



Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

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Letter from The Board of Governors of Our Lady's Catholic Primary School, Princethorpe.

Dear Pupils, Parents and Staff,

We, the Governing Board, would like to update you as to how we are progressing with our work to recruit a new Head Teacher for our wonderful school.

Firstly, please let us offer our assurances, that everything that can be done, is being done, to ensure that the post of Head Teacher is filled before Mrs Madia moves on to her new school at the start of the summer term. It is, of course, not just the position that needs to be filled; it is the passion, commitment, joy and love that Mrs Madia has brought to the role of Head Teacher that also needs to be built upon. As Governors we are determined to recruit a new Head Teacher, who will continue Mrs Madia's hard work, not only for current pupils, parents and staff, but for those yet to come.

At present adverts for the post have been placed in the Catholic Teachers Gazette (which is circulated to all Catholic Schools around the country), together with an advert, on the Archdiocese of Birmingham Diocesan

Education Service website, which is viewed by many Catholic educators, looking to progress their career. Further contact has been made with many local parishes, with notices being placed in weekly news letters, again to ensure that this vacancy is made known to the widest possible target audience.

Hopefully you will see that we have left no stone unturned in our efforts to attract

suitable candidates for this post. Our time scale is that applications close after half-term in February and our aim is to shortlist, interview and appoint well before Easter. The new Head should take over at the start of the next academic year although it is possible that the successful applicant's current employer may be willing to release him/her so they can start in post after Easter. However, we recognise that this is unlikely and we, together with the Diocese, are actively investigating arrangements to appoint an interim Head for the summer term and we are optimistic that a suitable appointment can be made.

Of course, we cannot allow such a wonderful Head Teacher to leave without paying recognition for her outstanding achievements as Head over the last four years. To this end we are organising a special evening on Wednesday April 10th, commencing at 6.00pm so even our youngest pupils can attend. Our Lady's could not accommodate all the pupils, parents, staff, governors and friends who would wish to pay tribute to Mrs Madia and we are very grateful to our good neighbours, Princethorpe College, in allowing us to use, once again, the College chapel and Sixth Form Centre (6FC) for this purpose.

Father Teddy will lead a service of prayer and thanksgiving and presentations will be made in the chapel so that all can see and hear this celebration. We will then move to the 6FC for drinks and light refreshments.

We will keep you updated on any developments, (probably via the weekly newsletter); please offer your prayers for the success of our endeavours.
 Simon Everitt.
 Chair of Governors.

Alton Castle Trip 2019

If paying by installments the one was due today. If you have not already done so, please send £30 cash or cheque payable to Our Lady's School into school on Monday.

Father Hudson Boxes

Your child should bring home a Father Hudson box today. If they can fill these loose bits of change over the next few weeks, it will help this charitable cause enormously. All boxes should be returned before the Easter Holidays please.

Below is some information directly from the charity:

Each year, during Lent, we run an appeal to help raise vital money to support our work and invite all Catholic primary schools within the Archdiocese to take part.

From our early days, schoolchildren have helped support Father Hudson's by collecting coins during Lent, and this remains one of our most important sources of income. Today, children help raise money through the annual Good Shepherd Appeal.

Our School and Parish Fundraisers visit schools to deliver assemblies to those who

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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!



request them. During the assembly, the children learn about our work and how the money they raise helps people in need across the Archdiocese. The fundraiser and teachers discuss how well they did last year and how each class will try and raise money this year. These assemblies are an excellent way of showing the children how important each donation is and how they can help make a real difference to people's lives.



To celebrate the end of the appeal, we hold Good Shepherd Masses at churches around the Archdiocese and each school that takes part is invited to attend. During the Mass, one or two pupils from each school present their school's offertory cheque to the Principal Celebrant usually the Archbishop or one of the Auxiliary Bishops.

The Masses are joyful occasions in which the children are encouraged to play an active role

by participating in the offertory procession, singing hymns and reading Bible verses or bidding prayers. They offer the chance to meet with other schools, as well as giving an opportunity to talk to the Bishop or Archbishop.

Money raised through the appeal helps sustain our work with vulnerable people throughout the Archdiocese of Birmingham. This includes:

- Family Support Service – working with schools to help vulnerable children and their families in Banbury, Birmingham, Stafford and Stoke-on-Trent;
- Hope Family Project – seeking out and supporting vulnerable families and the wider community in Heath Town, Wolverhampton;
- Brushstrokes – working with destitute and homeless people in Smethwick;
- New Routes fostering service – finding loving and supportive foster families for children in care;
- Adult care services – providing a range of care services to disabled people and those with complex needs or learning disabilities, and to older people and people with dementia;
- Origins Service – helping people whose lives were touched by adoption through the society to trace their families;
- Parish Projects – supporting communities to develop their own projects that meet the needs of local people.



School Car Park

A lot of parents are still using the car park for staff and visitors at the beginning and the end of the day, without prior permission. Please can you park on the road. Thank you again.

Next week at a glance:

Tuesday 5th February

Safer Internet Day and Chinese New Year

Have a 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.



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