



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

LEARNING TO LOVE; LOVING TO LEARN... ★

This week

This week started with a really beautiful assembly with Fr Teddy, where he blessed our Christmas tree and Advent wreath. It was a special way to mark the start of this very special season. The rest of the day was spent preparing for the Advent Season – creating cards and baubles, Advent wreaths and calendars. Year 3 and 4 created cards for the 6th Formers at Princethorpe to give to local people, who may be alone this Christmas - a lovely piece of social action work.

We lit our first candle on our Advent wreath and thought about its meaning: hope. Our class liturgies have focused on this theme too over the week.

It has also been assessment week so the children have been working hard in their reading, writing and maths. We are impressed with the progress that the children have made since the beginning of the year.

On Tuesday we had Wasps in who did a brilliantly inspiring assembly for all the children. Some children then had a master class with them – they were excellent; such a credit to the school.

Wednesday was a Christmas gift! The Reception children performed their Nativity in front of their families. They were brilliant and they told the Christmas story beautifully. Well done children; we are very proud of you. I would like to thank Miss Youds, in particular, for doing such a brilliant job with the children.

We expect a lot from the children at Our Lady's and we have very high expectations of them, but with supportive adults encouraging and believing in them, we always manage to get there!

Thank you also to all staff who helped in any way to make it such a success – from lighting to singing and everything in between! Thank you to Mrs Manning who made the incredible costumes too.

This week we have also been doing lots of music and singing in preparation for our Advent Carol Service; the Year 5 and 6s tested their shelters for strength the Year 3s and 4s learnt how to make magnets!

What a week!



Lateness

Some children are repeatedly arriving late. Please ensure that you are leaving home in plenty of time to get your children here between 8:45 and 8:55. It is very disruptive to the start of the school day when children are arriving later than this. Thank you.

Dropping off in the morning

Please can I ask that only parents of Reception parents drop their children off at the classroom door? There is no need for other year groups to be dropped off at their classrooms and in fact we will soon be stopping it for reception too to help them with their independence. We have always had this rule, but I have noticed of late that this is slipping. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Attendance

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

This weeks' attendance: 99% - this is above our target ☺ This is amazing!!

This week's special mentions

Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Lucia	Jessica	Max	Bea	Opheliah	Nico	Samuel

This week's attendance figures

YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
100%	98%	100%	100%	100%	96%	99%



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!



Alton Castle - Year 6

Letters about our annual residential trip went out on 23rd November and a deposit of £35 should have been sent into school by today. If you have not yet returned your form and payment please send them in on **Monday 10th December** so that we can confirm the number of children attending. Please see Mrs Davenport if your child did not bring the form home.

Dinner Money

The cost of a school dinner for Junior Children is £2.20 per day, or £11 for the week. If you prefer to pay weekly, money should be sent into school each Monday for the week ahead. Cash or cheque payable to Warwickshire County Council Please.

Irish Dancing

Irish dancing will be available to children in Reception Class from January 2019. It takes place in the hall after school until 5pm. If you would like your children to attend, please let Mrs Davenport know.

Car Parking

Please can I ask you not park on the yellow zig zag lines outside the school entrance. They are there for a reason. Also, please can you not use the school car park at any time of the day. This is for members of staff and for visitors at the school. Please so not use the car park even when dropping or collecting children from care club or other after school activities. Thank you.

Firework Competition

Well done to Naomi who won the firework competition this year! We celebrated with her in assembly this morning. Very well deserved.

Year 1 and 2 Nativity

This is taking place next Wednesday 12th for parents.

A separate letter was sent out but the times are: 1:30 and 5:30.

Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch - Princethorpe College

Once again, we will have the pleasure of singing to the senior citizens at their Christmas lunch on Thursday 13th December. I will asking for a few willing representatives from the juniors to sing. I will send a letter out to these children on Monday.

Reception Stay and Play

This is taking place from 2pm on Friday 14th December. Parents of Reception children, please do come along if you are able – it is always a lovely event where you get to spend some quality time with your child within the classroom setting. There will be lots of Christmas activities too!



Christmas Disco PTA Event

This is taking place for all children next Friday 14th December. 6-8pm. There will be an entrance fee of £4 per child which includes drinks, sweets and crisps.

Next Week at a Glance:

Wednesday 12th December:

KS1 Nativity: 1:30 and 5:30
(Please see separate letter)

Thursday 13th December:

Senior Citizen's Christmas Lunch singing at Princethorpe
(more information to follow)

Friday 14th December:

Reception parents stay and play 2pm

Christmas Disco PTA event 6-8pm

Have a really lovely weekend.

Kate Madia

Think of the week:

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



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.