

Friday 17th September 2021

Dear parents, pupils, governors, staff and parishioners,

We have had a busy week here in school. It has been so lovely to see the children all together at the end of each day as we host our whole school assemblies and singing again. Children have been working so hard in each class and our wonderful new Reception and Nursery children have settled incredibly well this week with their first full week in term. We are incredibly proud of everyone.

We would also like to say HUGE congratulations to Miss Youds who got married at the beginning of the summer holidays. We wish her and her husband Patrick every happiness as they begin married life together. We are trying our best to use her new name Mrs O'Connor.

<u>Homework</u>

This year we want to have a strong focus on Reading - information will be posted to Class Dojo pages next week about the expectation that children read for at least 10 minutes each night at home. As a school we are no longer going to be sending home spellings to learn and we have adopted a new spelling scheme which means that we have changed our approach to how we teach spellings. Children will have spelling lessons and check-up sessions in school. All children

will be going home with a letter today about a new app that we are introducing called 'Doodle Maths.' This will be used by Teachers to set maths homework that is linked to children's abilities and work covered in class. More information will follow about how to get your children set up on this. It is incredibly user friendly and proven to increase children's confidence and ability in their maths.

Hair, electronic watches and fidget toys.

Please can we request that all long hair is tied up each day. We have noticed a lot of children coming to school with expensive electronic watches and fit bits. Could we ask that children just wear simple watches to school as we would hate for an expensive watch to be lost or damaged. In addition, the latest craze with fidget toys is causing a few issues as they are very tempting and are easily getting broken. Children should not be bringing any toys at all to school again it causes upset when they get lost or broken.

A Plea for School Sports Kit

Just before the first lockdown, we had several children that had been given 'Our Lady's Sports kit' as they were about the play in a football match. If we have any parents of older siblings that may still have kit at home could we ask that it is sent back to school and given to Mrs O'Connor. We are currently arranging fixtures for football matches but are very low on our kit. Thank you.

<u>School Lottery</u>

Congratulations to Mr B, last week's winner! Thank you to everyone who has signed up to our School Lottery. Please if you haven't joined yet - consider signing up. We would love to make it to our 50 ticket target. The more people that sign up the bigger the weekly prize fund but also the bigger the donation to school.

https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/our-ladys-primary-<u>school-princethorpe</u>



Before & After School Club:

Our successful wraparound care club, led by Mrs Daly and Mrs Chapman is now open to all children from Reception to Year 6. Please ask at the office for an application form and price list. Parents can use one of several Government schemes to pay for our wraparound care. Help with childcare costs for parents is available for working families (including the self-employed), earning under £100k and at least £142 per week through the tax-free childcare scheme. Help is also available for those on Tax Credits or Universal Credit. Please click on the link below for more details: <u>https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/</u>

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Our Lady's School - Appeal for Foundation Governors

We are looking for 2-3 new Foundation Governors to join our team with responsibility for our wonderful village primary. Foundation governors are appointed by the diocese, usually for a period of 4 years. This is an important, voluntary (unpaid!) role and requires a level of commitment but, above all, enthusiasm and interest in serving our school and parish community. Former (or present) parents with links to Our Lady's would be especially welcome to apply but we would be delighted to hear from anyone interested in Catholic education. Our first full governors meeting (post-Covid) will take place at Our Lady's at 5.30pm on Monday 27⁻ September and prospective governors would be invited to attend to 'get a feel' for the role before making any commitment. For further information please email Peter Griffin, Chair of Governors at: <u>griffin.p@ourladysprincethorpe.co.uk</u> or telephone 07999 559088 or see him after the 10.30 Mass at Princethorpe.

School Dinner Menu:

Please see our 2021-22 Menu below for school dinner choices. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are eligible for Universal free school meals. Children in Nursery and Years 3- 6 can order school dinners at £2.30 per meal/ £11.50 per week. Parent pay is our preferred method of payment. Families can apply for free school meals if they meet the criteria. Please visit https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/education-learning/apply-free-school-meals for details.

