



# Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter

*"A place of learning – A community of Christ"*

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10th September 2021

Dear Parents,

I would like to welcome all the new children and families to Our Lady's School. It is great to see lots of new faces, some of whom I already recognise from seeing them with their older siblings at the end of every school day.


The children have all come back from holiday refreshed. It is great to hear all their exciting stories. They are very lucky children to have families who give them such fabulous and fun experiences.

This week and next week are our induction weeks. We have a slightly different timetable to give the children the chance to learn new routines. They all seem very keen to get started in their new class with their new teacher.

On Monday in assembly, we talked about how Jesus is interested in what is in our hearts not in the way we look. As part of that assembly, we talked about rules as in the Gospels Jesus pointed out that the Pharisees were more interested in the rules than what was in their hearts. I asked the children what some of the school rules were and was greeted with lots of answers. However, my favourite was from Leo in Year 4: **"When you go outside at playtime, make sure you have fun."** What a lovely rule to have, not only in school but in life. From what I've seen in school this week there are lots of children having lots of fun. We are looking forward to a good year ahead.

Have a lovely weekend.

God bless,

M. Hold 

## **Meet The Teacher Evening**

Meet the Teacher Evening will be on Wednesday 22nd September at 6.00 pm. This is an evening for parents from Year 1 to Year 6, where the teachers will explain about the routines in their children's classrooms. This meeting will be face to face. However, we won't start with a talk from me in the hall to limit the number of contacts. Please don't come if you are feeling unwell at all. Only one parent needs to attend so there is no need for any children to be in school.



## **Safeguarding**

At the beginning of the year it is a good time to remind everyone of the old African proverb that "It takes a whole tribe to raise a child". The safeguarding of all our children is all of our responsibilities. Please remember that if you have a concern about the safety of any child in school then it is really important that you talk to one of our designated safeguarding leads:

Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mark Holdsworth  
Additional Designated Safeguarding Lead: Ruth Green

Thank you.

## **Beginning of the Year Mass**

Our first Mass of the year will be on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 10.15 am. All parents are invited, but it would be particularly nice to see the families of the Reception children and any other new children, as this will be a special Mass for them where they are received into the school.

## **Knife and Fork – Walk and Picnic**

Due to the pandemic, we had to postpone the work we were doing with our European partnership schools. As a way of relaunching it, we are hoping to take part in a whole school walk to Chesham Bois Moor and picnic. This is also going to be on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September – weather permitting. Parents are welcome to join us!!!!

## **Cafod Family Fast Day**

The 1st October is Cafod's Family Fast Day and as has become our tradition St Joseph's will be supplying us with soup and a roll for our school lunch free of charge. I would like to encourage children to have a school lunch that day and we will donate the money you pay to Cafod. Not only is this a really good way to raise money but it also helps our children to show solidarity with hungry children across the world.

## School Uniform

The children are looking very smart this week in their new school uniform. Please remember how important it is that you send them in looking smart and in the correct uniform. If they aren't in the correct uniform, they are less likely to follow the school rules because they know what the rules around uniform are, and they are learning that you think it is alright to overstep the boundaries.

The things to take particular notice of are that they are wearing PLAIN gold stud earrings, like the ones in the picture, and no makeup or hair gel. They also need plain black shoes and black or brown tights or socks. Also please would parents make sure that if their children's hair is longer than collar length (girls or boys), it is tied up with a yellow, brown, black or white, discrete hair band.



Thank you for your support. It makes my job really unpleasant if I am having to tell children off about their uniform when I know it is really up to parents to comply.

## Year 1 - Maths

Year 1 have been doing some lovely creative maths this week. Moving from Reception to Year 1 is probably the biggest transition in any child's whole school life; this Year 1 have made it look very easy. Well done!!!!



## World Championship Medal Winner

Congratulations to Alina O'Donnell who competed for Team England in the Dance World Cup on the 13th August alongside some other dancers from her dance school - Allstars Academy.

What an amazing experience for her and one which I am sure she'll remember for the rest of her life. She was awarded a bronze medal in the group Song and Dance category which is a fabulous achievement.

Well done Alina!





# OPEN EVENTS

Mr Peter Sweeney, Executive Headteacher and Mr Stuart Hynes, Chair of Governors at St Joan of Arc Catholic School warmly invite all prospective students and their parents who are seeking admission in September 2022 to our Open Evening & Open Morning.

## OPEN EVENING

**Thursday 7th October 2021**

6.00pm to 9.00pm

## OPEN MORNING

**Friday 8th October 2021**

9.00am to 11.30am

There will be opportunities during your visit to:

- View the school facilities, meet Staff, Students, Governors & members of the PFA
- Hear about the Headteacher's vision for the future
- Share our successes

St Joan's is a very popular, highly oversubscribed Catholic School where every child matters, we have a strong system of support, care & guidance, a commitment to high standards of behaviour and academic success.



Find out more about our school and download application forms at:

**[www.joa.herts.sch.uk](http://www.joa.herts.sch.uk)**

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## **Parking**

At the start of the new year, please could I remind parents that they shouldn't be using the car park at the beginning and end of the day unless they are dropping off for the Breakfast Club or collecting from the After School Club. Cars and children really don't mix very well.

Also, please could parents remember to park considerately in the surrounding roads. It is really important that you don't park too close to the junction and make sure that you only park on one side of the road. It seems that often people who are running late double park, so please make sure you leave enough time to park and walk what is only a very short distance.

Thank you.

## **PTA Barbecue**

The PTA are organising a barbecue on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September, 1pm – 4 pm, for the Reception parents and children, and any other new parents and children in the school. This will be a lovely way for parents to get to know each other and I look forward to seeing you all.



## **A Message from Ten Ten Resources September 2021**

**Welcome back to school! We hope that you've had a happy and restful summer, and have recharged your batteries in time for all the changes that the new school year will bring. Whether your child is new to the school or old hat, we hope you and they will enjoy faith-journeying with us this term.**

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