



Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

Learning to Love; Loving to Learn

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EMBRACING THE UNIQUENESS OF EACH CHILD THROUGH THE MESSAGE OF GOD'S LOVE

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Another busy week of learning...

We have had another busy week at Our Lady's. The reception children have settled in so well and there is a lovely calm in the classroom. I would like to give my personal thanks to the Reception team for their hard work in making the children's transition into school so very smooth.

You should have received an overview of dates for the year. There will be dates to add to this, naturally, as we move through the academic year.

You will have seen something called 'Looking at learning' on the dates. You will be receiving a letter about this, but just so you know, it will be an opportunity for you to come into school and sit with your child to look at their books and discuss their learning.



The children and staff had a special treat this week! They were delighted when they heard the bell of the ice-cream van!

Parent Consultations

These will take place on Wednesday 9th November and will be a time to chat to your

child's teacher about their progress and targets. More information to follow.

Tournament Success

Well done to our hockey team and football team! They had their first tournaments this week, which took place at Princethorpe College. All the children involved worked hard as a team and showed an excellent spirit. Their resilience and determination was superb. Well done all. Thank you to Miss Haley, Miss Youds and Mrs Brookes for all their support.

Assessment and Curriculum evening

Just a reminder that there will be a chance to find out more about assessing without levels and the curriculum on Wednesday 28th September at 6:30. For parents who cannot make it, I will put the information on the website and will ensure that you receive any paperwork that is given out.

School Council

Congratulations to our newly appointed School Council! We will be having a special commissioning assembly where the children will be presented with their school council badge. I look forward to working with them and know that they will help to make a difference in our wonderful school.

Attendance

This week's attendance: 99%

Fantastic! This is above national.



Our Year 3s working hard in Maths

Absent Children

Please can parents contact the school office by 9:30 am if their child is going to be absent from school – a message can be left on the school answerphone.

Similarly, if your child is going to be late due to a medical appointment, please let school know and if your child has a school meal advise Mrs Davenport of their choice of main meal by 9:30am.

Special Celebratory Start of Year Mass

It was so lovely to see so many families at the Mass at Our Lady of the Angels' Chapel at Princethorpe on Sunday. What a great start

This week's special mentions

Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Cohen	Harvey	Isla	Liam	Savannah	Ella	Darcey

This week's attendance figures

YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
98%	97%	99%	100%	99%	99%	99%



The children are still working really hard to show the value of respect and are excited to see their jars filling up! Last week we discussed the virtue of 'gratefulness' - the children have been trying hard to say 'thank you'. Next we will be thinking about the virtue of generosity.

to the year. Thank you Father Teddy for celebrating Mass for us.

as we will be collecting it over October and early November.

We are having a Harvest Mass at school on Friday 7th October at 9:15. This will take place in the school hall. All are welcome.

World's Biggest Coffee Morning



This is taking place on **October the 7th at 2pm**. The children can come dressed in non-school uniform for the day and can donate cakes to sell in the afternoon. As well as raising money for Macmillan, it will give you a chance to meet the PTA and to speak to them if you are interested in joining.

Buddy Assembly

On Monday the 26th at 9:10 we will be having a buddy assembly. It will be a chance for the Year 6s and reception children to show the rest of school who they are buddied up with! Parents are welcome to attend, as is the case for every Monday morning assembly.

Individual and family group photos

These will take place on **Tuesday 27th September**. The children should make an effort to look extra smart, remembering ties and school jumpers. Families with pre-school children can bring them in first thing for a family photo.

Harvest collection

Last week you will have received a flyer about the sorts of food we are collecting for Foodbank. Please do start sending the food in



Parking Issues

Parking is not easy, Our Lady's is certainly not alone in this problem – it has been an issue on every school I have ever known. However, the Rugby Rural South Team have been in contact with me and they will be looking at the issues closely in the coming month. You may therefore see the team at the school gates. You will find a separate letter from the team. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Safety First

Please take care walking into school. Do not stand in the middle of the drive as cars cannot always see you and your children as they come around the corner. Please ensure your children are walking along the path and not on the road, as I have witnessed a few times over the last couple of weeks.

Medicine

We are able to give your child medicine at school if it has been **prescribed**. A form must be filled in which is available from the office or website.

Free to a good home

2 guinea pigs free to a good home and appropriate housing. Please contact Mrs Bucke on 07739 725576.

Week to View:

Monday 26th September

Mission assembly gam. Parents are welcome (Buddy assembly)

Tuesday 27th:

Individual and family group photos

Swimming Years 3, and 4. Dance Years 1, 2, and reception

Wednesday 28th:

Assessment and Curriculum Evening 6:30

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kate Madia

Think of the week:

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

If I picked up the school, with everyone in it, and moved it to another country, would it be the same school?

AT OUR LADY'S WE ARE FULLY COMMITTED TO SAFEGUARDING AND PROMOTING THE WELFARE OF CHILDREN. WE EXPECT ALL STAFF, PARENTS AND VISITORS TO SHARE THIS COMMITMENT.



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