



Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

Learning to Love; Loving to Learn

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Well done to our TOP Spellers this week!

1. Alice
2. Sam Bracey
3. Fintan
4. Gracie
5. Valentino

Not in top 5 but top speller of their year group:

Y3
Joshua

Y4
Sofia

Please make sure you are working at home on improving your child's spelling.

We have had a brilliant week, focusing on keeping safe on line and Chinese New Year! The children have been working very hard as usual!

The following is a repeat from issue 17

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 last week. If you have not already done so, please send £30 cash or cheque payable to Our Lady's School into school on Monday.

This week's special mentions						
Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Holly	Delilah	Dylan	Phoebe	Holly	Eve	Millie

This week's attendance figures						
YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
91%	99%	97%	96%	98%	96%	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!



Junior Dinner Money

The cost of school meals for next half term will be £77-00 in cash or by cheque payable to Warwickshire County Council. If your child has any credits due for this half term you will receive an email on the last day of term advising the amended cost.

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.

Father Hudson Boxes

Your child should have bought home a Father Hudson box last week. 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.

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.

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

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.

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.

We are in the top 1% in the country!

We are immensely proud of the letter that we received this week....

Please see attached.

Next week at a glance:

Thursday 14th February

PTA Valentines biscuit sale

KS2 House Competition - Tag Rugby. There will be a letter to follow detailing the afternoon

Friday 15th February

Last day of the half term

Half term: 18th – 22nd February.
Children return on 25th February

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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