# Newsletter

**14<sup>th</sup> October 2022** 



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Dear parents, pupils, governors, staff and parishioners,

I firstly would like to share that after a successful interview this morning Mrs O'Connor has been appointed as our new Assistant Headteacher. She has done a wonderful job as Acting Assistant Headteacher over the last year and we are very lucky to have her in the role now

permanently.

Huge well done to our football team last night who had a great victory in one of their matches. We are incredibly proud of you all.

Just a reminder that we break up for half term next Thursday as Friday is a teacher training day.

Please can all children make

sure they have a waterproof coat in school each day as the weather has really changed.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend. ©



# Autumn Term Parent Consultations

Parent consultations will take place on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 1.30 – 7pm. We will have sign up sheets to these on the office window from Monday next week.

Please sign up to book a slot with your child's teacher.



#### **REMINDER**



EARLY YEARS OPEN MORNING
Saturday5<sup>th</sup> November
10am-12pm



# **Foodbank donations**

Thank you for all the donations that have come into school for the Foodbank. Next Thursday will be our last day for donations if you are able to help.



# Calling all gardeners and non gardeners!

We hope you have all noticed the vast improvement to the 'border' of land between Our Lady's fence and the footpath on the Leamington Road.

Last year we planted over 100 daffodil bulbs to the right of the gate and in the summer the council did a good job clearing trees and branches after the storm damage;

We have also cleared most remaining twigs and weeds and most of the area to the left of the school gate is now covered in mulch (forest bark etc).

We want to plant up this area for the spring/summer of 2023 and hope to engage the children in this task. Perhaps we could name this 'The Coronation Border!'

It would be great to have an army of volunteers on Saturday November 5th from 10-12 am, which would coincide with our Open Morning for prospective parents and children. Ideally, we would like a succession of bulb grown flowers from snowdrops, crocuses, daffodils and tulips but any good ground cover plants would be ideal. Additionally, we hope to scatter seeds such as poppies. If you cannot make It that day then we would welcome donations of bulbs, flowers and seeds which we would plant.

Thank you for your continued support!



## **Our School Lottery**

Please consider joining our school lottery. Cash prizes are won every week with very good odds as it is only between the people that sign up in our school. The money raised goes straight back into the school for the children. It is really easy to sign up following this link: <a href="https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/our-ladys-primary-school-princethorpe">https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/our-ladys-primary-school-princethorpe</a>

If we have 50 tickets sold we can raise over £1000 over the course of the year.

Thank you to all our supporters we really appreciate







### **Workers Of The Year**

*	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
	Joseph	Poppy	Camden	Oliver		Finley B	Harry	

Attendance and Punctuality Whole school: 96.5%

Year N & R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
100%	98%	94%	97%	93%	98%	96%

#### Next School Week at a Glance

Date	Time	Activity	
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> October	4.15 -4.30pm	The Football Playground	
Tues 18th October	3.15 - 4.30pm	Y3-6 Basketball Club	
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> October	9.15 -11.30am	KS2 Music Lessons with Mr Roe	
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> October	3.30pm	HALF TERM BREAK	
Fri 21st October	3.15 -5pm	SCHOOL CLOSED Staff Inset Day	

# **School Lottery**

Congratulations to Mr K, last week's lottery winner.

Please consider signing up if you haven't already.

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

Twitter/Facebook 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

# **Secondary School Admissions**

### FOR PARENTS/CARERS OF YEAR 6 CHILDREN

Applying for Secondary School in Warwickshire: Helping you apply

Tuesday 18 October

7-8pm

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/applying-for-secondary-school-in-warwickshire-helping-you-apply-tickets-430959239687

If you are the parent or carer of a child in Year 6, you'll need to apply for their Year 7 place in a secondary school by the deadline of Monday 31 October.

Join this event and hear directly from the education team who manage the applications process, who will share advice and guidance on how to choose your preferred schools and submit a successful application.

