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The Summer term is in full flow and it is wonderful to have everybody back in school. The playground has been resurfaced and now painted with sports courts and activities and the children have been enjoying the new markings.

Technology news

The school recently purchased a new class set of laptops with laptop trolley to help us improve our Computing curriculum. We have just begun using these this week and the children have been very excited to use them in class. All classes also recently received a new interactive whiteboard, these are not affected by bright sunlight and can be seen from all angles and no longer rely on a projector. They are a noticeable improvement for all.

September 2021

I am pleased to tell you that Mrs Jenny McGhee-Wallace will be covering my role as Head of School while I am on maternity leave. Mrs McGhee-Wallace is joining us from St Mary's Catholic Primary school, who we work closely with as part of our Trust. She has already visited the school and met some of the classes and is very much looking forward to working with our community.

Mrs Lucille Martin

Our Gospel Values

Courage
Creativity
Forgiveness
Generosity
Humility
Joy
Perseverance
Stewardship



Executive Headteacher

Mrs Clarke

Head of School

Mrs Martin

SENCO

Mrs Silke-Cooper

Our Classes

Rainbows	Miss Aldous Mrs Iannelli Mrs Abbott
Class 1	Mrs Thackeray Mrs Durston
Class 2	Mrs Jones & Mrs Smith Mrs Tella
Class 3	Mrs Rafferty Mrs Dowsing
Class 4	Ms Hughes Mrs Tooke
Class 5	Mr Grimwood Ms Borley
Class 6	Mr McGill Mrs Catalanotto

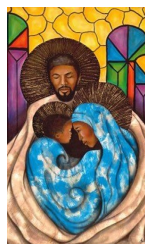
The Year of St Joseph

We pray to Saint Joseph.
You inspire us to do the right thing in what we say and do.

Help us to learn how to put the needs of others before our own and use our skills to do extraordinary things.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



TERM DATES

Summer Term

12th April to 21st July 2021

Half-Term 31st May to 4th June 2021

Note: 19th and 20th July - Inset days

Some upcoming dates:

10th -14th May—PTA virtual balloon race

12th May—St Pancras Feast Day

**Thursday 10th June—
St Albans's transition meeting for Year 6 children**

Administrative Officer

Mrs Cork

Administrative Assistant

Mrs Ransome

Business Manager

Mrs Pettit

Caretaker

Mr Scopes

Midday Supervisor

Mrs Mikus

Gardening

With the warmer weather, comes the ability to start gardening and growing projects with our children. We have been very lucky to receive kind donations from both Morrisons and ASDA to support us with these projects. The PTA also secured a donation of wood from Ridgeons which will enable raised flowerbeds to be built which we hope to include in the EYFS area; our next area of focus for improvement. Thank you to these local companies for supporting our school, it is greatly appreciated.



News from Year One

This half term, Year One are reading 'The Snail and the Whale' as a focus for their English lessons. The children have been writing diary entries this week, imagining that they are the snail from the book.

Here are some examples of their work:

Amari-Rose - *I saw the big mountains and I saw the monkeys climbing.*

Willow - *After travelling for a day I saw the erupting volcano shooting out its lava. Black smoke was coming out.*

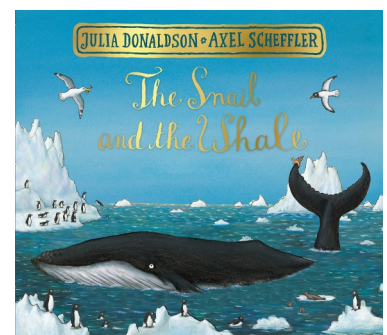
Albie - *I was scared of the ginormous waves so I went down but there was sharks surrounding me. I was scared.*

Kacper - *I saw a blasting volcano and sparkling sand and the blue sea. I could hear the sea crashing its waves.*

Laurie - *The thundering waves scared me so the whale brought me down to the safety of the coral reef. It was all sparkling but there were sharks everywhere. I heard splashing.*

Faustas - *I saw the crashing icebergs and the shiny icicles. The icebergs were floating.*

Mrs Thackeray





St Pancras Catholic Primary School PTA

Virtual Balloon Race

£3 per balloon

Race start - Mon 10th May Race finish - Friday 14th May

1st Prize

£50 John Lewis
E-voucher

Kindly donated by
Your Ipswich Estate
Agents

2nd Prize

£25 Smyths Toys
voucher

Kindly donated by
Grace Estate
Agents

3rd Prize

Family movie
night hamper

ST PANCRAS



To enter visit

www.balloonrace.com/StPancrasPTA

Online entries close Saturday 8th May 12 noon



Online safety at home: Parents and carers newsletter

Friday 26th March 2021

These days the majority of children will be spending more time online doing their school work, playing games or watching videos. Technology is hugely valuable for education, as well as a way to keep in touch with friends and family. However it's important we all consider how we can support children's online safety during this lockdown, and always. Here's some information about what your child may enjoy online and what you can do to help keep them safer:

Sharing pictures

Using devices like phones and tablets to share pictures and videos can be a great way for children to have fun and stay in touch with friends and family. It's really important your child knows what's ok to share online and what they should check with you first.

Read [younger children sharing pictures or videos online](#) for more information on the risks and how to support safer sharing.

Watching videos

Children love to watch videos and YouTube is always a firm favourite! But sometimes children can be exposed to videos that are not meant for them. [YouTube Kids](#) is a safer way for children to explore their interests. You can find more information about this on [YouTube: what parents need to know](#).

Remember, primary-age children should be supervised at all times when online.

More information?

Thinkuknow is the education programme from the National Crime Agency's Child Protection Command CEOP (NCA-CEOP) whose aim is to protect children and young people from sexual abuse online.

For more information, advice and guidance, visit their [parent's website](#) and download their [home activity worksheets](#) for fun, online safety activities to do with your family.

Steps you can take to help keep your child safer online

Parental controls: Parental controls have been designed to help you manage your child's online activities. There are various types, some of which are free but others which can be bought. However, nothing is totally fool proof so this shouldn't replace the support and guidance you give your child to help keep them safer. For more information and step by step instructions on setting up parental controls, visit [Parental Controls & Privacy Settings Guides - Internet Matters](#).

Supervise their online activity: Keep the devices your child uses in communal areas of the house such as the living room or kitchen, where an adult is able to supervise. Primary-age children should not access the internet in private spaces alone, such as in a bedroom or bathroom.

Explore together and chat little and often: Ask your child to show you their favourite apps, games and sites and encourage them to teach you how to use these. Ask them if anything ever worries them online. Make sure they know they won't be in trouble and can get help by talking to you or another adult they trust if anything happens online that makes them feel worried, sad or scared.