



Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

Learning to Love, Loving to Learn

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Featuring Wonderful Work

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Half term is fast approaching...

Time is flying at Our Lady's with half term fast approaching. The children are industrious in their lessons and the progress in books since the beginning of the year is excellent.

I am particularly impressed with how well reception are reading, writing and counting at the moment – well done children, parents and Miss Youds.

Looking at Learning

This is an opportunity for you to sit with your child (Years 1-6) to look through their books. It is not a time for discussion with the class teacher; this will take place during the parent consultations.

Dates and times of the Looking at Learning:

Year 5 and 6: Monday 17th October 2:30

Year 1 and 2: Wednesday 19th October 2:30

Year 3 and 4: Thursday 20th October 2:30



Some atmospheric artwork by Year 5 and 6

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.

Safeguarding

Parents, please do not wonder through the school after dropping your child off at before school club. If you need to speak in person to a member of staff please do so by making an appointment or at the end of the day. Please also do not try to come through the external doors of the classrooms. These are locked in the morning. Again, please use the correct channels of communication. One member of staff was made to feel very intimidated by an incident that happened a few days ago. Thank you.

Phonics session

Year 1 and 2 parents are invited to a phonics session on Tuesday 18th October straight after school. The children and any siblings will be looked after for you so that you are able to concentrate on the presentation.

School Photographs

These were sent home on Tuesday. Orders to be processed through school should be with the school office by 5pm on Tuesday 11th October. Thank you.

Data Collection Forms

These were sent out to parents last week and there are still quite a few that have not been returned. Please send these into the school office as soon as possible so that we can ensure all contact details are up to date.

Head Boy and Head Girl

Many congratulations to James B and Grace who have been voted in as our Head Boy and Head Girl. I would like to thank them both for the work that they are going to do as leaders in our school. I would also like to thank the other Year 6s who spent time on their manifestos. I think we may have some budding politicians in the making!

James' first idea was to organise paired reading with Holy family class and upper juniors which we tried this week. It was a real success so we will continue with this. Well done James.



James and Holly reading together this week

Last week's special mentions

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

This week's attendance figures

YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
96%	99%	96%	99%	96%	98%	96%



The children are still working really hard to show the value of respect and are excited to see their jars filling up! We have some classes who are ready to have their reward...how exciting! We are focusing on the virtue of generosity during this time of Harvest.



Primary Admissions for Reception September 2017 - Rising Fives

If you have a child whose birthday falls between 01.09.2012 and 31.08.2013 you need to apply now for a primary school place for your child in September 2017. Closing date for applications is January 2017. Please note the Admissions Policy and how the places are allocated. You will find our admissions policy on the website.

Attendance

This week's attendance: 97%

This is still outstanding. Well done!

Trim Trail

I know that it is a real temptation, but can I ask that you do not let your children on it at the end of day. It is getting slippery now and I do not want anyone injuring themselves please. Thank you for your understanding.

Annual Safeguarding Statement

In the interest of safeguarding children there may be occasions when the school has to consult with other agencies without a parent's prior knowledge. The school's first concern is the child's welfare and the school has a duty to act to protect the child at all times. Such consultation may result in a formal referral which could prompt visits from social services and/or the police. We fully understand that this can be a very distressing set of circumstances, but we can only assure you that we follow the procedures laid down by the Warwickshire Safeguarding Board, a copy of which is available in school, as is a copy of our own policy.

Rugby in Bloom

I took Sam, Tamsin and Ruari to Benn Hall in Rugby this week to represent our school at the presentation of the Rugby in Bloom awards. The children were very excited to meet the Mayor and had a tour of her offices. We were presented with the top award (platinum), a certificate and some vouchers to spend on our school garden. Well done everyone!

Closing date for Secondary 2017 Applications

The deadline for Warwickshire secondary applications is in October. Online applications can be made at:

<http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/applyfor school>

School Dinners As most of you are aware now all pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free school meal at lunchtime. Do you meet the criteria for Free School Meal status? It's important to fill in this application even though your child is getting a free school meal under the government scheme. By applying you could raise an extra £1300 for our school from central government, to fund valuable support like teaching assistants, after school clubs and school trips.



'I love having Tom as my reading buddy'

Next week at a glance:

Month of the Holy Rosary

E-Safety focus

Monday 10th:

Mission assembly gam. Parents are welcome

Tuesday 11th:

PHOTO ORDER DEADLINE 9:00

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

Bowled over by books with Mrs Madia

Wednesday 12th:

Thursday 13th:

Head boy and girl meeting/Chaplaincy meeting with Mrs Madia

Ofsted

'The culture of the school is one where academic excellence is celebrated, behaviour is calm and creativity can flourish'

'The school has a flavour if theatre and intrigue about it'

'A place where imagination is fired and all can experience adventure, fun and success'.

'pupils look to be on track to reach even higher standards than before'

Please find attached our report, following our inspection with HMI Martin Pye. I am incredibly proud of my team and feel very lucky to be part of Our Lady's. In the new framework, which we were judged under, previous data, if not strong enough, can be a limiting factor in how the school is judged because it needs to be 'sustained'. This is what we came up against in our inspection, which was of course frustrating because it was completely out of my control! We were judged to be good in our overall effectiveness although were told that if Ofsted in another 12 months would be securely outstanding. However, progress and attainment for all groups of children over the last 12 months has been highly praised, as you will read and as a school we just need to continue with the same drive as we have done and learn from each other's good practice.

Think of the week:

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

If I take the back off my computer and place a bunch of flowers into it, does it become a vase?



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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