



Newsletter

Friday 10th January 2020

Dear parents, pupils, governors, staff and parishioners,



Happy New Year everybody! We hope that you all had a lovely festive break and the staff would like to express their appreciation for all their Christmas gifts. Thank you!

At the start of a new year we look forward in anticipation to what it may hold for all of us, but at Our Lady's especially for our pupils. We hope to build on the successes of 2019 and look forward to seeing our children meeting new challenges and achieving their goals, taking the next steps in their journey of faith and most of all being happy and enjoying each day at school in 2020!

Thank you to Father Teddy who celebrated mass with us this morning where our focus was the New Year and the Feast of the Epiphany. The children were all incredibly reverent and it was the perfect end to our first week back.

Leave of Absence during Term Time

Please see the attached reminder about taking children out of school during term time.

School Census Day

Thursday 16th January is the termly School Census Day. We would like to encourage all children in YR, 1 & 2 to try a school meal if they usually have sandwiches as this will help our funding. The choices will be chili or veggie Hot Dog.

Uniform update

The children are looking smart on return to school and in line with our uniform policy. Thank you very much for your support and cooperation with this. Please can we just remind parents and children about bringing in jogging bottoms/tracksuits for outdoor PE sessions during the colder months.

PE sessions with our sports coaches are as follows this term: Years 1 & 2 and Years 5 & 6 – Wednesday, Years 3 & 4 and Reception – Thursday.

Considerate Parking

As a school we do understand that there is very little available parking around our school site particularly as vans are blocking the road at the moment, however this is the situation that we have to deal with. Unfortunately local residents from the cottages at the end of the road have complained that on a number of occasions parents use their driveways to park on. On several occasions they have been blocked in for a period of time and on a recent occasion one resident was blocked in meaning that they missed a doctor's appointment and also received a rude reply when asked to move their car. This is unacceptable and does not keep with the ethos of our school. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Gate

This week the gate has been opened at 8.45am a change to before. This is due to the Before School club now accessing through the main entrance. Children are not to be left unattended before this time. From 8.45am a member of staff is then present on the playground to supervise the children ready for school to start at 8.55am. Children can attend Before School club if they are needing to be dropped off earlier than 8.45am. Next week we are having an intercom system installed at the main reception so parents will not have to phone when they are waiting to drop off or collect children from Before or After School Club. We apologise that it has not gone to plan straight away this week in that respect. Having the gates locked before and after school is a safeguarding measure to keep the site and therefore the children and staff safe. There will always be a member of staff with the children in the classroom/outside when a pupil is being collected or brought back to the office and our ratio meets the legal requirements for this. We thank you for your patience in getting used to the new system.

School Photos

On Tuesday 14th January we have got school photos in the morning. Sibling photos where children are pre-school will take place first. If you would like this please come to the main entrance straight after drop off.

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Facebook

The school now has a Facebook page (public) so that we have been able to join the closed parent group as a school. We will use both Twitter and the closed group for sharing information in sync so hopefully more people can see updates more quickly. The Facebook page (public) will be ran like Twitter so any objections to photos being put on please let us know. If you have said no to Twitter already we will assume it is the same for Facebook until told differently.

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 Princethorpe

Reception places for September 2020

The Governors, as admitting authority for the school, remind all parents of children who will be requiring a Reception place for school in September 2020, that the closing date is next Wednesday 15th JANUARY 2020. We have already received lots of applications but they will be allocated according to our criteria. For further details see Mrs Davenport.

Time to Shine

Save the date – Time to Shine will be 6pm on the 5th February.

Dodgeball

We are offering Dodgeball as an after school club for KS2. Please sign up ASAP if you want to join as we are unable to run the group sadly unless we have 10 children.

Attendance and Punctuality

Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
100% ☺	97%	100% ☺	93%	99%	100% ☺	98%

Next Week at a Glance:

Date	Time	Activity
Mon 13th Jan	9am 3.15-4.15pm	Mission Assembly French Club
Tues 14th Jan	9am	School Photos
Wed 15 th Jan	PM 2.00pm 3.15-4.15pm	Year 1&2 & Y5&6 PE lesson Basketball
Thurs 16 th Jan	Am 3.15 – 4.15PM	Reception and Years 3- 6 P.E lesson Dodgeball Y3-6
Fri 17 th Jan	9am 3.15 – 5.00pm	Assembly Irish Dancing

'The God Who Speaks'

The Year of the Word
*"Here is the light you will
 reveal to the nations" Luke
 2:32*

*Our Mission of the
 Week:*

*How can we be loving
 and compassionate
 like Jesus was?*

Happy New Year!
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