

Our Lady's School

Newsletter 10

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Attendance Facts

To comply with Government Regulations, we are obliged to report to the Education Attendance Officer if any child's attendance falls below 97%. This is to ensure that children have the best opportunities that they can in their education. We are not able to authorise any family holidays. Only absences for exceptional circumstances can be authorised and these will be assessed individually. If our school percentage as a whole drops below 97%, we will fail any OFSTED inspection we may have. Don't forget school staff have the same restrictions, we can't take holiday in term time either!

Our Whole School Attendance – 95.6% =

Apple Class = 95.2% ↓

Cherry Class = 94.9% =

Willow Class = 95.9% ↓

Holly Class = 95.3% ↓

Silver Birch Class = 96% ↓

Oak Class = 96.2% ↑

It would be wonderful to have the arrows reversed in the next newsletter and a whole school attendance percentage of 97%!!

TAG RUGBY

This week a group of children represented Our Lady's in a Tag Rugby tournament against other local primary schools.

Although we didn't win, our team's effort was very commendable and their behaviour was impeccable.

Bikeability

On Monday and Tuesday of this week 12 pupils from Oak Class took part in Bikeability..... Thank you to Jemimah's mum and Keith Brown for assisting and enabling this day to go ahead!



Coming Up

Friday 15 th February 10:30am	Celebratory Assembly
Friday 15 th February 11.30am	Mass – Cherry Class
Friday 15 th February 3:30pm	Break up for half term
Monday 25 th February 8:50am	Return from Half Term Holiday
Week of 25 th February	FAITH WEEK - BUDDHISM
Friday 1 st March 10:30am	Celebratory Assembly
Monday 4 th March	FAITH ASSEMBLY IN THE SCHOOL HALL @ 2.45PM
Tuesday 5 th March	Shrove Tuesday - Lent begins
Wednesday 6 th March 9:30am	Ash Wednesday Mass – St Luke & St Teresa's Church
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day
Thursday 7 th March	Reading Workshop for Parents at 6.00pm in the school hall. Pyjama story time for the children at 6.00pm
Friday 15 th March 10:30am	Celebratory Assembly
Thursday 28 th March 6pm	Easter Bingo in the School Hall
Friday 29 th March 10:30am	Celebratory Assembly
Tuesday 2 nd April 4 – 6:30pm	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 3 rd April 2:30pm	Easter Service in Church with our Musicians contributing too!
Thursday 4 th April 4 – 6:30pm	Parents' Evening
Friday 5 th April 3:30pm	Break up for Easter Holidays
Tuesday 23 rd April	INSET – SCHOOL CLOSED
Wednesday 24 th April 8:50am	Children return to school

HOOKS

Fire Fire! Cherry Class had a wonderful hook day to engage them in their learning about the Fire of London. They visited the Fire Station in the morning and were able to explore the fire engine. In the afternoon they baked bread (Pudding Lane!) and then sat around a very small campfire (Mr Brown was the Fire Safety Officer with the extinguishers close by) to watch, listen and smell the crackling flames. They were also treated to a marshmallow!



Ticket to China – Willow Class thoroughly enjoyed their China (RED) Day. They celebrated Chinese New Year by making lanterns, dragon masks, learning about the Great Race (which explains the order of the animals) and tasted a variety of Chinese food in the afternoon, including seaweed (not a favourite!)



Rocking Romans - Holly Class had the opportunity to go to Hooke Court and experience a Roman Day. This involved basket weaving, marching, cooking and jewellery making.



There will be more engaging Hooks next term.

PTFA

WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED OVER £2000 OF MUCH NEEDED NEW READING SCHEME BOOKS! MANY MANY THANKS TO OUR COMMITTEE PTFA. THEY WILL NOW BE FUNDRAISING TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS TO OUR PLAYGROUND ENVIRONMENT. PLEASE SUPPORT THE NEXT EVENT – EASTER BINGO!

PLAYGROUND BUDDIES

We are extremely lucky with our outdoor space which gives the children lots of different areas to play in. In order to help support some of the children in their play Miss Whitcombe is organising Playground Buddies. Each playtime there will be some year 5 playground buddies who will encourage positive play by setting up activities and supporting the younger pupils in the school in their play.



International Coffee Morning
Get to know who lives in your
Community!



The Balsam Centre are holding an International Coffee Morning on Thursday 28th February, 10 – 12. It is an opportunity for parents, grandparents etc to meet and chat in both English or their home language!

WADS

Some of our talented children will be performing in The Snow Queen Pantomime at Wincanton Memorial Hall on Friday 22nd and Saturday 23rd February.



Our Tree of Values is in the Father Oliver room and those children who received the Headteacher's award during Celebration Assembly on Friday, 18th January now have their leaf displayed on the tree.

Well done to the following children:-

*Apple Class – Adrian, Alfie and Charlotte Bu for Determination
Cherry Class – Felix and Fern for Determination, Antony for friendship
Willow Class – Shay for Determination, Iasmina for Happiness and Nathan for Resilience
Holly Class – Andrew and Mila for Independence, Gabriel for Positivity
Silver Birch – Daisy-Mae and Jakub for Resilience, Isaac for Creativity
Oak Class – Roxanne for Creativity, Eddie for Independence and Ola for love*