



# Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter - 8th February, 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

Life can be demanding. Prayer is good for us – it gives us great strength! Pope Benedict XVI reminds us, “Prayer brings us not only nearer to God but also nearer to one another.” Jesus regularly gathered together the community and prayed with them. He also made time to pray alone – a model of praying for us to follow. Prayer was the source of Jesus’ joy, strength and compassion, and it can be ours too.

### Events this week

Monday	Whole school worship
Tuesday	Mrs. Lee will teach PE for some classes this half-term Safer Internet day– the children will complete a range of activities to teach them about keeping safe.
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	10am– Praise assembly Leeds United led PE lessons for Years 1 and 2 Year 4 dojo afternoon Break up for half-term (1 week).

#### **COVID 19 SELF-TESTING FOR STAFF**

Please be aware that the government has introduced self-testing for staff in Primary Schools this week.

This means that potentially more Class bubbles will close if any staff member tests positive (even though they are asymptomatic).

Thank you for your understanding.

#### **Half-term is almost here !**

I would like to thank you all for working so hard during this half-term, which has not been easy for anyone!

Thank you for taking care of each other, for keeping safe and for setting and completing our school work. Happy holiday everyone!

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INVESTORS IN PUPILS



Healthy Schools

	<b>Good work and Virtues certificate winners</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
Reception	<b>Graysen, Evan, Lily and Hanna</b>	Best attendance-  Well done.  
Year 1	<b>Louis, Michelle, Nathan and Archie</b>	
Year 2	<b>Elsie-Rose, Mia, Aine, Evie-Grace and Harvey</b>	
Year 3	<b>Jax, Olly, Ava and Nhyria</b>	
Year 4	<b>Layla B, Tiana, Layla C and Jayden</b>	
Year 5	<b>Jude, Freddie, Oliver and Leon</b>	
Year 6	<b>Erin, Lucy, Ava and Rosie</b>	

**“Dear parents, teach your children to pray. Pray with them. Prayer strengthens family life.”**  
**Pope Francis**

“In books we seek God; in prayer we find him.” St Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)

God created us to pray, to be with him and to talk to him. We can pray anywhere, anytime. Each of us can say when and where we like to pray (e.g. at home, in bed, at church, at school, outside, elsewhere).

What would you like to pray and ask God for this week?

Who can you pray for throughout the coming week (e.g. a family member, a friend, your teacher, your priest, a poorly, hungry or lonely person)?

How else can you help that person?  
 What is your favourite prayer?  
 It may be a well-known prayer or one that you have made up. Have you ever tried composing your own personal family prayer – to say each day?  
 Let us enjoy praying this week.

**Our Virtue-Simplicity.**

This week I have been humbled by the children’s understanding of the virtue Simplicity and how they have recognised that we don’t need lots of material wealth to make us happy.

Children have been very grateful for their families, friends, food and homes.

**Sacramental preparation.**

I will be asking parents to message me if you would like your child to receive the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation later on this school year.

As you can appreciate, all preparation classes are on hold at the moment, but I will update you when we can start the preparation.

Thank you.

I hope you all have a lovely half-term with your families.

God Bless  
 Mrs Flaherty  
 Head Teacher