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Y4 Class Assembly
Friday 10th May 2024
9.10am
All families welcome to attend

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ATTENDANCE

Please remember that we are unable to authorise holidays during term time. The local authority (Lambeth) will fine parents for the unauthorised absence of their child from school. The cost of this fine, if paid promptly, is currently £60 but will be increasing to £90 next academic year.

From September we will be working closely with the Lambeth Educational Welfare Officer, who will visit Christ Church once a fortnight to meet with parents when their child's attendance is below average (96%) or where persistent lateness to school is a concern.

Please note that we will always offer our families help and support in any way we can, however, it is the duty of the parent or carer to ensure that their children attend school regularly and on time.

This week's ATTENDANCE
Cedar Class (YR) = 97%
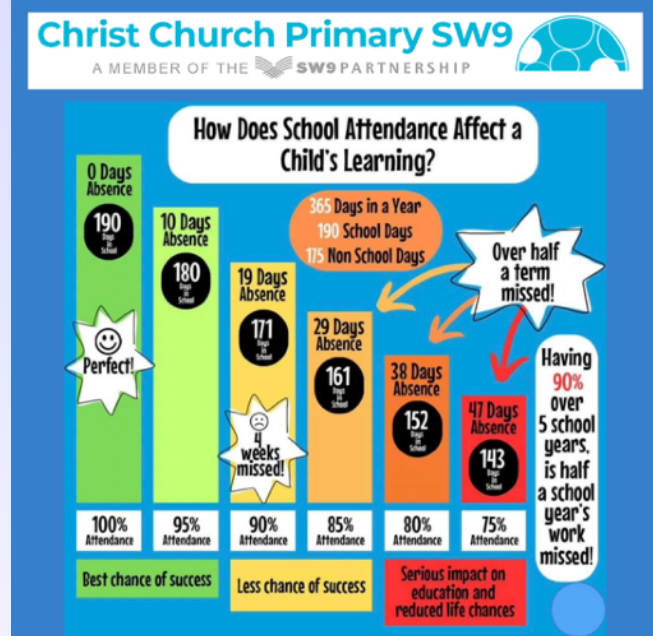**Oak Class (Y1) = 94%**
Maple Class (Y2) = 97%
Acacia Class (Y3) = 89%
Mulberry Class (Y4) = 94%
Willow Class (Y5) = 92%
Elm Class (Y6) = 95%

For further information about school procedures and routines please read our Attendance and Punctuality Policy.

ARISE - ANTI RACISM IN SCHOOLS AND EDUCATION

Last week, three of our classes (Y3, Y4 and Y6) visited our friends at St Andrews to take part in an anti-racism workshop. ARISE is an organisation that deliver anti-racism assemblies that serve as a platform to share crucial lessons about diversity, empathy, and the importance of standing against discrimination.

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Summer Half Term
Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May 2024

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May Bank Holiday
School will be closed Monday 6th May 2024

ALL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES CAN BE FOUND HERE ON OUR WEBSITE including 2024/2025 TERM DATES

CHECK OUT OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE FOR MORE SCHOOL EVENTS

FREE EVENTS THIS WEEKEND

Check here to see what activities are on offer for NO COST or low cost this weekend. Don't forget to check the organisation's website before you set off.

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DATE COMING SOON
SPORTSDAY

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Last week we asked you to save the date for Sportsday. Unfortunately, Myatts Field Park have double booked us! We'll let you know the new date very soon.

Contact us:
0207 735 1343 or admin@christchurchschool.cc
Don't forget to check out the website: www.christchurchschool.cc
Check out our class blog site: www.cc-champions.com

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about
SNAPCHAT

AGE RESTRICTION 13+

Snapchat is an instant messaging app which allows users to send images, videos and texts to people in their friends list. One of Snapchat's unique features is that pictures and messages 'disappear' 24 hours after they've been viewed; however, this content isn't as temporary as many believe – with some users saving screenshots or using another device to take a photo of their screen. This year, Snapchat added 'My AI': a customisable chatbot with which people can chat and share secrets, as well as asking for advice and suggestions of places to visit.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

CONNECTING WITH STRANGERS

Even if your child only connects with people they know, they may still get friend requests from strangers. The Quick Add option lets users befriend people the app recommends – but these 'friends' are merely a username, which could have *anyone* behind it. Accepting such requests reveals children's personal information through the Story, SnapMap and Spotlight features, potentially putting them at risk from predators.

