



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

LEARNING TO LOVE; LOVING TO LEARN...

Welcome to our beautiful reception children!

I would like to formally welcome our new reception children and their families this week. It is always such an exciting time when the little ones start! I am delighted with how well they have already settled in and made friends.

New mums and dads, Our Lady's is a special little school. We hope you feel its warmth and care. Your children will have a wonderful start to their education and are in fabulous hands with the early years staff.

Our door is always open if you have any worries or concerns. Our number one priority is that the children feel safe and happy coming to school and that they enjoy their learning.

The school has remained a productive and calm place this year. The children have settled into their new year groups well and despite their tiredness, are working hard. Year 5 and 6 have been having great fun in science and are excited to be researching an area of interest about ancient Rome. Year 1 and 2 have been learning out the senses with great enthusiasm and Year 3 and 4 are delighted to be learning the recorder!

Harvest Food Bank Collection

We are once again collecting for food bank this harvest. I will send out a separate letter detailing the sorts of foods that are suitable to donate in the next few weeks.



Science in Year 5 and 6

Buddy Assembly

The children in reception are paired up with a year 6 'buddy' for the year. This is one of the highlights for the year 6s who take the role seriously and with a real sense of responsibility and maturity. Once the buddies are sorted we have a 'Buddy Assembly' where the Year 6s introduce their reception buddy to the rest of the school. Parents are welcome to attend. Unfortunately I am unable to be there but Miss Haley, my assistant Headteacher and year 6 teacher will lead it. It will take place on Monday 25th September at 9:10 in the school hall.



Year 2 role playing this week...

Class Dojo

The classes in Key Stage Two use a system called Class Dojo, to help keep track of their behaviour and achievements. The children have enjoyed meeting their avatar monsters, and seeing how many house points they can collect! The system also allows you as parents to view your child's behaviour report, pictures of their work and information about your child's day to day learning. You can also directly message staff.

Many parents commented last year on how helpful it is. Sign up details with parent and pupil codes have been given to you by your child's

class teacher; you can download it as an app on your iphone or tablet or access it on a computer. If you have any queries, please ask your child's teacher.

PE

Please can the children have their full kits in every day. Trainers must also be in as the children will be running every day. This half term Reception, year 1 and year 2 will be taught multi skills and dance; years 3 and 4 will be taught invasion games and hockey and years 5 and 6 will be taught invasion games and ball skills. We will be taking part in competitions throughout the year. I will keep you posted once the fixtures have been set. We have sent out letters this week regarding hockey and football friendlies which are taking place on Monday and Friday of next week.

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
100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

The children know that they need to work hard again this year to show the value of respect. They will receive respect tokens to go towards a whole class treat once their jar is full!

Year 3 and Year 4 require gum shields and shin pads for hockey please. Once all the children have them, hockey lessons will commence. They can be bought from all good sports shops.

Curriculum Information

We are in the process of updated the year group information on the website. You will be able to find out what your child is learning by visiting the site.

Attendance

Attendance is crucial. Please ensure that your child arrives in time for registration please. Lateness is disruptive for all involved. Thank you.



Maths in Year 6...

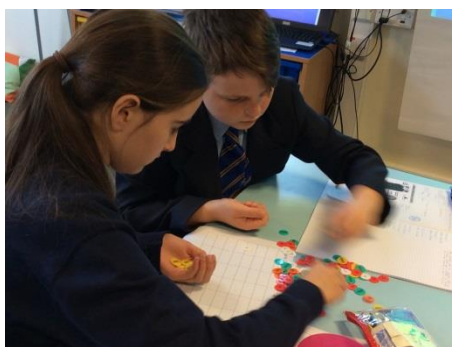
Individual and family group photos

These will take place on **Tuesday 26th September**. The children should make an effort to look extra smart, remembering ties and school jumpers.

Birthday gift reminder

Non-school uniform may be worn by children on their birthday or the school day nearest to their birthday! This way everyone in the school community will know straight away that it is their special day. If your child's birthday is in the holidays or at the weekend,

they may wear their own clothes on the Monday after or on the Friday before.



So proud of how the hard the children are working!

Harvest

We are collecting for Food Bank again. I will send out further information about the sorts of food we will be collecting. Thank you in advance.

Rugby in Bloom Success!

We got a gold! Woohoo! We are all delighted to have been awarded the very highest award for the recognition of all the hard work of so many. We have beautiful grounds and gardens and it is lovely that others have recognised that too.

Head boy and Head girl

We have chatted to the year 6s and they know that if they want to stand for these positions then they need to get going with a bit of work! We will be going to whole school vote on 22nd September. Results will be announced on Monday 25th.



Dates for the year

Please find these attached.

School Grown Produce

We have lots of produce to sell again and will do so after school next week at the bottom gate. We ask just for a donation. All donations then go back into making our garden somewhere magical and educational for your children.

Next week at a glance:

Monday 18th:

Eco Warriors assembly 9:10

PE kits (indoor and out must be in school every day now)

Drama session Year 5 and 6

Tuesday 19th:

Swimming Year 3 and 4

PE for Year 1 and 2

Miss Amanda, our dance teachers starts with the infants

Friday 22nd: Physics day at Warwick

University (See separate letter – year 5 and 6)

Sunday 24th:

First Holy Communion registration will take place after 10:15 Mass at Princethorpe Chapel

Have a wonderful weekend. **Kate Madia**



Think of the week:

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

If you read a paper in the newsagents without buying it, is it stealing?



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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