



St Amand's Primary School— Information for Parents

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Dear Parents and Carers

Internet Safety

It has come to my attention that children have been exposed to watching an extremely distasteful viral game that started on Facebook called MOMO Game. It requires children to message a fictional horror character (on What's App) by contacting an unknown number. They are then set a series of challenges which ends in a demand that they take their own lives. The "Momo Challenge" is a form of cyberbullying that spreads through social media. The Momo character has also appeared in the popular game Minecraft as a result of unofficial mods created by the game's users. It may be possible to stream through YouTube.

Please ensure that you monitor what your child is viewing and playing online.

As this first term draws to a close, I would like to draw your attention to key events during the first days in term 2, some of which require dressing up, and all of which are on the Parents in Partnership calendar which was sent home at the beginning of the term. Please remember that all dates can also be found on the school website and school app.

On Monday 29 we will be holding a **SPANISH DAY** and children are encouraged to come dressed in traditional Spanish outfits or Spanish colours. Children will visit each classroom and learn about different aspects of Spanish culture and the country. If there are any of our Spanish speaking parents who would like to contribute to the day or would like to help, then please let Miss Titchener and the office know this week.

On Tuesday 30 we will have a multi-faith day; children are not required to dress up.

On The Feast of All Saints (Thursday 1 November) children may come dressed as saint of their choice or bring something representing a saint. We will be having Mass in church at 11.15am and children will process around the church at the end of Mass.

All Saints Night of Light, Adoration & Praise, Weds 31 October 4.30-6.30pm, English Martyrs Church Didcot, £2 per child, arts, crafts, baking and much more.

Please see the link below to find out more about the Night of Light Initiative.

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=MCemOgw0QQ0>

Health and Safety in the car park

Please would you ensure that children and young siblings do not run across the carpark unattended in the morning and at the end of the school day. There have been a few near accidents! Please may I also remind you that you not permitted to bring cars up to school unless you are a blue badge holder. When dropping your children for breakfast club, please park outside the school entrance and not in the staff carpark. Many thanks.

Healthy eating

We have noticed that several children have brought in chocolate for their break time snack and look very disappointed when they are told that they are not allowed to eat it. Infants are provided with free fruit/vegetables, however, if they do not like what is on offer then please feel free to send in a piece of fruit or vegetables of their choice. Children in KS2 should also be encouraged to bring in fruit or vegetables; they should not be bringing in sweets, chocolate or biscuits.

Harvest Mass

Thank you to the children who represented the school in St Mary's on Mass on 7 October.

Staffing

I am pleased to let you know that Mrs Smart has been permanently employed to teach the Squirrels class.

Best wishes
Mrs Ellery

School Dinners. Please note that new menu's start on 29 October. A copy of which is attached for your information.

Please remember that payment for school dinners should not be in arrears. Payments should be made weekly or in advance by using the www.eduspot.co.uk payment portal. If you have any problems logging on or using this site please speak to Debbie who will be able to help you.

Diary dates:

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| 17/10/18 | Last Gym Club Parent Consultations, Yrs 1-6 |
| 18/10/18 | Last Storytelling Club |
| 19/10/18 | End of Term 1 |
| 22-26/10/18 | School Holidays |
| 29/10/18 | Term 2 begins |
| 29/10/18 | Spanish Day- Children to dress in Spanish colours or costume |
| 30/10/18 | Multi Faith Day |
| 31/10/18 | Chess Club begins Netball Club begins |
| 01/11/18 | Nasal flu immunizations, Yrs R – Yr 5 Mass at St Mary's – All Saints Day. All welcome Children to come to school dressed as Saints. |
| 05/11/18 | INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED |
| 06/11/18 | Yr 5/6 Tag Rugby, Grove RFC |
| 08/11/18 | School Photographer in school to take family and individual portraits |
| 12/11/18 | Remembrance Service. All welcome |
| 15/11/18 | Last Dance Club |
| 20/11/18 | Oxfordshire Dance Festival at New Theatre, Oxford |
| 29/11/18 | Boccia Wantage Leisure Centre |
| 03/12/18 | Whole School Advent Service in school. All welcome Last Football Coaching Session |
| 05/12/18 | Last Chess Club Last Netball Club |
| 07/12/18 | Christmas Market |
| 11/12/18 | Whole school trip to see Pied Piper at Cornerstone, Didcot |
| 12/12/18 | Lord Mayors Concert, Wantage Parish Church |
| 13/12/18 | Yr 5/6 mixed Basketball, Wantage Leisure Centre No Cooking Club |
| 18/12/18 | Nativity performance for Owls and Rabbits Classes |
| 19/12/18 | KS2 Carol Concert in St Mary's Church. All welcome |
| 20/12/18 | Christmas Dinner followed by Christmas parties |
| 21/12/18 | End of Term 2. School Closes at 1.30pm NO SUNSHINE CLUB |
| 24/12 /18- 04/01/18 | School Holidays |

FREE SCHOOL APP – The best way to keep up to date with school information is to download the free school app. Notification settings will allow you to filter push notifications you are interested in, e.g. schools news, dates, your child's class etc. This is quick and easy to access much like other social media apps and will allow you to keep in touch without having to visit the website, although there will be a link to the website on the App.

To download the app just go to your usual app store and search for School Jotter, (green pencil icon). Once downloaded just enter the school name or post code.

