

# Newsletter





Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2018 Dear parents, pupils, governors, staff and parishioners,

On behalf of all the staff I welcome you to the beginning of another school year at Our Lady's Catholic Primary School. We ask for God's blessing on our school as we prepare for all the exciting learning opportunities and experiences that lie ahead. Next week we are thrilled to be welcoming our new Reception children and parents. We can't wait to see all the children on Monday at Ryton Pools and then on Wednesday for their first day of school and we wish them all the very best of luck! May I also take this opportunity to say thank you to all the staff, governors, children and parents for making me feel so welcome this week as I begin my Headship here at Our Lady's. It is a wonderful school and I have had a great week starting to get to know everybody. I am very excited about the coming year!

#### Our Lady's Birthday

Thank you to Father Teddy and the children who led us through a lovely Mass this morning to celebrate our school feast day. The children sang beautifully and read with reverence.



#### P.E lessons

This week we welcomed two coaches from Harris C of E Academy — Mrs Morris and Mr Huddlestone. We are very lucky to have their expertise to teach P.E from Reception to Year 6 this year. They will be working in our school on a Wednesday and Thursday afternoon. Children have really enjoyed their first sessions this week. Please can we ask that all children have their full P.E kits in school every day and that each item is labelled.

Reception	Wednesday
Years 1 & 2	Wednesday
Years 3 & 4	Thursday
Years 5 & 6	Thursday

In addition Reception and Years 1 & 2 will be having dance on a Tuesday with Miss Amanda.

#### Swimming

There is a change to swimming this year. We are delighted to be having a portable swimming pool on our school site from the 14th — 24th October along with a fully qualified lifeguard and swimming teacher. This means that all children across the school will take part in swimming lessons during that two week period. There will still be the focus on the Year 3 and 4 children and they will be timetabled to have a session each day. A full timetable will be sent out nearer the time.

# School Games Award!

We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the School Games GOLD Mark Award for the 2018/19 academic year.

The School Games Mark is a Government led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success. As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs,



and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year. A special thanks to Miss Youds who has been the driving force behind the award as she leads P.E across our school. We appreciate all of her hard work and dedication. We look forward to applying once again in 2020!

# Birthday reminder

As in previous years children are welcome to wear non — uniform on their birthday or the school day nearest to their birthday! This is a 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 or the Friday before.

# Twitter!

Our Lady's now has its own Twitter account. We are very keen to use Twitter to showcase what is happening in school and to add this as an extra form of communication to remind of upcoming events. Please follow us at @OurPrincethorpe.

# School Grown Produce

Some children are starting to pick apples and blackberries. We will sell them at the bottom gate. We just ask for donations please.



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#### WANTED!

We are looking for an additional lunchtime supervisor to start with us ASAP for 5 sessions! If you are interested please contact Mrs Davenport for more information.

#### Eco Warriors

Our Eco Warriors are collecting outgrown or unwanted uniform in good condition. If you have anything you can donate please send it to Mrs Hobson. Our first pop up shops will be on Tuesday 17th September 8:30 - 9:00am and Wednesday 18th September 3:00 - 3:30pm if you wish to purchase anything.

# SAFEGUARDING - OPERATION ENCOMPASS

The school has been given the opportunity to take part in a project that will run jointly between schools, Warwickshire Council and Warwickshire Police.

Operation Encompass is the reporting to schools, prior to 9am on the next school day, when a child or young person has exposed to, or involved in, any domestic incident.

Operation Encompass will ensure that a member of the school staff, known as a Key Adult, is trained to allow them to liaise with the police and to use the information that has been shared, in confidence, while ensuring that the school is able to make provision for possible difficulties experienced by children, or their families, who have been involved in, or exposed to, a domestic abuse incident.

We are keen to offer the best support possible to all our pupils and we believe this will be extremely beneficial for all those involved.

## Gentle Reminders!

8.55am Lateness Following the drift in between 8.40am and 8.55am all children should be in school. Any children arriving after 8.55am will be marked late in the register. 8.55am is the legal start to the day and the register is taken at this time. Procedures for Absences Please report all absence to Mrs Davenport in the school office.

No Holidays During Term Time — Despite various cases in the news we are not authorising any holidays during term time and have been advised to submit fixed penalty notices to the Local Authority if parents do take their children out of school for holidays.

Special mentions ☺	Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
(Starting soon)!							

Attendance and Punctuality Total attendance for week for whole school-

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Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
N/A	100%	92%	100%	100%	100%	100%

#### Next Week at a Glance:

Date	Time	Activity
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> September	9am	Mission Assembly
New Reception class at	3.15-4.15pm	Football Years 4-6
Ryton Pools 10.30 -12.30	·	
Tues10 <sup>th</sup> September	9am	Hymn Practice
Wed11 <sup>th</sup> September	9am	Assembly
Reception	10.45 – 12.15	Basketball taster session Years 3-6
children start.	PM	Reception & Years 1 and 2 PE lesson
	3.15-4.15pm	Football - Years 1-3
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> September	9am	Assembly
Fri 13th September	9am	Assembly.
•	3.15 – 5pm	Irish Dancing
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> September	10.15	Mass to celebrate the beginning of the school year. Princethorpe Chapel

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend.

Best of luck to children taking their 11+ @

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