



Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

Learning to Love: Loving to Learn

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A Very Warm Welcome Back!

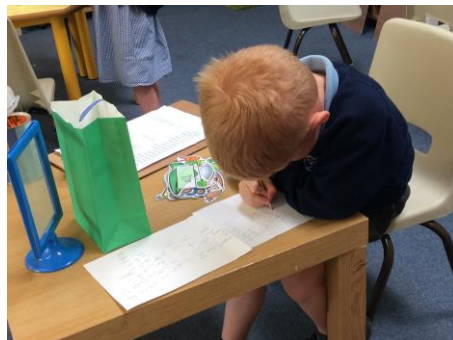
We have such a lovely week back; the warm weather makes such a difference!



Dylan and Valentino completing their number work today

There has been some lovely learning across the school this week. Year 3 and 4 have had an art history day today which culminated in them creating their own art work based on a master painter. They have also had a day being inspired by our willow den – they created bow and arrows out of the willow; and read a Japanese story about willow which led to the creation of 'potions' to cure things like sadness and heartache, the ingredients of which came from the natural environment and listed as a haiku poem.

Year 6 have been revising hard for their SATs, however, we have not limited the curriculum for them – they have produced excellent work in all areas, including some beautiful artwork yesterday, which they did in the sun alongside year 5.



Here is Harry is reception working hard!

Reception are focusing their learning around 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and gardens for the next few weeks and have already produced some excellent writing around the theme.

Year 1 and 2 have been very busy, writing poetry and learning about shadows and Year 2 have been working hard, particularly in their maths – keep up the hard work.

All in all, it has been a fabulous first week back!

Year 6 SATs

Year 6 are very busy preparing for the upcoming SATs test in a few weeks time (14th – 18th May). Please can I remind ALL Year 6 parents that children must attend school for the **whole week** and must not be absent; have any appointments or be away on holiday. We will be providing a complimentary breakfast club for all Year 6 pupils during that week, so that they can come in early, settle any nerves and enjoy a hearty breakfast before the busy days ahead.

Attendance

This week's attendance is 96%

Rising Five Information (Reception 2018)

You should have been notified on Monday 16th April if you have been successful in gaining a Reception place at Our Lady's. The places have been allocated according to our Admissions Policy in line with the Admissions code. We look forward to meeting our new intake in future weeks.

May is the Month of Mary

As we begin the month of May in a few weeks, our thoughts and our prayers turn especially to Mary our Mother in this month of dedication. On Wednesday 9th May, we will be holding our annual May Procession to pay homage to Our Lady; to think about her in our own lives and our faith. We will praise her through hymns and prayers. We hope to have the assembly outside (weather permitting). Parents are welcome to attend. This year, like last year, we are asking that the children bring in **flower bulbs or potted plants** so that day so we can adorn the shrine of Our Lady, but then, after the procession, our Eco Team will plant the flower bulbs/plants across our school site, so that every spring our school will be FULL of flowers; a much more sustainable approach than bringing in cut flowers. Thank you.

This week's special mentions

Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6

This week's attendance figures

YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
94%	100%	99%	100%	99%	97%	98%



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



Summer Uniform

Now that we are in the Summer Term pupils are welcome to wear summer uniform if they wish. This means that in all year groups children may wear grey tailored shorts instead of trousers and girls may choose to wear a blue gingham summer dress. In addition pupils may choose to wear a blue polo shirt instead of shirt and tie. Please can all pupils ensure that they have the correct PE kit in school so that they can access the PE curriculum. I am happy for girls to wear tailored shorts and a polo shirt.

*** The children know that I like shirts/polo shirts tucked in, top buttons done up, ties straight and laces tied ***

Girls Summer Uniform

- Named blue checked gingham dress or
- Named royal blue school polo shirt with crest (can be ordered from the school office) and grey skirt or shorts
- Black shoes/sandles with back on them (not boots)
- White socks

Boys Summer Uniform

- Named blue school crested polo shirt
- Named blue shorts or trousers
- Black shoes/sandles with backs on them
- Grey socks

Our 50th Anniversary

Our Lady's is in its 50th year! We will be celebrating it over Spring 2 and the Summer and will be doing lots of lovely work and activities with the children. This will include a

history week and an art week which will incorporate a day of 60s music and dance. If you know of anyone who came to the school in the past or who knows anything about the history of the school, I would be very interested in speaking with them. There will be further information to follow.

Rugby Choir Festival

Warwickshire Music are in the process of rearranging this. As soon as I have a date, I will write to all the children involved.

Alton

The third instalment is now due. The final amount is £120, if you are paying in instalments. All payment must be received by May 18th. If you are having any difficulties with the payment, please arrange to see me to have a confidential meeting.

Leave of Absence

Please see attached

School Blazer (Year 6)

Mrs Bonsall has a new school blazer for sale:

Girls, aged 10-11 £18

Please contact her directly on: 01926 633084 if you are interested.

Funding

We have been successful in some funding to replace all of the external doors and windows, which is great news for the school. I will let you know when the work is due to start, but I will schedule it for when the children are not at school.

Quality of School Dinners

We have had complaints from parents and children about the quality, quantity and choice of the meals provided. I had a meeting today with the catering company regarding this and she agrees that it is not good enough. With this in mind, she will be meeting with the school council in a few weeks time who will have collected the views of the children across the school to gain a better picture of the issues. She will bring a new menu and some different options to discuss with the children.

Next Week at a glance:

Monday 23rd April

Mission Assembly

Wednesday 25th April

Phonics meeting for parents (see separate letter)

Thursday 26th April

Year 5 and 6 river study educational trip

Friday 27th April

Celebration assembly

Have a lovely weekend

Kate Madia



Think of the week:

(A beguiling question that stops you in your tracks and makes you think...)

Is coloured paper less blank than white paper?



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.



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