# Newsletter

**20**<sup>th</sup> January **2023** 



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Dear parents, pupils, governors, staff and parishioners,

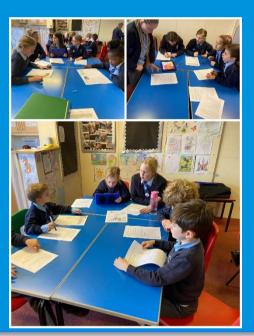
Children have been working hard this week with lots of lovely learning opportunities in school. Year 1/2 have had a great week using Jack and the Beanstalk as their focus in their English lessons.

On Friday our Mini Vinnies received their certificates and badges after a short delay due to the post. They are currently busy planning some lunchtime liturgies to lead with their

peers. We are very thankful of their hard work.



Have a lovely weekend. ©







Our little school does have parking challenges at peak traffic times during the school run. However, please could I remind all parents to park with consideration to our neighbours.

#### **MESSAGE FROM EDUCATERERS**

Whilst our teams have been working relentlessly to manage costs while maintaining quality, Educaterers can no longer sustain the price rises experienced since September last year without passing some of that cost on to our customers.



Food, labour, packaging, energy and fuel inflation have grown at rates not seen since 1992 and they are predicted to continue rising for some time yet.

As always we are determined to protect the quality of our service, and remain committed to offering best value to our customers.

From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023, therefore, the new cost of a school meal will be £2.48 per meal

I fully understand these types of communications are never welcome, however, I hope you understand this decision has not been taken lightly but is a necessity within the current climate.



# **Apply for Free School Meals**

To check if your child can get free school meals and how to apply please visit <a href="https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals">https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals</a>. 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. <a href="https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals">Contact your local council</a> 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: <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 your help.





### Workers Of The Year

*	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
	Whole Class	Austin	Chloe S	Isla C	Merryn	Belle	Oscar	Connie

# Attendance and Punctuality Whole school: 95%

Year N & R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
100%	81%	93%	96%	100%	95%	98%

### Next School Week at a Glance

Date	Time	Activity
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> January		
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup> January	3.15pm - 4.30pm	Dodgeball Club Y3-Y6
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> January	9am – 11am 3.15pm - 4.30pm	Music Lessons with Mr Roe Lego Club YR-Y4
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup> January		
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> January	3.15 -5pm	Irish Dancing

# **School Lottery**

Congratulations to Ms L, 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

### **SCHOOL PHOTOS**

Please note that the gallery will be open until 31st January so any orders will need to be placed by then? After that date, the link will no longer work and the gallery will be removed. Login details have been sent via Class Dojo.

## Winter Infection & Illness



#### Winter infections in children – guidance for parents/guardians

This leaflet gives advice on illnesses that are currently affecting nursery and primary school children across the West Midlands

#### What are the symptoms?

There are two groups of symptoms:

- Diarrhoea and vomiting usually lasting 1-2 days
- Fever, tiredness and nausea (feeling sick), sore throat – sometimes with a cough, lasting 3-4 days

#### What should I do if my child is unwell?

- Keep your child at home until they are well – if your child has diarrhoea and/or vomiting, they should not attend nursery/school until they have been symptom free for 48 hours
- Ensure they drink plenty of fluids taking sips rather than gulps, to avoid vomiting
- If they have a fever give child paracetamol and/or ibuprofen, according to manufacturer's instructions
- Your child can return to school once they no longer have a temperature (without medication) and are well enough to do so
- If your child is unusually sleepy, is unable to take fluids or has other symptoms, such as an unusual rash, headache or neck stiffness – seek medical advice immediately

#### Infection control advice

Handwashing is one of the most important ways to prevent the spread of both of these infections. This applies to the child who is ill and the person caring for them. Hands should be washed using soap and rinsed under running water:

- · Before and after caring for the child
- · After using the toilet
- Before eating, preparing or handling food
- After cleaning up spills (vomit, diarrhoea or urine)
- Also keep a separate towel for each family member who has symptoms, and change them regularly
- · Dry hands thoroughly

#### Other control measures:

- · Dispose of used tissues immediately
- Wash soiled clothing, bed linen and towels, using the hottest wash setting for the fabric
- Ensure toilet areas, baths and washbasins are kept clean, using hot soapy water
- After initial cleaning, areas may also be infected using a 1 in 10 bleach solution (remember bleach can burn skin and remove colour from fabrics)

#### For your information

20th January 2023

#### **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





# Harris C of E Academy Sports Centre

Multi Sport Holiday Clubs for 5-12 year olds





To book your place or for more information: Email: sports.centre@harriscofeacademy.co.uk Phone: 01788 818925

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

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!



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)

Christmas 2022

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)

Summer 2023

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

Monday 17th April

Monday 1st May

Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June

Friday 21st July

Monday 24th July

Tuesday 25th July

#### OUR LADY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Term and Holiday Dates Academic Year 2022/2023 Final

AUTUMN TERM 2022

## Staff Training Day 1 Monday 5th September 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 Staff Training Day 3 Tuesday 3rd January Wednesday 4th January Children return to school Half Term Monday 20th February - Friday 24th February Term Ends Friday 31st 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, <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.

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