Newsletter

16th December 2022



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Dear parents, pupils, governors, staff and parishioners,

We have had such a wonderful Christmassy week in school, I need a deep breath just typing this. On Monday children wore their Christmas Jumpers in support of Zoe's Place — we raised £84. Huge thank you for your donations. Monday was also the start of our Christmas performances. Our Early Years children did a fantastic job sharing their Nativity play with such confidence. Tuesday was Year 1/2's turn and again they were absolute stars with their fun story telling of the 'Donkey Seller.' A group of children in KS2 were invited to Princethorpe College to sing at their annual meal for the local Care homes which was really special. On Wednesday KS2 led us in a beautiful Carol Concert 'Hosanna Rocks,' and again we were treated to superb singing and readings. A huge thank you to all the staff here at Our Lady's who worked incredibly hard to make the shows happen but also for their hard work and dedication all year. I hope you and your families all have a really healthy, safe and holy Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Merry Christmas! ©

Teacher training day: 3rd January

Children return to school on

Wednesday 4th January.













Apply for Free School Meals

To check if your child can get free school meals and how to apply please visit https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals. If your child is eligible for free school meals, they'll also qualify for the Holiday Activity and Food Programme (HAF). You have to apply before each holiday. Contact your local council to find out how to apply.

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
- Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

Your child may also get free school meals if you get any of these benefits and your child is both younger than the <u>compulsory age</u> for starting school an in full-time education

If your child is eligible for free school meals, they'll remain eligible until they finish the phase of schooling (primary or secondary) they're in on 31 March 2023.

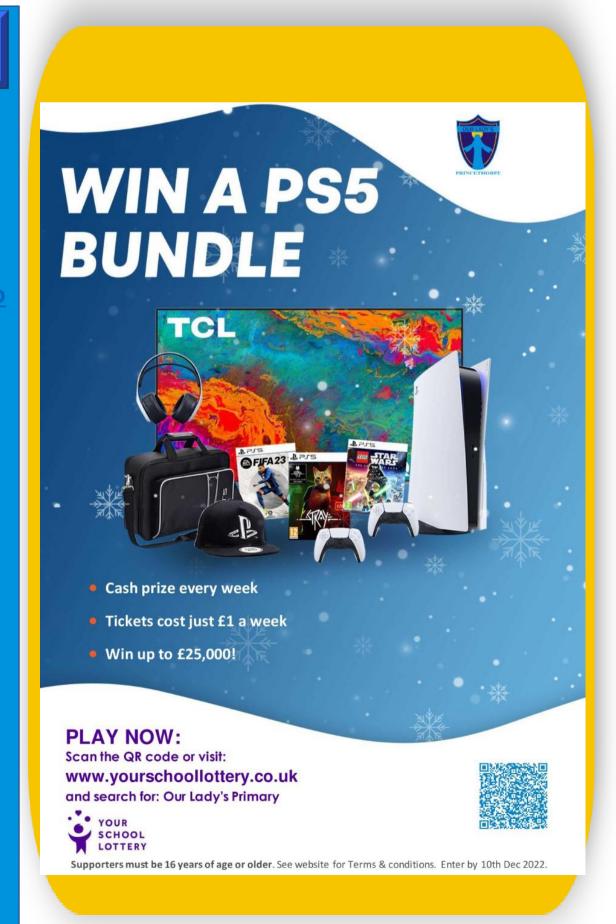
Our School Lottery

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

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 your help.





Workers Of The Year

*	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
	Back after Christmas							

Attendance and Punctuality Whole school: 96%

Year N & R	Year 1 *	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
100%	99%	96%	93%	98%	97%	89%

Next School Week at a Glance

Date	Time	Activity
Mon 2nd January	School Closed	Bank Holiday
Tues 3 rd January	School Closed	Teacher Training Day
Wed 4 th January	Children back to school	
Thurs 5 th January		
Fri 6 th January	3.15 -5pm	Irish Dancing

School Lottery

Congratulations to Mrs 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 –
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The holiday activities and food (HAF) programme is for school aged

children in full time educationwho receive benefits related free

school meals. The programme offers valuable support to families on

lower incomes, giving young people the opportunity to access activities

with a healthy meal provision over the main school holidays at Christmas, Easter and Summer.

