsletter will go home on: **Friday 26th May 2023**



Catholic Children's Society Plymouth

Putting Children First

Our Lady's Catholic Primary School, Barnstaple

Session 1: Wednesday 7th June 12-3pm

- Parental Well-being
 - Needs vs Wants
- Effective Praise and Communication
- Boundary Setting and Responsibilities
- Behaviour we don't like and the Consequences

Session 2: Wednesday 28th June 12-3pm

- Anxiety and Attachment-
- Bereavement and Loss
- Technology and the Family



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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

WIZZ

AGE RESTRICTION
12+

12+ App Store
Teen Google Playstore

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Wizz is a networking app which allows users to connect and chat with other people around the world. Its principle is similar to a dating platform: users have a profile with up to three photos, along with optional interests and hobbies tags. This allows other like-minded people to be recommended in searches. If a user likes what they see on someone's profile, they can initiate conversation through the instant message feature; otherwise they swipe on. The app does use age verification technology when an account is created and groups users by age.

OVER-SHARING

Immediately after setting up an account, users start receiving friend requests (mainly from the opposite gender). For many young people, this will be exciting and a boost to their confidence. As young people tend to be more trusting online and may believe what others tell them, however, this can lull them into dropping their guard and revealing personal information to strangers.

CATFISHING AND PREDATORS

Wizz uses Yoti, a digital ID system, to verify users' age. The AI only detects approximate age, though – so an older person who looks younger could be grouped with teens (or vice versa). Also, profile pics on Wizz don't have to match the face of the person who did the initial age verification: it would be fairly easy to create a fake account using another person's photos with a made-up name and age.

EXPLICIT CONTENT

During our research, conversations on Wizz very quickly turned sexual. Users frequently suggested 'taking it to Snapchat' (Snapchat's disappearing image feature can make it conducive to sharing explicit selfies), connecting on other social media, swapping nude or semi-nude pictures, or holding sexual chats. These users created an impression of the platform being sleazy and unsafe for young people.

INTIMATE IMAGES

It's not unheard of for young people to be coaxed into sending suggestive images of themselves over apps of this kind. Given that Wizz connects users with strangers, who may not be honest about their real intentions, a teenager might conceivably be persuaded to share sexually suggestive selfies by someone who they believed they had a trusting relationship with.

NO PARENTAL CONTROLS

The app claims to provide a secure and inclusive environment, but our researcher couldn't find any parental controls or safety features in evidence. If you report another user for inappropriate behaviour, you are offered the option to block them – but there's no indication as to whether the block has actually been successful, and there was no follow-up contact from the developers.

SECRETS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

Wizz sent our researcher occasional 'mystery' friend requests from a blurred-out profile. To discover the sender's identity, users can either watch a video (usually an ad for a game or app) or take out a monthly subscription. Cynics might suggest this could be a way to exploit young people's curiosity into making them pay for the app, and that the 'secret admirers' are bots rather than real people.

Advice for Parents & Carers

TALK IT OUT

If your child has downloaded Wizz, talk to them about why they like it and who've chatted with. Have they shared any personal details with this person or connected with them on other social media platforms? Refresh your child's memory of the various risks that can arise from engaging with strangers online and get them to consider using a similar app with more robust safety features.

BE SUPPORTIVE

When connecting with strangers on apps like Wizz, seemingly innocent chats can quickly progress to become sexually explicit and lead to nudes being sent. Make sure your child knows to come to you if they're uncomfortable about anything they've been sent or been asked to send. If they've already shared something that they now regret, reassure them that you'll support them no matter what.

EMPHASISE CAUTION

Young people are far more inclined to see the good in others; they often overlook the fact that scammers set up fake accounts on apps like this with the intention of getting money or personal data. Remind them that not everyone online is who they claim to be, how easy it is for someone to create a bogus profile, and why it's vital to think twice about sharing anything on networking apps.

KEEP THINGS TRANSPARENT

It might feel awkward, but regular chats about your child's online life can be beneficial. If they seem suddenly anxious or secretive around their phone or tablet, they may have something they need to get off their chest. You could also consider not allowing digital devices in their bedroom, especially overnight – that's when a lot of the riskier conversations on apps like Wizz tend to take place.

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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