



Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

Learning to Love, Loving to Learn

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Welcome back

I hope that you managed to have some lovely family time over half term. I enjoyed some valuable time with my family; I hope that you too were able to.

Thank you for your well wishes for my operation today. From this week there will be a fortnightly newsletter until my return; thank you for your understanding. You all have the dates leading up to Christmas now and if you have any queries, please do ask your class teacher.

The children have returned looking smart in their winter uniforms and ready to learn. We started the week with an assembly on All Saints and exploring the virtue of assertiveness and the importance of vocation which we linked to the important work that our school council and head boy and head girl do. Thank you in advance to James and Grace who have agreed to take on extra responsibilities in my absence. We also started our carol service practice for the juniors and we are already getting very excited by the thought of Advent fast approaching!

We have had lots of prospectus parents visiting this week too – again it was wonderful to hear all of them comment on how calm the school is and what lovely, well-mannered children we have.

It was sad to say goodbye to Mrs Vogler this week; we wish her the very best of luck in her new adventures. Mrs Vogler has served the school for a long time and we are thankful for all her commitment over the years. We will all miss her.

We look forward to welcoming Mrs Griffins into Reception next week – she will be supporting Miss Youds. She is very experienced and excited about joining our school.

The Family will:

- Work in partnership with the school and the parish community in order to support our child's spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.
- Ensure that our child attends school regularly and on time and follows the school rules.
- Present our child refreshed, dressed in school uniform and ready for learning.
- Support our child to grow in their faith and learning.
- Avoid parents' meetings and discussions about our child's progress.
- Read letters that are sent home.
- Encourage and support learning outside school hours.
- Let the school know if there are any special circumstances which might affect their work, behaviour or attendance.
- Ensure that our child is not exposed to inappropriate television or social media.

Parent's Signature:

Our Lady's Catholic Primary School Home School Agreement

Child's name _____

Embracing the Uniqueness of Each Child Through
God's Message of Love

The School and Governing Body will:

- Look after your child's welfare.
- Teach your child with respect.
- Support and challenge your child in their learning.
- Respect your child's uniqueness and talents.
- Provide a programme of spiritual, moral, social and cultural education in accordance with the school vision and the teaching of the Catholic Church.
- Support the spiritual aims of the school's Mission Statement and to agree policies for all aspects of school and parish life.
- Keep you informed on the standards and progress of your child.
- Keep you informed of your child's attitude, behaviour and attendance.
- Consider you if you produce your child with a child's attendance or punctuality.
- Keep you informed of school activities.

Signed on behalf of Our Lady's School:

Chair of Governing Body _____ Headteacher _____

The Parish Family will:

- Help you to prepare your child to receive the sacraments.
- Pray for you in your journey of faith.
- Encourage you to be an active member of our Parish family.

Father Teddy Wilson

Home School Agreement

Please do send back the Our Lady's Home School Agreement. Children succeed best when the school works collaboratively with parents and all other stake holders. We will be discussing this with your children too so that they fully understand what it means. It can also be found on the website.



How gorgeous is this?!

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. Hopefully, now that you have seen the books, you will feel more informed about where your child is, before you meet their teacher. There is a sign up sheet at the door of your child's class. If you are unable to come up the school to do this, please communicate with the class teacher through the home school book. Many thanks.

Safety First

Parents, please be extra cautious when standing at the front of the school. Standing on the road between the school gates is dangerous; it is particularly dangerous if you have a toddler with you. Cars coming around the corner might be unable to see a little one and I am concerned about there being an accident. Please use the path on either side.

Our School Rules



Show respect
Do your best ★

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
98%	100%	100%	100%	96%	100%	99%



The children have really enjoyed their special treats for filling their Respect jars. Well done children for working so hard!

School Council News

The Shoe Box Appeal is really taking off now. **PLEASE NOTE THAT ITEMS DO NOT HAVE TO BE EXPENSIVE OR NEW. You should have received a separate leaflet detailing this.**

Thank you in advance

Thank you

We have been fortunate to have had two very generous donations this week of resources for our school. The McNamara family have kindly donated two goalposts complete with ACTUAL nets! - the children have been very excited about using this week, both in PE lessons and play times.

The McFadden family have also donated a selection of brand new books for our school library. Thank you to both families for your kindness and generosity it is much appreciated.

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 15th 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: **98%**

This is still outstanding and above our target! Well done!

Uniform

Just a reminder that children should now be dressed in **FULL WINTER UNIFORM**. Please make sure that the children have a warm winter coat and a hat and scarf that is labelled as the weather is getting cooler now. Thank you.



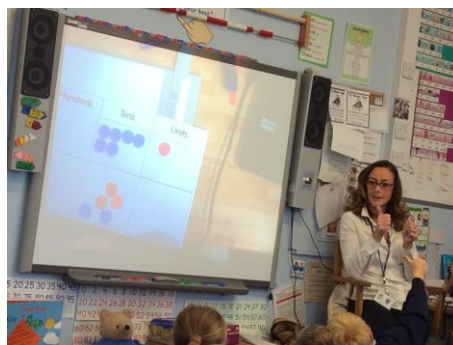
Children in Need

We will be joining in with the Children in Need on Friday 18th November. We are inviting all pupils to come to school dressed as a hero of their choice for a donation of £1. It could be a super hero or maybe a professional or famous person who is like a hero to them. If this proves difficult, the children may come in non-school uniform that has a spotty theme!

Fruit Snacks

Children may bring a fruit snack in with them but please ensure that it is only fruit. Some children have been bringing in other snacks that are more suitable for lunchtime. Thank you.

Well done Mrs Corry!



Well done to Mrs Corry who has been graded very highly in her recent assessments for her teaching qualification.

Payments

If there are any payments that need to be made for this half term, please ensure that these are made asap.

The children are going to the cinema on the 14th (you received a separated letter about this) and although the screening is free, we need to pay for transport and so are asking for £3.50 per child.

Next week at a glance: BOOK FAIR ALL WEEK

Remembrance garden tree planting
Monday 7th Nov:

Assembly on Remembrance - no parents into this assembly on this occasion.

Year 1 and 2 on their Autumn walk to the woods. See separate letter.

Tuesday 8th:

BIG SPELL

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

Wednesday 9th:

Parent consultations. Year 5/6 in the hall and all others in the classrooms.

Thursday 10th:

Hamlet Shakespeare screening for the juniors

Friday 11th:

2 minute silence

Kate Madia

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning.

We will remember them.



Think of the week:

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

If you take the back off a computer, fill it with water and place flowers in 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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