Details to send HAF code can be found at https://searchout.warwickshire.gov.uk/holidays-

activities-food-haf.

HAF codes now last the academic year for eligible families receiving free school meals, so we don't have to re-issue codes

for Easter & Summer sessions. The request form for HAF codes is within the above link, if families have issues accessing

the internet then we can confirm details over the phone using the Family Information Service freephone number 0800 408 1558.

If a family is not eligible for free school meals, but meet the criteria referenced at

https://searchout.warwickshire.gov.uk/homepage/31/information-for-parents---haf then a referral can be made for a HAF code. This will only be for Christmas and need to be re-issued for each activity period as we can only allocate a certain

number of codes for families not in receipt of free school meals. A referral needs to be made by a professional worker

supporting the family, unfortunately we are unable to process requests from families directly. This form can be found at https://forms.office.com/r/WZ6cU221iH if you think a referral is required.

Once a HAF code is received, bookings are with activity providers directly, with eligibility to attend a maximum of 4 sessions over the Christmas holidays. If there are any questions on the HAF programme then please get in contact on hafprogramme@warwickshire.gov.uk or through the Family Information Service helpline on 0800 408 1558 or 01926 742 274

Many thanks, Warwickshire HAF Programme Team

For your information

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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.



FREE PIANO TO GOOD HOME

First come first served.

Must collect by 6th January 2023

Please contact Mrs Palmer in the school office.

For your information

OUR LADY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Term and Holiday Dates Academic Year 2022/2023 Final

AUTUMN TERM 2022

Staff Training Day 1	Monday 5 th September			
Nursery, Reception & Year 1 - 6 return to school	Tuesday 6 th September			
Bank Holiday - Funeral of Queen Elizabeth II	Monday 19th September			
Staff Training Day 2	Friday 21*† October			
Half Term	Monday 24th October - Friday 28th October			
Term Ends	Friday 16th December			
SPRING TERM 2023				
Staff Training Day 3	Tuesday 3rd January			
Children return to school	Wednesday 4th January			
Half Term	Monday 20th February – Friday 24th February			
Term Ends	Friday 31** March			
SUMMER TERM 2023				

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, ALL 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.

Monday 17th April

Monday 1st May

Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June

Friday 21st July

Monday 24th July

Tuesday 25th July

Thank you for your co-operation.

Children return to school

May Bank Holiday

Half Term

Term Ends

Teacher Training Day 4

Teacher Training Day 5

Harris C of E Academy Sports Centre

Multi Sport Holiday Clubs for 5-12 year olds





Holiday Club 9am - 3.45pm Early drop off from 8.15am Late Pick up until 4.30pm

> Please also ask about our Bikeability courses that run during holidays. Cycling Proficiency for the modern age!



Email: sports.centre@harriscofeacademy.co.uk Phone: 01788 818925

To book your place or for more information:

Or call in to Harris Sports Centre, Mellish Rd, Rugby, CV22 6BB

All staff are fully qualified, DBS checked and First Aid trained.

Holiday Club dates for 2022/23



October Half Term 2022

Monday 24th to Thursday 27th October 2022 (4 day camp)

Monday 19th to Thursday 22nd December 2022 (4 day camp)

February Half Term 2023

Tuesday 21st to Thursday 23rd February 2023 (3 day camp)

Easter 2023

Week 1 – Mon 3rd to Thurs 6th April 2023 (4 day camp) Week 2 – Tues 11th to Fri 14th April 2023 (4 day camp)

May Half Term 2023

Tuesday 30th May to Thursday 1st June 2023 (3 day camp)

Week 1 – 31st July to 3rd Aug (4 day camp) Week 2 – 7th to 10th August (4 day camp) Week 3 - 14th to 17th August (4 day camp) Week 4 – 21st to 24th August (4 day camp) Week 5 - 29th to 31st August (3 day camp)

Price per child

£15 per standard day (9am to 3.45pm)

£2.50 per wrap around session or £19 for complete day

