



Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

"A place of learning – A community of Christ"

15th October 2021

Dear Parents,

My highlight this week was taking four children to Dunstable for the Diocesan Schools Mass. For obvious reasons, the numbers were limited so we could only take four Faith Ambassadors (Thomas and Matthew in Year 5, and Florence and Sorcha in Year 6). Nevertheless, it was a really joyful occasion. It was led by schools called St Joseph's as we are in the Year of St Joseph and there was a theme of caring for the world, which God has made us custodians of. At the end of the Mass we were given a tree, to mark #COP26 in Glasgow, which we have planted in school. If you would like to see some of Bishop David's sermon, it is on the Diocesan Instagram if you follow this link.


[Diocesan Mass - Bishop David's Sermon](#)

Also this week, Year 6 had the annual Bread Roll Bake-Off. They had loads of fun and it was great to see most of the rolls coming out very well. Unfortunately, Miss Green's weren't the best but at least the children's turned out alright. It was also great to see the children using the aprons which were given to us by the leaving class of 2020.

Next week, I will be visiting a school in Ireland with Mrs Cid-Fuentes, as part of our Knife and Fork project with schools all over Europe. It will be lovely to see the similarities and differences between schools, in different parts of Europe, and I'm sure we will come back with lots of new ideas. I promise to send updates through Instagram.

I look forward to seeing lots of you at the disco this weekend,

God bless,

M. Hold 



Poor Servants of the Mother of God – Mother Magdelene

We must use the gifts that God has given us for others, not for ourselves only.



Safeguarding

The school safeguarding policy is updated annually. It hasn't changed an awful lot as the basic principles are the same. However, it won't be exactly the same. The policy is on our website for your information. It is important to remember that keeping our children safe isn't just about the school staff it is the role of the whole community.

[Our Lady's Child Protection Policy](#)

Photos – Social Media

We do a lot of celebrating of our children's achievements over social media now. The children really like it and it is a great way of promoting the school. We have permission to use the photos of the majority of children and I completely understand if there are families who are trying to keep photos of their children off social media altogether. However, it can be really hard when we are trying to take a photo of a group of children and have to take one child out. Unless you feel really strongly about it, please give us permission to use your child's photos. We don't use their names and if you go onto the school Instagram page you will be able to see the types of things we post.

[@olscheshambois • Instagram photos and videos](#)

Bread Roll Bake-Off



Good News Certificates

Last week's good news certificates went to the following children:

Year 1	Malwina, Isabelle
Year 2	Elizabeth, Andrew James
Year 3	Finn, Isabella
Year 4	Tosia, Leo
Year 5	Alex, Lucy
Year 6	Kester, Kaitlyn



Well done everyone.



Teaching Assistant Post

We are currently recruiting for a teaching assistant post full-time or part-time to start a couple of weeks after half term. If you are interested, or know anyone who would be interested, please have a look at our advert.

[Buc03277 - LSA](#)

We are also looking for people to work in the breakfast and after-school clubs and will be recruiting to these posts after half term. If you are interested, or know anybody who would be interested, please contact the office.

Accelerated Reader

Top readers this term

Words Read	
Year 6	3,683,508 words
Year 5	2,633,012 words
Year 4	1,190,823 words
Year 3	231,845 words

Children who are reading above their target and have scored above 85% in the quizzes:

Year 3

Mia
Ivor
Ralph
Spike
Leonardo
Bea
Robert
Emily
Zuzanna

Year 4

Nathan
Tosia
Freya
Ellie
Jordan
Stella
Emilio
Luna
Alasdair
Franek

Year 5

Harry
Wiktor
Louis
Florence
Thomas
Alex
Matthew

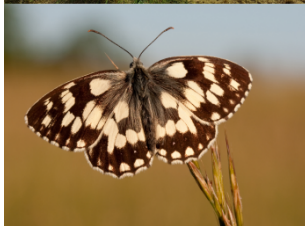
Year 6

Harrison
Jimi
Kester
Florence
Maya
Valeria
Finley
Callen

Chiltern Forest Rangers

Please see this great opportunity for your children to use the skills they have been learning in Forest School with Chiltern Forest Rangers to help improve the local area for wildlife.

Coleshill Common Community Conservation Day



**Volunteer with Chiltern Rangers
and the Coleshill Common
Committee to help manage the
Common for wildlife**

WHEN: Saturday 23rd October 2021

TIME: Start at 10am and finish at 2pm

WHERE: Meet on the Common

**Learn about conservation management
and the benefits to nature and the
environment**



All tools are provided!

