



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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Welcome to Reception!

It was so lovely to welcome our new reception children and their families this week!

They have settled in really well and have been full of smiles.

We look forward to a brilliant year with them all.



Data Collection and Consent Forms

These were sent home on the first day back in school. Please can these be completed, signed and returned by parents, to the school office as soon as possible. Whilst I realise that these is a lot of information required it is very important that we ensure our records are up to date. The consent forms will be used as permission for your child to take part in class activities such as food tasting, watching DVD etc. Finally we need to know if we have your permission to share and take photos of your child and also if we can share certain information with certain organisations.

Music Fees

Payment for music lessons, was due today. If you have not sent this in yet please do so on Monday. The cost is £55 for this term – cash or cheques payable to 'Our Lady's School' please.



Class Dojo

The classes in Key Stage Two use a system called Class Dojo, to help keep track of their behaviour and achievements. The children have enjoyed meeting their avatar monsters, and seeing how many house points they can collect! The system also allows you as parents to view your child's behaviour report, pictures of their work and information about your child's day to day learning. You can also directly message staff.

Many parents commented last year on how helpful it is. Sign up details with parent and pupil codes will be given to you by your child's class teacher; you can download it as an app on your iphone or tablet or access it on a computer. If you have any queries, please ask your child's teacher.

Gum Shields

Please can you make sure that your children's gum shields have been moulded to fit your children's mouths. Thank you.



Big Spell

Years 2-6, please hang fire with learning your next big spell list! We are making some changes to our big spell which we will communicate with you soon!

PE

Please can the children have their full kits in every day. Trainers must also be in as the children will be running. This half term Reception, year 1 and year 2 will be taught multi skills and dance; years 3 and 4 will be taught swimming and hockey and years 5 and 6 will be taught invasion games and hockey. We will be taking part in competitions throughout the year. I will keep you posted once the fixtures have been set.

Curriculum Information

The themes for this Autumn term are:

Year 5 and 6: Heroes and Villains of the Second World War

Year 3 and 4: Lunar Explorers

Year 1 and 2: All About Me

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
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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!



Attendance

Attendance is crucial. Please ensure that your child arrives in time for registration please. Lateness is disruptive for all involved. Thank you.

Individual and family group photos

These will take place on **Tuesday 25th September**. The children should make an effort to look extra smart, remembering ties and school jumpers.



Birthday gift reminder

Non-school uniform may be worn by children on their birthday or the school day nearest to their birthday! This way everyone in the school community will know straight away that it is their special day. If your child's birthday is in the holidays or at the weekend, they may wear their own clothes on the Monday after or on the Friday before.

Harvest Appeal

Your child should bring home today a flyer from Rugby Foodbank advising the items that would assist them with their work. If every family could donate one or two items, this would be a great help.

Think of the week:

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

If you read a newspaper without paying for it, is that stealing?



Swimming Year 3 and 4

Swimming starts next Tuesday 11th and continues each week until December. The form that was sent out this week must be sent back no later than Monday 10th, as we need your permission before we can take your child. Thank you.

Dates for the year

Please find these separately



Class Groupings in KS2

We have mixed year groups, as you know. But to keep class sizes small, I employ an extra junior teacher, Mrs Commins, and I, myself teach also for one session. What this means is that instead of just having two teachers across the juniors, we have at least three teachers, and four when I am teaching. This means that the children have lots of extra attention and support and can be easily challenged. At the end of the term I sent out a booklet explaining that these groups are not about ability. They are about class sizes (for English we have four year groups and three teachers for example) and other factors that are carefully thought about. For example, if a child has done particularly well with a particular teacher, he or she may be given more time with that teacher, rather than having a change.

Next week at a glance:

- Monday 17th:
Mission assembly
U10 football tournament Princethrope 4:15-6:00 (see separate letter)
- Tuesday 18th:
Rugby in Bloom Ben Hall Presentation
- Friday 21st:
Head boy and head girl whole school vote

Have a wonderful weekend. **Kate Madia**



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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