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Dear Mums, Dads & Carers

Year 6 SATs

Year 6 had their first test today and will continue on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday. They have been very calm in the run up to SATs and we wish them all well in the coming days.

Ofsted

As most of you will know we had a visit from the Ofsted inspection team on Wednesday and Thursday last week. We are unable to give any result until the official decision is made in a month's time.

Change to Glee club this week

Please note that Glee club will be on Thursday this week (11th May) instead of Wednesday. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

Disco

On Friday 12th May (6 – 8pm) we will be holding a 'Movie themed disco (fancy dress optional) in the school hall. Tickets (£2.50 each) are now on sale before and after school from the ticket stall in the playground.

Bake –a-cake for Christian Aid - Friday 19th May

Christian Aid helps people all over the world. This year we are looking at some of the many refugees who have been forced to leave their homes and are stuck in camps in Greece waiting to know what will happen to them. Christian Aid are helping them in the camps. You can help them too, by baking any cakes to bring to school on Friday 19th May which will be sold for **Christian Aid**.

Please remember that we are trying to help people in great difficulty. Everything will be sold that afternoon after school, so invite your friends to come and buy! All proceeds will be sent to **Christian Aid**. Thank you very much for your help.



E-safety up-date

We have been given some information by the Police, which we would like to pass on to you. There are three apps that are currently causing concern. Please check that your child is not using any of these apps on their devices at home unsupervised.

Roblox is a game-creation site where users design and upload their own games, as well as play other games in a multiplayer environment. Some of the gameplay is advanced and many games include weapons. The site offers a safe-chat mode for those under 13, as well as a parent login that lets you oversee your child's use of the site. There have been reports of users accessing the chat and exchanging inappropriate/predatory messages with young players; you may want to be wary when your child is using the site or connecting with people they have just met on line. There are in-game currency items called **Robux** that you can use to unlock additional items, but you will either earn these slowly or pay for additional cash with real money. They can also sign up for a membership for extra content and can insert in-game ads into their created games, potentially making large sums of money off their unique ideas. This game has some pretty nasty people on it. From 9 year olds learning how to twerk and learn to curse, to 40 year old men asking for where they live and saying sexual things. We have it on the police authority that bullies and perverts are roaming around the game; I do not think this game should be for children. On first sight, **Roblox** may appear to be quite innocent, the content is anything but. Unfortunately, you are unable to view content unless you sign up as a member so I have been unable to verify these claims.

ICQ is an app that is very similar to **Kik Messenger** and allows free secure video chat, voice calls and syncing across multiple devices. The app also allows group chat and access to unlimited international chat rooms which could put your child at risk from people who are not who they say they are.

Live Camera viewer is an app that lets you view the live video streaming from various surveillance cameras and IP cameras around the world. In one instance, a mother found the CCTV camera in her young daughter's bedroom had been hacked and was being streamed online via the app.

There is new legislation for adults involved in any sexual communications with children – adults who communicate with children using sexual language could face up to two years in prison and be automatically placed on the sex offenders register, according to a new law announced. Since 3rd April, anyone aged 18 or older who sends a child aged under 16 emails, text messages, letters or other forms of on or offline communication with sexual intent could be prosecuted.

I think you will agree that mobile phones and social media have made children more vulnerable to those who prey on innocence and exploit their trust. We have had to deal with some cases of abuse through social media and I must remind you that children over the age of 10 are now deemed capable of committing offences and can be charged, so I would urge you to supervise their activity online or to set up appropriate parental controls.

At St. Benedict's we take any inappropriate activity very seriously. We check searches on a weekly basis and speak to children, where necessary, about what they are viewing online. We have a very substantial filtering system, which does not allow students to access certain sites. In February 2017,

we had our annual e- safety day led by County and we have regular e-safety lessons. If you would like more information, please do get in touch with myself or Miss Lowe through the school office.

Yours sincerely

Steve Gumm

The week ahead

Tuesday	9 th May	DASH club (8.00am – 8.30am), Year 4 swimming, 1.30 – 2.30 – Year 5 visiting St Dunstan’s School for ICT session, 3.15 – 4.00 – Upper school cricket, Lower school athletics, & netball club, 3.15 – 4.30 – Drama club.
Wednesday	10 th May	DASH club (8.00am – 8.30am), Year 5 Swimming, 3.15 – 4.00 Upper school athletics, 3.15 – 4.15 - Chess club. NO GLEE CLUB.
Thursday	11 th May	DASH club (8.00am – 8.30am), 3.15 – 4.00 –Country dancing & Upper school confirmation club, 3.15 – 4.00 – Glee club.
Friday	12 th May	DASH club (8.00am – 8.30am), 3.15 – 4.00 – Gardening club, 6 – 8 pm – Movie themed disco.
Monday	12 th May	DASH club (8.00am – 8.30am), Year 6 Heights & weights, 3.15 – 4.15 – Production club.