



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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Happy New Year

Happy New Year 2016 everybody! We hope that you had a lovely festive break. The staff would like to express their appreciation for all their Christmas gifts and cards. I hope that you all managed to spend some quality time together as a family – has anyone noticed the Easter Eggs appearing in the shops already?!

At the start of a new year we look forward in anticipation to what it may hold for us all at Our Lady's, especially our pupils. We hope to build on the successes of 2016 and look forward to seeing our children meeting new challenges and achieving their goals, taking the next steps in their journey of faith and most of all being happy and enjoying each day at school in 2017.

We have had a great first week back – the children have been very productive in their learning and I haven't seen a moment of wasted learning time. Well done!

Leave of Absence

Please find letter attached

Lunchtime Supervisor

Do you fancy being part of our wonderful team? We are looking for lunchtime supervisors. There are Monday to Friday opportunities. Please come and have a chat at the office if you are interested and we can give you more information.

Whole School Mass

On Friday 13th, at 9:15, Father Teddy will be joining us at school to celebrate Mass with the children. The theme is on compassion and love, which are our virtues for this half term. It would be lovely to see parents joining us too.

Please also join us for The Epiphany Mass at 10:15 at Princethorpe Chapel this Sunday. Fr Teddy is encouraging the children to bring a toy that they no longer play with, to give to charity.



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.

A Time to Shine

A Time to Shine (our annual talent show) is taking place on the 3rd March at 6pm. It was a great success last year and we are beginning to get excited about it again! All children are able to take part if they wish. Auditions will commence from the 16th January.

Attendance

This week's attendance: **97%**

School Uniform

It worries me that some children have come back from Christmas not in their full school uniform. I have had to speak to a number of children who do not have ties or correct PE kit. Uniform is compulsory and it helps to make our children distinctive and smart. Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct uniform next week.



Some Peter Thorpe inspired art work by the juniors

This 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
94%	97%	98%	95%	97%	100%	98%



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

Looking at Learning

Last term, our Looking at Learning sessions proved very popular! You will be pleased to hear that we are running them again in a couple of weeks. The dates are below:

Monday 16th January, 2:30 Year 3 and 4

Tuesday 17th January, 2:30 Year 1 and 2

Friday 20th January, 2:30 Year 5 and 6

You will be receiving a personal invitation from your child too. We look forward to seeing you then.



Everybody Write!

A strange box, with even stranger contents, have appeared in school... I showed the children in assembly on Monday and they too were intrigued...

Who do they belong too? How are the objects related? What does it mean? Who is Jose Matthews?

On Monday the children from Year 2-6 will be considering these questions further and will have the opportunity to have an extended writing time where they can become as creative as they like!



Big Spell

Just a reminder that we have our next Big Spell on Tuesday 10th January. Get learning everyone! Remember its just about doing your best and trying to beat your previous score. Good luck!



What gift would you bring the baby Jesus?

This is the question we asked today in assembly...



Next week at a glance:

Monday 9th January:

Whole school mission assembly – parents invited
Everybody Writes – years 2-6

Sport event for some of the juniors – pentathlon

Tuesday 10th January:

Big Spell

Friday 13th January:

Whole School Mass, 9:15 – parents invited

Good luck to the children who are entering the rowing competition tonight!

Have a wonderful weekend

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