



Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

Learning to Love; Loving to Learn

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EMBRACING THE UNIQUENESS OF EACH CHILD THROUGH THE MESSAGE OF GOD'S LOVE

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Eastertide

Following the Easter break I have been privileged to join the community of Our Lady's. Thank you to the children, staff, governors and parents who have been so welcoming.



What a joyful season to start! Easter, Spring...new beginnings. This week we have launched the term with a series of Easter assemblies and RE lessons reflecting on the hope and joy of the Resurrection. I have been very impressed by the attitude to learning of the children and their reverence and stillness when we are praying together.



May is also the month devoted to Our Lady, our patron. We are reflecting through images and icons of Mary, and through our prayerlife and the May procession.

A busy term lies ahead and we will be working hard to fulfill our Mission as a Catholic school; in embracing the uniqueness of each child and to foster a love of learning. The highlights will be our liturgical life as experienced through assemblies, Mass and the May Procession; SATs preparation to ensure that our children realise their fullest potential; Arts Week (20th-23rd May) to celebrate the creativity of our pupils; House competitions, Sports Day; Awards assemblies and end of year activities and celebrations. More details will follow on as the term progresses.

Our Wonderful Week

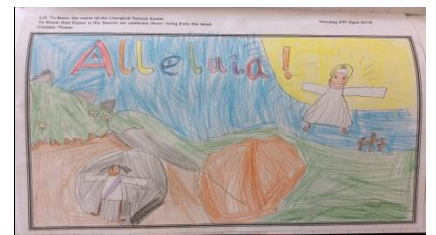
Year 5 commenced our Dance Programme with Ricky Brown exploring rhythm, balance and coordination in choregraphing a routine to George Ezra's 'Shotgun'. It was impressive to see the response of the pupils at the end of



the workshop – it was a very complex routine performed with real skill and enthusiasm. In forthcoming weeks all pupils will have the chance to work with Ricky and showcase their skills.



Artwork on the Resurrection completed in Years 1 and 2 and placed in RE books has been very inspiring.



This week's special mentions

Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
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The next Celebration Assembly after the Easter Break will be on Friday 10th May

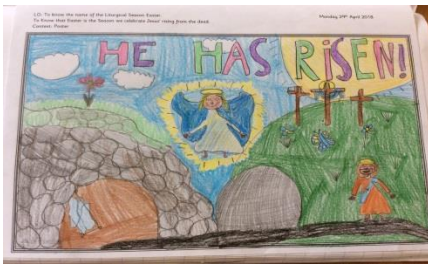
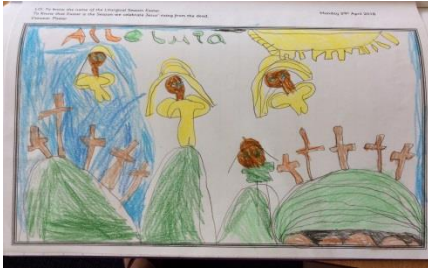
This week's attendance figures

YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
92%	91%	98%	98%	98%	95%	96%

Attendance is 95%



The children know that they need to work hard again this term to show the value of respect. They will receive respect tokens to go towards a whole class treat once their jar is full!



Thank you Holy Family – Years 1 and 2!



National Smile Month: 13 May - 13 June!
Warwickshire Health and Wellbeing:

According to Public Health England almost a quarter of 5 year olds have tooth decay with an average 3 or 4 teeth being affected. Prevention is always better than cure, therefore please encourage and supervise your child/ren to clean their teeth twice a day and ensure they visit the dentist for a check-up every 6 months even if there are no problems with their teeth. NHS dental care for children under 18 is free. Children should also limit sugary food intake as we know that sugar harms teeth. You can speak to your

Dentist if you have any concerns about your child's oral health.

Lenten Charities- There was a wonderful response by the children during Lent. So much effort, and creativity went into fundraising. Years 3/4 CAFOD Walk raised £549.50 and the Year 5/6 'Grow a £1' activity has reached £1037.28. The CAFOD Walk by Years 3/4 was completed before the Easter break. Please can any remaining sponsor money or forms be sent into school by **Tuesday 7th May**. Thank you!

Fr Hudson's Boxes- Please could any remaining boxes be sent into school by **Friday 10th May** so that we can send the money raised to the Good Shepherd Appeal?

School Dinners- New menus start on Monday 13th May and your eldest child should have a new sheet in their bag.

Alton Castle Visit -A reminder that payment should be completed by **Friday 10th May** for this residential. If you are not sure how much you have left to pay then please contact Mrs Davenport in the School Office.

Leave of Absence- Please see the attached letter with regard to Leave of Absence during term-time.

After School Football Club for Years 4, 5 and 6 - There was an unfortunate error on the letter sent out yesterday by RB Coaching. The After School Club for Years 4, 5 and 6 will take place on Thursday 9th and 16th May. [The dates on the letter were correct but not the day!] A flyer has also been sent to parents with regard to this activity.

Parent Communications- The school website is currently down and is being upgraded and redesigned. Mrs Batson is working closely with the web developer to ensure that the new site is a helpful tool for the community.

All last minute communications **must** go through the School Office as teachers are



unable to check or even respond to other channels while they are teaching. This does risk messages not getting through. The school does not have a Facebook Page. Where the school needs to communicate with parents the following channels will be used: Parent Mail, Class Dojo (KS2) and Home-School Diaries.

Thank you for your support.

Invitation to Whole School Mass
Sunday 5th May, 10.15am,
St Anne's Church, Wappenbury,

Next Week at a glance:

- Monday 6th May
Bank Holiday
- Tuesday 7th May
Wednesday 8th May
Dance Class for Year 1 with Ricky Brown
Year 1 Parent Meeting for Phonics Screening Check (3.30-4.00pm)
May Procession – 2.15pm (Please note the change of time **from** 1.30pm). If the children could bring bulbs or small plants then we can place them in Our Lady's garden. Thank you.
- After School Football Club – Years 1, 2 and 3.
- Thursday 9th May
After School Football Club – Years 4, 5 and 6.
- Friday 10th May
Celebration Assembly
- Enjoy your Bank Holiday Weekend!**
Best wishes
Cathy Feeney

Think of the week:

(A beguiling question that stops you in your tracks and makes you think...)
 Do crabs think that humans walk sideways?



AT OUR LADY'S WE ARE FULLY COMMITTED TO SAFEGUARDING AND PROMOTING THE WELFARE OF CHILDREN. WE EXPECT ALL STAFF, PARENTS AND VISITORS TO SHARE THIS COMMITMENT.