You are welcome to ask questions, either during the event itself, or in advance using this form: <a href="https://forms.office.com/r/yCRcHmizLX">https://forms.office.com/r/yCRcHmizLX</a>

#### FOR PARENTS/CARERS OF YEAR 6 CHILDREN

Warwickshire 11+ Results and Applying for Secondary School - a WCC Webinar

Thursday 20 October

7 - 8pm

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/warwickshire-11-results-and-applying-for-secondary-school-a-wcc-webinar-tickets-430967514437

If your child sat the 11+test in Warwickshire this year and you are considering applying for a grammar school place, join us to learn how to interpret your child's test results and how to use them to make informed choices on which secondary schools to include on your application.

The deadline for secondary school applications is Monday 31 October. You are welcome to ask questions of the team. You can either do this during the event, or in advance by using this

form: https://forms.office.com/r/yCRcHmizLX



### For your information

14th October 2022

#### **LEAVE OF ABSENCE & SICKNESS**

Permission for a leave of absence needs to be sought from the Head teacher should you wish to take your child out of school during term time for an exceptional reason.

Please note that strict Government laws are in place in relation to school attendance.

Term time holidays are not permitted once your child has started school. All holidays should be taken whilst the school is closed.

Holidays in term time will not be considered as 'exceptional' and will NOT be authorised.

Your child's attendance is our shared priority.

If your child is unwell please inform the school office by 9.45am or message the class teacher on class dojo with a reason for absence and expected date of return.

Children who have contracted sickness and/or diarrhoea bugs must remain at home for 48 hours after last sickness/loose bowel movement.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



#### For your information

#### MARATHON KIDS > U.K.

MARATHONKIDS.CO.UK



### FREE ACTIVITY & RUNNING SESSIONS FOR KIDS\_

#### LAUNCHING SATURDAY 8TH OCTOBER, 09:00 - 10:00

NEWBOLD COMYN LEAMINGTON SPA CV32 4EW (NEXT TO THE FOOTBALL PAVILION)

Family activity sessions including fun warm up games, relay races and some running.

Earn certificates and medals for distance





#### MARATHON KIDS > U.K.



## SCHOOLS\_

Marathon Kids UK in schools is a an activity programme that get kids moving during the school day.

Teacher led, children complete laps of a course to reach a full marathon (42.2km) over the school year.

The programme cost's £1 per child and comes with the Marathon Kids UK Digital Tracking System and Scanning App.

Find out more at www.marathonkids.co.uk/schools

### PARKS\_

Marathon Kids UK in parks is a free programme that allows children to maintain regular exercise outside of school time.

Volunteer led, children complete laps of a 250m course, earning wrist bands as they go.

The distance achieved each week is then added to the Marathon Kids UK app.

Find out more at www.marathonkids.co.uk/parks

Find out about volunteering at www.marathonkids.co.uk/volunteer



To talk us at - info@marathonkids.co.uk





#### OUR LADY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Term and Holiday Dates Academic Year 2022/2023 Final

# AUTUMN TERM 2022 Monday 5th September Staff Training Day 1 Nursery, Reception & Year 1 - 6 return to school Tuesday 6th September Bank Holiday - Funeral of Queen Elizabeth II Monday 19th September Friday 21st October Staff Training Day 2 Half Term Monday 24th October - Friday 28th October Term Ends Friday 16th December SPRING TERM 2023 Tuesday 3rd January Staff Training Day 3 Children return to school Wednesday 4th January Half Term Monday 20th February - Friday 24th February Friday 31st March Term Ends SUMMER TERM 2023 Children return to school Monday 17th April May Bank Holiday Monday 1st May Half Term Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June Friday 21st July Term Ends Teacher Training Day 4 Monday 24th July

Please note that under new regulations brought into force in 2013, Head teachers are no longer permitted to authorise leave for holidays. From September 2022, <u>ALL</u> absences and late arrivals will be reported to the local authority – who will issue fixed penalty fines for lateness and absence breach of statutory regulations at their discretion. We would strongly urge you to book holidays during the 12 weeks of school holidays throughout the school year.

Tuesday 25\* July

Thank you for your co-operation.

Teacher Training Day 5