



Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

Learning to Love; Loving to Learn

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We are an OUTSTANDING Catholic School

It has been a long wait, but the inspection report finally came through yesterday. I will copy the report for you and send it out next week, but until then, here are a few quotes from the lead inspector Mr Hughes, specifically around teaching:

'From average starting points all groups of pupils make very good progress with over two thirds exceeding expectations...'

'Pupils make quick progress in the early years, which is consolidated and built upon throughout Key Stages 1 and 2. All groups of pupils make similar progress...outcomes are very good thanks to the attention teachers give to the needs of all groups of pupils...A significant proportion of teaching over time is outstanding.'

I am proud of my staff and the children and feel so lucky to have such a supportive governing body and community around me. Thank you all.

This Week

It has been a great week at Our Lady's. The reception children have been very settled and happy; Year 1 and 2 have been doing some exciting science lessons and have been having fun in their opticians! Year 3 and 4

have learnt another note on the reorder and have enjoyed their maths and programming and Year 5 and 6 have had a brilliant science day at Warwick university! We have also had success in our friendly hockey tournament - well played girls...

The school is particularly calm and orderly and the children are working incredibly hard. I am in awe daily as I walk around to see the inspiring lessons that my staff create for the children. It truly is wonderful to see.

Thank you PTA we can finally do some climbing....!

The children have been waiting patiently over the last week or so, watching their wonderful new climbing wall being built! This has been purchased by the PTA from money that you have helped raise for our school. Thank you. This means the world to the children who have been asking for climbing equipment for some time.

We have our log trail already, which is great, but not very challenging for our junior children, so this new addition will be perfect.

It will be properly risk assessed and the children will be taught how to use it properly. They will not be able to go on it without supervision and there will be a maximum number allowed on it at a time.

It is therefore vitally important that you do not allow your children to climb on it at the end of the day. It is also not suitable for under

7 year olds. Please be careful with younger siblings therefore, who will be drawn to it, no doubt!

Thank you, thank you, thank you for raising this money. I can't wait to see the children climbing it!

Harvest Food Bank Collection

We are once again collecting for food bank this harvest. I sent home a separate letter detailing foods that they are low on at the moment. Thank you in advance.

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.

Attendance

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

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
99%	98%	97%	100%	98%	99%	98%



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!

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.

Year 3 and Year 4 require gum shields and shin pads for hockey please. I sent out a separate letter about this stating that **hockey will commence on Wednesday 27th September**. For health and safety reasons, children will not be allowed to take part if they do not have their gum shield and shin pads. Thank you.

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. I have seen socks and tights that are not in our school uniform policy creeping in of late; please make sure that the children are wearing correct uniform.

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.



Permission Forms

It is important that permission form are filled in and returned to school as soon as possible please. Thank you.

Head boy and Head girl

Well done to the children in year 6 who have been brave enough to stand for head boy and head girl. Results have started to come in following their assembly yesterday. Results will be announced on Monday 25th.

We will also be finalising school council, house captains, eco warriors and chaplaincy team next week...exciting times...



Eco-Warriors

Thank you to Mrs Hobson for delivering our assembly on Eco-Warriors this week. We are looking forward to making our school a more environmentally friendly place with the help of our Eco-Warriors, who will lead this important work with the help from Mrs Devlin and Mrs Hobson.

Next week at a glance:

Sunday 24th:

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

Monday 25th:

Buddy Assembly 9:10

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

Drama session Year 5 and 6

Tuesday 26th:

School Photos

Swimming Year 3 and 4

PE for Year 1 and 2

Miss Amanda, our dance teacher to teach reception, year 1 and year 2

Wednesday 27nd:

Hockey lessons start for year 3 and 4

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 paint a window black, is it still a window?



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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