



Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

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Google Expedition



The children (and adults!) from Years 1-6 experienced learning in a completely different light yesterday. Using the power of technology, Holy Family visited the Amazon and Buckingham Palace; St. Francis visited the Antarctica and we even went as far as the outskirts of the solar system with Year 5 and 6! Google expedition is a completely immersive learning experience. The headsets use the technology of a mobile phone, and so, if you have any unwanted iOS or Androids that you no longer require, please do donate them to school so that we can start to build a collection for the children to use. You will only need to speak to your child to discover how incredible it is! Thank you in anticipation.

Alton Castle Retreat

A reminder to Year 6 Parents that if you are paying by instalments, the first £25 is due in by Friday February 3rd.

Times Tables

Time Tables – how many do YOU know?

The National Curriculum states that ALL children need to know



their Time Tables 1x 2x 3x 4x 5x 6x 7x 8x 9x 10x 11x 12x by the end of Year 4. We know that some children are really quick to learn Time Tables and some children need LOTS of reinforcement to recall facts quickly. Children need to be able to recall facts quickly when using the operation of multiplication or division. If we can make this learning fun at both home and school we can ensure children know their timetables. Here are some websites with games and apps you might find useful!

<http://www.ictgames.com/resources.html>

<http://www.teachingtables.co.uk/>

http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/websites/4_11/site/numeracy.shtml

Lent 2017: time for the Good Shepherd Appeal

Our Lady's Catholic Primary School is taking part in Father Hudson's Care's Good Shepherd Appeal. This is a tradition among Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Birmingham stretching back more than a century. Children have been given a self-assembly collecting box. Please support your child and encourage them through Lenten sacrificial giving and abstinence to put money that might otherwise have been spent on sweets and treats into the collecting box. Last year school raised more than £54,000 for Father Hudson's much needed work.

Father Hudson's Care is the social care agency of the Archdiocese and a registered charity (number 512992). It helps those in need of all ages, regardless of race or religion, through the Family Support Service in schools, care for disabled adults and elderly

people, support for lonely, disadvantaged and vulnerable people in society and by finding foster parents for children in care. There is more information online at www.fatherhudsons.org.uk

Thank you in advance.



Time to Shine

On Friday 3rd February, at 6pm, we are having a 'Time to Shine' where children will have the chance to show off their talents in front of big audience of parents. All the auditions have taken place and the children who are taking part all know that they will be performing on the night. I will send a slip out to the children who are performing with details of the night. Please can you let me know if your child cannot make the evening (if they are performing). Many thanks.

Cold weather

This week's special mentions

Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Tino	Elliot	Ophelia	Adela	Erin	Tejay	Callum

This week's attendance figures

YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
99%	95%	95%	99%	98%	97%	94%



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

It really is chilly now! Please can the children in Years 3,4,5 and 6 remember to bring their outdoor PE kits?

Please also provide your child with a warm hat, scarf and gloves.

In the unlikely event that we would have to shut the school, please check the website as your first point of call. It will also be announced on the radio.



Attendance

This week's attendance: 97%

Building Fund Contributions

Every year we ask that parents make a contribution to our school building fund. Letters were sent out to families this week. Any amount, large or small, would be very gratefully received. I am sure that you are aware of all the funding cuts in education, and being a small, rural school, these cuts are hitting us hard; it really will make a difference to our school. If you are able to contribute, please send in your donation with the completed gift aid form if applicable to you, or you can donate by standing order, if you

prefer. There are spare copies in the school office if you have mislaid or did not receive the letter.

Thank you to parents who have already contributed.

Sainsburys

We are collecting Sainsburys Active Kids vouchers again this year, which start this week. Please send these into school and ask friends and family to collect for us to. We managed to replace lots of PE equipment last year and we hope to do the same again this year.

Lunchtime Supervisor Work

We are still looking to recruit to this important role in our school. If you would like a few hours work and would like to become part of our happy team, please speak to Mrs Davenport or myself.

Infection Control & Medication

Please can we remind all parents that no medication should be sent into school directly with your child without completing a medicine form and handing it into the office with the medication. Also at this time of year when there are all sorts of bugs, germs and viruses around, in order to minimise the spreading of illnesses we ask parents to consider whether your child is well enough to attend school. Reminder – if a child has had sickness or diarrhoea they must not attend school for at least 48 hours since the last occurrence.

Sunday Family Masses

We are having some special Masses at Princethorpe Chapel, where, although all are of course welcome, certain year groups will be specially invited.



Sunday 12th February 10:15
Year 1 and 2 family Mass

Sunday 12th March 10:15
Year 3 and 4 family Mass

Sunday 2nd April 10:15
Year 5 and 6 family Mass

Sunday 7th May 10:15
Reception family Mass

Reconciliation

Saturday 25th March 10:30 Princethorpe Chapel

Monday 27th March 6:30pm Princethorpe

Parents Catholic Life Meeting

This is an opportunity for informal discussion/questions and answers around Catholic life and the Catholic Church in 2017. Father Teddy is leading this and it will be taking place on the 14th March at 2:00 in the school hall.

Sporting News

Well done to our Cross Country Runners – we did really well and are pretty sure some of our runners will end up going through. Well done all. Thank you Miss Youds and Miss Haley.

Year 6 loved using the facilities at Princethorpe Collage this week and Year 5 are waiting in anticipation for their turn! Thank you Mrs Brookes.

Next week at a glance:

Monday 30th January :

Father Hudson Assembly 9:00

Time to shine dress rehearsal for whole school pm
Children to bring in costumes, if wearing and music

Friday 3rd February:

Time to Shine 6pm start. Children to arrive at 5:30

Have a wonderful weekend

Kate Madia



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