



**Our Lady's Catholic  
Primary School**

*Learning to Love: Loving to Learn*

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## Welcome to our Reception children

Our Reception children have settled in brilliantly this week! Our inspector couldn't believe how settled they all were.

If you are a new parent to the school, you are most welcome. 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.

### OFSTED success

Whilst the official grading of our school has to remain completely confidential until the report is released in about four weeks' time, I can report on the following:

**We are all delighted with the outcome which is very favourable!**

Teaching and learning has been described as **'exceptionally strong'**

Our school has been described as:

**'full of theatre and intrigue'** and a school full of:

**'adventure, fun and success'**

**The children were of course wonderful and the HMI inspector commented on how calm the school is and how self-regulated they all are.**

I can't wait to tell you more and I will do so as soon as I am able. Thank you for all your support and my personal thanks to my

wonderful team – you are all incredible and I am very lucky to have you all.

Children and staff there will be a treat for you all on Monday afternoon!

### Parent Consultations

These will take place on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November and will be a time to chat to your child's teacher about their progress and targets. More information to follow.

### Please pray for

Chris Smart, our chair of governors who is in hospital and about to undergo surgery. I have asked all the children to pray for him. Please could you all keep him in your prayers.

### Assessment and Curriculum evening

There will be a chance to find out more about assessing without levels and the curriculum on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 6:30. I will send further reminders nearer the time.

### Tournaments

We have two tournaments coming up:

Hockey on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> and

Football on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>

If children have a permission slip, please ensure these are returned asap.

Both tournaments are taking place at Princethorpe collage.

### Harvest

Please see the information attached. We have a harvest Mass on **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October 9:15.** Thank you Mrs Bonsall for spotting this error in the last newsletter!

### Attendance

#### Reminder for Parents – Leave Of Absence during Term Time

As you will all be aware, current attendance regulations stipulate a Head teacher may not grant a leave of absence during term-time unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case by case basis and on its own merits.

It is for the Head Teacher to decide what she views as 'exceptional' and it is at their discretion if the circumstances warrant the leave to be granted. If the leave is granted, the head teacher is able to determine the number of school days a child can be absent for.

The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent.

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child will be

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Everyone!	Joshua	Molly	Zoe	Sofia	Phoebe	Harvey

This week's attendance figures						
YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
	95%	99%	96%	100%	99%	100%



The children are still working really hard to show the value of respect and are excited to see their jars filling up!



required to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence, which may result in legal action being taken against the parent(s), by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice.

Failure to make an application for leave in advance can also result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to the parent(s).

Where a Fixed Penalty Notice is issued and not paid within the required timeframe as set out on the notice, the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal proceedings under S444 Education Act 1996.

Parents are asked to respect the regulations under which the school must work and if there is a need to take a child out of school during term-time, an application or request must be made in advance and make clear how the circumstances are exceptional. Please see the school's attendance policy on the website.

### Special Celebratory Start of Year Mass

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September, we will be having a Mass at Our Lady of the Angels' Chapel at Princethorpe. At 10:15 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.

### 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.

### First Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion in St Anne's Parish

Preparation for the reception of these three sacraments will begin in this parish during September 2016. There will be a meeting in early September for parents with a child(ren) who have not received these sacraments. They should contact Fr Teddy as soon as possible. Contact by e mail or letter.

### First Reconciliation (First Confession)

An opportunity for children to receive their First Reconciliation will be offered in **Advent 2016 (early December)**. This is an important, and often overlooked and misunderstood, sacrament but when properly understood, it is a real gem in the Catholic tradition. Contact by e mail or letter

### The Sacrament of Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred in this parish on **Friday 17 March 2017**. Parents with children in **Year 7 upwards** in secondary

school are invited to contact Fr Teddy as soon as possible. Contact can be by e mail or letter. For 2017, the sacrament will be conferred on children in Year 7 upwards.

### First Holy Communion

Parents with children over 7 years of age who have not received their FHC should contact Fr Teddy as soon as possible. Contact by e mail or letter.

St Anne's Parish policy on these sacraments can be viewed on Our Lady's School website [www.ourladysrc.warwickshire.sch.uk](http://www.ourladysrc.warwickshire.sch.uk) or contact Fr Teddy for more information.

There will be an initial meeting of parents on **Tuesday 20 September at 7.00 pm** at Wappenbury.

### Next week at a glance:

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September:

Mission assembly 9am. Parents are welcome

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>:

Swimming Years 3,4. Dance Years R, 1,2

Sacramental preparation meeting 7pm

Wappenbury

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>

Basketball taster

7<sup>th</sup> October 2pm

Macmillian coffee event 2pm. Children to come in own clothes and bring cakes to sell! This is a PTA event.

## Think of the week:

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

Does lined paper weigh more than blank paper?





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*Zentangles by Year 5 and 6*

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