EXCESSIVE USE

Snapchat works hard on user engagement, with features like streaks (messaging the same person every day to build up a high score). Spotlight Challenges tempt users into spending time producing content in search of cash prizes and online fame, while it's easy for children to pass hours watching Spotlight's endless scroll of videos.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some videos and posts on Snapchat aren't suitable for children. The hashtags used to group content are determined by the poster, so even an innocent search term could still yield age-inappropriate results. The app's 'disappearing messages' feature also makes it easy for young people (teens in particular) to share explicit images on impulse – so sexting continues to be a risk associated with Snapchat.

CAUTION

#NOFILTER

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

My AI is Snapchat's new chatbot, which replies to questions in a human-like manner. However, the software is still in its infancy and has significant drawbacks, such as biased, incorrect or misleading responses. There have already been numerous reports of young users turning to AI for medical help and diagnoses, which could be inaccurate and therefore potentially dangerous.

ONLINE PRESSURES

Although many of Snapchat's filters are designed to entertain or amuse, the 'beautify' effects on photos can set unrealistic body-image expectations – creating feelings of inadequacy if a young person compares themselves unfavourably with other users. Snapchat now also has 'priority' notifications (which still get displayed even if a device is in 'do not disturb' mode), increasing the pressure on users to log back in and interact.

VISIBLE LOCATION

Snap Map highlights a device's exact position on a virtual map which is visible to other users. There are options to restrict who can see this information: all friends, only you (Ghost Mode) or selected friends. Snapchat also has real-time location sharing, which is intended as a buddy system to ensure friends have reached home safely – but which could also be used to track a young person for more sinister reasons.

Advice for Parents & Carers

TURN OFF QUICK ADD

The Quick Add feature helps people find each other on the app. This function works based on mutual friends or whether someone's number is in your child's contacts list. Explain to your child that this could potentially make their profile visible to strangers. We recommend that your child turns off Quick Add, which can be done in the settings (accessed via the cog icon).

CHOOSE GOOD CONNECTIONS

In 2021, Snapchat rolled out a new safety feature: users can now receive notifications reminding them of the importance of maintaining connections with people they actually know well, as opposed to strangers. This 'Friend Check Up' encourages users to delete connections with users that they rarely communicate with, to maintain their online safety and privacy.

DISCUSS AI

Although My AI's responses can often give the impression that it's a real person, it's essential that young people remember this certainly isn't the case. Encourage your child to think critically about My AI's replies to their questions: are they accurate and reliable? Remind them that My AI shouldn't replace chatting with their real friends, and that it's always better to talk to an actual person in relation to medical matters.

CHAT ABOUT CONTENT

It may feel like an awkward conversation (and one that young people can be reluctant to have) but it's important to talk openly and non-judgementally about sexting. Remind your child that once something's online, the creator loses control over where it ends up – and who else sees it. Likewise, it's vital that children understand that some challenges which become popular on the platform may have potentially harmful consequences.
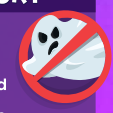
KEEP ACCOUNTS PRIVATE

Profiles are private by default, but children may make them public to gain more followers. Snap Stories are visible to everyone your child adds, unless they change the settings. On SnapMaps, their location is visible unless Ghost Mode is enabled (again via settings). It's safest not to add people your child doesn't know in real life – especially since the addition of My Places, which allows other Snapchat users to see where your child regularly visits and checks in.

BE READY TO BLOCK AND REPORT

If a stranger *does* connect with your child on Snapchat and begins to make them feel uncomfortable through bullying, pressure to send explicit images or by sending sexual images to them, your child can select the three dots on that person's profile and report or block them. There are options to state why they're reporting that user (annoying or malicious messages, spam, or masquerading as someone else, for example).

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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Chat & Prayer corner

Join us on Thursdays from 12.30pm to 1.30pm to chat over coffee and biscuits and have prayer afterwards (if you like) Starting May 16th 2024

📍 90 Brixton Road, SW9 6BE, Charity Shop Hall

BUBBLE CHURCH

9.45am
Sunday 5th May
BOOK NOW
bubblechurch.org

This week's Bible verses

Monday 6th May	Acts 16:14
Tuesday 7th May	Acts 16:33
Wednesday 8th May	Acts 17:30
Thursday 9th May	Acts 1:8
Friday 10th May	Acts 18:9

🎙️ **Daily Gospel Reflection**

PODCAST

Fr. Steve

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"Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another"
1 John 4:11