*Families and individuals
are all are welcome!*

There is no need to book but if you'd like more information

email steph@chilternrangers.co.uk



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Diary Dates 2021-2022

Please note:

- These dates are published to help parents and children attend as many events as possible. Although we will make every effort to stick to them, we may need to change the times or dates of some. When we do so, we will attempt to give as much warning as possible.

Date	Event	Concerning
17 th Oct	Children's Disco	KS1 3pm – 4.30pm KS2 5pm – 6.30pm
Wk beginning 18 th Oct	Assessment Week	All Children
18 th Oct	Year 2 Trip to Whipsnade Zoo	Year 2
19 th Oct	Years 3 & 4 Girls Football Festival	Years 3 & 4 Girls
19 th Oct	Year R Multi Skills Event	Year R
21 st Oct	Year 2 Boogie Bounce Festival	Year 2
21 st Oct	Year 5 Ultimate Frisbee Festival	Year 5
22 nd Oct	School closes for Half Term holiday at 3.25 pm	Whole School
1 st Nov	Return to School	Whole School
1 st Nov	All Saints Mass	Whole School
Wk beg 1st Nov	Pupil -Teacher Meetings	All Classes
10 th Nov	Parent consultation evening (Late)	All Classes
11 th Nov	Parent consultation evening (Early)	All Classes
15 th – 19 th Nov	Anti-Bullying Week	All Classes
20 th Nov	PTA Family Bingo	6 pm-8.30pm
23 rd Nov	PTA AGM	7.00pm-9pm
29 th Nov	Advent Liturgy / Crib Blessing	Whole School
3 rd Dec	PTA Secret Gift Room	During school hours
8 th Dec	Immaculate Conception Mass – Our Lady's School Feast Day	All Invited
10 th Dec	Hollyberry Fayre	.30pm – 5pm
14 th Dec	Year R Nativity Play – morning	Year R Parents
15 th Dec	KS1 Christmas Performance - afternoon	KS1 Parents
16 th Dec	KS2 Carol Service	

17 th Dec	School closes at 1.30 pm	
4 th Jan	INSET DAY – NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL	Teaching Staff
5 th Jan	School Re-opens	Whole School
6 th Jan	Epiphany - Mass and Blessing of the School and Classrooms	Whole School
16 th Jan	STCAT Review	Staff
31 st Jan	Candlemas Mass	All Invited
Wk beg 14 th Feb	Assessment Week	Whole School
18 th Feb	School closes for Half Term holiday at 3.25pm	All Classes
28 th Feb	School Re-opens	All Classes
Wk beg 28 th Feb	Pupil -Teacher Meetings	All Classes
1 st March	Shrove Tuesday - Carnivale	Whole School
2 nd March	Ash Wednesday Service	All Invited
9 th March	Parent consultation evening (Late)	All Classes
10 th March	Parent consultation evening (Early)	All Classes
8 th April	School closes for Easter Holidays at 1.30 pm	
25 th April	School Re-opens	All Classes
27 th April	Easter Mass	All Invited
2 nd May	BANK HOLIDAY SCHOOL CLOSED	
5 th May	International Day and Evening	
Wk beg 9 th May	SATS WEEK – Y6	Year 6
Wk beg 23 rd May	End of Year Assessments	Year 1 to Year 5
26 th May	May Procession	All Classes
	Year 6 Residential	Year 6
27 th May	School closes for Half Term holiday at 3.25pm	Whole School
6 th June	INSET DAY – NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL	Teaching Staff
7 th June	School Re-opens	All Classes

8th June	Pentecost Liturgy	
7th to 10th June	Year 1 Phonics test	Year 1
13th to 17th June	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check	Year 4
15th June	Meeting for new Reception children & parents 6.00 pm (children starting September 2022)	New Reception Parents
29th June	St Peter and St Pauls Mass– Year 3 First Holy Communicants	
3rd July	Sports Day (am – Foundation and KS1; pm – KS2)	All Invited
8th & 9th July	Year 6 Production	Year 6 Families
15th July	Reports to Parents	All Classes except Y6
19th July	Y6 Leavers Assembly at 9.30 am	All Invited
20th July	Y6 Leavers Mass 9.30 am	All Invited
20th July	School closes for the Summer Holidays at 1.30 pm	