



# 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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## Our Week

We have had a very busy week this week! We have commissioned our Eco Warriors, Chaplaincy team, House Captains, Head boy and girl and Deputy head and girl and school council.

We also introduced the Play leaders for this month.

Badges are on order for the children and will be given to them in due course.

The children have been working very hard this week. Reception have been busy on their challenges; year 1 have been looking at ordinal numbers and St Francis; Year 2 have been writing character descriptions; Year 3 have been looking at how to improve their sentences; Year 4 have been looking at ambitious vocabulary and Year 5 and 6 were really challenged by writing an essay on Hitler's Rise to Power.

I am incredibly pleased with the excellent work ethic of the children – what a pleasure they are to teach!

## 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.

We are still waiting for a few parents to sign up to this in the juniors.

## Big Spell

As mentioned in previous newsletters, the way in which we approach spelling is changing for Year 2 to Year 6. We have looked very carefully at improving this area of the children's education. Please find a separate letter about this.

Your children will have been given some log on details for the new spelling app. We have given each child a number so that their names are not being used.

If you have any questions about the new system, please so ask. (Year 1 parents and reception parents, this does not apply to your children.)

## 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

Further information about these topics and the English and Maths that your child is being taught can be found on the website.

## Attendance

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

## Harvest

We are still collecting food for Food Bank. The children will be having an assembly from Food Bank shortly.

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%	99%	96%	100%	96%	98%	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!



### Eco Award

We achieved the Bronze Award Eco at the end of last year. Well done to Mrs Hobson and the Eco Warriors! Our new warriors will be working towards the next award this academic year.

The reception meeting will take place in the Year 5 and 6 classroom and the Year 1 meeting will take place in the Year 1 classroom.

The reception meeting will also cover 'Tapestry' which is our online learning journey tracker.

We look forward to see you then.

### Next week at a glance:

PE kits (indoor and out must be in school every day now)

#### Wednesday 3rd:

Phonics workshops for Year R and Year 1 parents 3:15

Sacramental Preparation 6pm Wappenbury for children and parents

#### Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>:

School Census Day

#### Friday 5<sup>th</sup>:

E Safety Whole School Focus

PTA Photographs

PTA quiz and movie night 7pm

Have a wonderful weekend. **Kate Madia**

### My Marathon Tracker

As you know, we have been part of the daily mile for the last few years. The children will now have the opportunity to track their miles so that their complete a marathon over time. The children, on top of their 2 hours of PE, have an extra top up session daily. We are introducing circuits through the week, and zumba and yoga in the infants, as well as opportunities to stay active over the lunch break, which our year 5 and 6 play leaders are in charge of.



### School Census Day

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October is this term's school census day when we report back to Warwickshire a number of things including attendance and pupil numbers. They always ask how many infant children have a dinner on the day and these figures are used to determine how much funding we get towards the universal Free School Meals that infants are entitled to. Therefore we would like to encourage as many Infant children as possible to have a school meal on this day. The choices will be cheesy BBQ Bacon Pasta or Cheese and Tomato Pizza.

### PTA Calendar Photos

These will take place next Friday. Please make sure that your children are looking smart!

### PTA Quiz Night and Movie Night

This is taking place at 7pm next Friday 5<sup>th</sup> in the school hall. Children may come along and watch a DVD whilst parents can take part in a quiz.



### Phonics Workshop

Reception and Year 1 parent phonics workshop is taking place next Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> 3:15.

### Sacramental Preparation

The date and time of the first meeting for Sacramental Preparation will be at 6.00pm at Wappenbury for child(ren) and parent(s).

### Think of the week:

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

Can you stop thinking for a while?



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