



# Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

Learning to Love; Loving to Learn



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# WELCOME BACK

Dear parents, children, staff and parishioners,

On behalf of all the staff I welcome you to the beginning of another school year at Our Lady's Catholic Primary School. We extend a warm welcome to the new families joining us for the start of this year and our new staff, Mrs Brookes. Mrs Brookes is the sports coach from Princethorpe Collage. She will be taking each class from Year 1-6 for one of their PE sessions each week. We are delighted to have her working with us to strengthen our PE curriculum.

We ask for God's blessings on our school as we prepare for all the exciting learning opportunities that lie ahead. On Wednesday we are excited to welcome our new Reception children and parents. We can't wait to see all the children on Wednesday for your first morning of school – the very best of luck!

We welcome this week: Sophia and George and their family. We are delighted that you have become part of our special community. Please feel free to come and have chat when you see me on the gate in the morning and afternoon. Alternatively you may book an appointment through the office.

It has been such a wonderful first week back. The children have been exceptionally well behaved and learning focused. What a pleasure it is to work at Our Lady's.

## Mr Clarke

Mr Clarke, our caretaker, is recovering at home from his operation. Thank you for all of your prayers.

Unfortunately, he will not be returning to work, as advised from his specialist.

He would like to thank the whole community for all the support shown to him since starting work at the school a few years ago.

If you would like to contribute to the collection for Mr Clarke, please do so by the close of next week. Thank you.

We therefore have a position available for 7.5 hours a week – as we need to replace Mr Clarke. This will go to national advert next week, but if you or someone you know may be interested, please get in contact with Mrs Davenport asap. Thank you.

## Reminder - leave of absence during time term

Please see information attached to this newsletter.

## Class Dojo

The classes in Key Stage Two are using a new system, to help keep track of their behaviour and achievements. The children have enjoyed meeting their avatar monsters, and seeing

how many house points they can

collect! The system also allows you as parents to view your child's behaviour report, pictures of their work and information about your child's day to day learning. You can also directly [message staff](#), as an alternative/addition to the home-school diary.

Many parents in Year 5 and 6 have already commented on how helpful it is. Sign up details with parent and pupil codes will be given to you by your child's class teacher; you can download it as an app on your o=phone or tablet or access it on a computer. If you have any queries, please ask your child's teacher.



## PE

Please can the children have their full kits in every day. Trainers must also be in as the children will be running every day. This half term Reception, year 1 and year 2 will be taught multi skills; years 3 and 4 will be taught invasion games and years 5 and 6 will

This week's special mentions

Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6

This week's attendance figures

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The children have worked really hard to show the value of respect and are already excited to see their jars filling up! We reminded ourselves of what respect means this week and why it is such an important value.

be taught hockey. We will be taking part in competitions throughout the year. I will keep you posted once the fixtures have been set.



*Mrs Brookes teaching hockey this week*

## WANTED!

I am looking for an additional lunchtime supervisor for 4 sessions. If you would like to join our wonderful team, please contact Mrs Davenport for more information

## Curriculum Evening

There will be a chance to find out more about the curriculum on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 6:30. I will send further reminders nearer the time.

## Attendance

Attendance is crucial. Please ensure that your child arrives in time for registration please. Lateness is disruptive for all involved. Thank you.

## Special Celebratory Start of Year Mass

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 10:15, we will be having a Mass at Our Lady of the Angels' Chapel at Princethorpe. It will be a wonderful celebration and I would like to extend the invitation to you all; we are all one family, and so even if you are not a Catholic, it would be wonderful to see you. You will receive a

special invitation next week, can I ask that you return these into school so that Father Teddy knows how many to expect. Thank you.

## Individual and family group photos

These will take place on **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September**. The children should make an effort to look extra smart, remembering ties and school jumpers.

## Birthday gift reminder

Non-school uniform may be worn by children on their birthday or the school day nearest to their birthday! This way everyone in the school community will know straight away that it is their special day. If your child's birthday is in the holidays or at the weekend, they may wear their own clothes on the Monday after or on the Friday before.



*Holy Family had a teddy bear's picnic this week...*

## Harvest

We are collecting for Food Bank again. We have a whole school Harvest mass on October 10<sup>th</sup>; I will send out further information about the sorts of food we will be collecting. Thank you in advance.

## Rugby in Bloom Success!

We got a platinum! Woohoo! We are all delighted to have been awarded the very



highest award for the recognition of all the hard work of so many. We have beautiful grounds and gardens and it is lovely that others have recognised that too.



*I can't believe my years 2s are now year 3s!*

## Two weeks at a glance:

### Monday 12<sup>th</sup>:

Mission assembly 9:10am. Parents are welcome

**Basketball taster for the juniors**

**Reception children and parents to Ryton Pools**

**Story time/phonics session for Years 1 and 2 at 2:50**

### Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>:

Swimming Years 3,4, Dance Years 1 and 2

### Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>

Reception children to start

### START OF TERM MASS:

SUNDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

10:15

OUR LADY'S PRINCETHORPE

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

**Please find attached mass dates for this year.**

Have a wonderful weekend.

**Kate Madia**

## Think of the week:

*(A beguiling question that stops you in your tracks and makes you think...)*

If you read a paper in the newsagents without buying it, is it stealing?







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