<u>Healthy Snack</u>

Children are able to bring in a snack for break time however; this must be a healthy snack such as a piece of fruit or a cereal bar. No chocolate or crisps please.

Data Collection Forms

Please could you return all outstanding completed forms to the school office by Monday 20[.] September.

Reminder for Parents - Leave Of Absence during Term Time

As you will all be aware, current attendance regulations stipulate a Head teacher may not grant a leave of absence during termtime unless there are exceptional circumstances. Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case-by-case basis and on its own merits.

It is for the Head Teacher to decide what she views as 'exceptional' and it is at their discretion if the circumstances warrant the leave to be granted. If the leave is granted, the head teacher is able to determine the number of school days a child can be absent for. The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests, which are made by the 'resident' parent.

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child will be required to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence, which may result in legal action being taken against the parent(s), by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice.

Failure to make an application for leave in advance can also result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to the parent(s). Where a Fixed Penalty Notice is issued and not paid within the required timeframe as set out on the notice, the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal proceedings under S444 Education Act 1996.

Parents are asked to respect the new regulations under which the school must work and if there is a need to take a child out of school during term-time, an application or request must be made in advance and make clear how the circumstances are exceptional.

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<u>Nursery and Reception Open Morning</u>

We are excited to be hosting an Open Morning on Saturday 16[.] October between 10am and 12pm for any children that are due to start Nursery or Reception in September 2022. Please register your interest by contacting the school office.

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<u>Workers of the Week</u>

Workers of the	Year N & R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Week 🙂	Whole Class	Ned	Isabella	Clara	Tilly	Μαχ	Maya

Attendance and Punctuality

Who	le school: '	98.7%				
Saint Joseph N/R	¥1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
96.1%	100%	97.5	99.4%	100%	96.9%	100%

<u>Next Week at a Glance:</u>

Date	Time	Activity	
Mon 20 [.] September	2.50pm	Mission Assembly	
	3.15 - 4.30pm	Football	
Tues 21 September	3.15pm- 4.15pm	Art Club	
Wed 22nd September	9am	Music Lessons with Mr Roe	
	3.15 – 4.15pm	Basketball KS2	
Thurs 23 [.] September	3.15 - 4.15pm	Years 1&2 Ninja Warrior Club	
Fri 24 [.] September	2.50-3.15pm	Celebration Assembly	
•	3.15 – 5pm	Irish Dancing	

<u>Twitter/Facebook</u> For up to date information and sharing what we are up to - keep an eye on our Twitter feed @OurPrincethorpe and Facebook Page – Our Lady's Primary School, Princethorpe @OurPrincethorpe



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OUR LADY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL School Term and Holiday Dates Academic Year 2021/2022				
AUTUMN TERM 2021				
Staff Training Day 1	Thursday 2nd September			
Staff Training Day 2	Friday 3rd September			
Nursery, Reception & Year 1 - 6 return to school	Monday 6 th September			
Staff Training Day 3	Friday 22 nd October			
Half Term	Monday 25th October - Friday 29th October			
Term Ends	Friday 17th December			
SPRING TERM 2022				
Staff Training Day 4	Tuesday 4th January			
Children return to school	Wednesday 5th January			
Half Term	Monday 21st February - Friday 25th February			
Term Ends	Friday 8th April			
SUMMER TERM 2022				
Children return to school	Monday 25th April			
May Bank Holiday	Monday 2nd May			
Staff Training Day 5	Friday 27th May			
Half Term	Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June			
Term Ends	Thursday 21nd July			

Please note that under new regulations brought into force in 2013, Head Teachers are no longer permitted to guthorise leave for holidays. They may, however, grant leave of absence in very exceptional circumstances. We would strongly urge you to book holidays during the 12 weeks in the school year when this is allowed, as any breach of regulations may result in a financial penalty.

Thank you for your co-operation.

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