



Friday 1st October

Weekly Bulletin

**Y3/4 Football**



A huge well done to our Y3/4 football team who competed at Holmes Chapel on Monday. The team had a tricky start but they showed great resilience and didn't

give up. This led to two matches being won.

**All Age Service**

This Sunday is St Oswald's all age service, where we will be celebrating Harvest. Do come along!



**Brereton Bears Holiday Club**

Bookings are now being taken for Brereton Bears Holiday Club. The club will run from Monday 25th-Friday 29th October. Bookings must be returned by Friday 15th October.

**Good Luck!**

This Sunday, Mrs Tice is running the Loch Ness Marathon to raise money for school (she has already raised enough for one TV!). If you would like to donate, please click [here](#).



**PE Kits**

This year we have continued with pupils wearing PE kits to school on their PE days. This ensures children get more time outside/in the hall. However, children should wear school PE kit. This includes navy joggers/leggings and a navy sweatshirt. If children are not wearing the correct PE kits, we can offer the use of spare kit.

**Harvest Collection**

Thank you for all of the wonderful donations we have already received for Cheshire, Halton and Warrington Race and Equality Centre. We are requesting the following items:

- Shampoo
- Shower gel
- Antiperspirant
- Razors
- Shaving gel/foam
- Toothpaste and tooth-brushes
- Sanitiser
- Wipes
- Feminine hygiene products



Collections ends on Friday 8th October.

**Dates**

Saturday 2nd October—Open Morning

Sunday 3rd October—All age worship at St Oswald's

Monday 4th October—Individual photos

Wednesday 6th October 6:15pm - PTA Meeting

Friday 8th October—EYFS/KS1 Harvest

Monday 11th October—Y5/6 trip to Chester

Friday 22nd October - Non-uniform (bottles/sweets/chocolates)

Friday 22nd October—Break up for half term

Monday 1st November—Inset Day



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Matthew 20: 36-40





**Equestrian Rosettes**



Well done to Isabel (Y2) who came 1st in First Ridden Mountain & Moorland, Reserve Champion in the Mini's Championship, 2nd in Tiny Tots in Hand and 2nd in the Fancy Dress.

**Pantomime**

A huge well done to Olivia (Y3) who has been chosen to be part of the cast for The Wizard of Oz.



**Open Morning**

Our Open Morning will take place this Saturday between 9-10am. We look forward to seeing prospective new starters.



**On-Line Safety**

This week we shared the latest National On-Line Safety guide. Previous guides can be found on the e-safety page of our school website.

**What Parents Need to Know about POKÉMON GO**

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to have an informed conversation about online safety with their children. Should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one game of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, links and tips for adults.

**ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS**  
Pokémon GO requires players to visit real-world locations, known as PokéStops and Gyms. These are often situated at public and well-used locations such as churches or post offices. Sometimes, however, they can be in more remote or less populated areas. This can pose a risk of children being placed in a dangerous or isolated location, even when accompanied by an adult near a construction site or a road, for example.

**STRANGERS & MEETING OFFLINE**  
Players often cooperate with friends in the game, and there are many online discussion forums. As well as sharing tips and info, these groups may arrange to meet offline to catch Pokémon or attend raids (communal events where players flock to the game). This can pose a risk of children being contacted by strangers under the pretence of talking about the game.

**DATA COLLECTION**  
When a player logs into their Pokémon GO account, the game collects a range of data from their user and their device. Locations, emails, names, ages and even camera images can be accessed. What then happens to this information is open to debate. However, the game's developer has stated that they will not sell user information to third parties – but the fact that they have it at all is a concern, nonetheless.

**VISIBLE PROFILES & LOCATION**  
Pokémon GO players can add each other as friends. In this game, it is possible to view each other's information, such as their username. If a username gives any clues to a child's name, it could be used to identify a child. The game also lets users upload 'P' images to social media, which could publicly disclose a child's exact location.

**IN-GAME PURCHASES**  
The game uses a currency called PokéCoins, which can be bought for real money (in bundles between £0.79 and £99.99) and exchanged for items of in-game use. Parents should be aware that there is a system in place for a child to purchase PokéCoins (even if they are under 13) if there is a payment method connected to their mobile phone – and possibly risk up a sizeable bill without realising it!

**Advice for Parents & Carers**

**PLAY ALONGSIDE YOUR CHILD**  
Finding and catching Pokémon with young children can turn into a great bonding activity. At 28 years old, it's one of the few games franchises that spans two generations. Enjoying the game together will give you plenty of new things to talk about with your child. If you played Pokémon in your own childhood, you might impress them with your knowledge of the 'crafter'!

**ENCOURAGE AWARENESS**  
Remind your child of the physical dangers they could face while catching Pokémon and emphasise staying aware of their surroundings. The game will often alert children (through their phones) when they are close to an interesting Pokémon item – so they should never play Pokémon GO near busy roads or in places they don't know well.

**DISGUISE THE EXERCISE**  
One of Pokémon GO's benefits is that it encourages young (and not-so-young) kids to get exercise outdoors. Some parts of the game can be completed from home, but it's best experienced while walking around your local area. Certain tasks need to be completed while walking. Encourage your child to get outside every day – and on days outside having fun catching Pokémon will surely feel like exercise on all!

**USE AN OLDER PHONE**  
If children use an older phone to play Pokémon GO, then they won't be working around with their own new device, which could get broken or stolen. Parents may also be less likely to have full control over the phone's settings. It's important that they know the amount of information used to set up an account, and what companies who gain access to your data can do with it.

**AGREE PLAY BOUNDARIES**  
Ensure your child knows where they are (and aren't) allowed to go searching for Pokémon, when they have to be home, and how often they can play the game. Talk to other family members about boundaries or rules. It's best to agree boundaries with your child before they start playing. Encourage them to stick to these boundaries, but don't be too strict. Sometimes it's best to have a conversation with your child about boundaries before they start playing.

**Meet Our Expert**  
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