



# Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter

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

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1<sup>st</sup> April 2021

Dear Parents,


It was a term of two halves – the first of which was quite frustrating with many children learning remotely. However, as they say “absence makes the heart grow fonder” the second part of this term has been an absolute joy. As I have said many times before, it is absolutely great to have the children back where they belong with their friends and teachers in school.

I would like to thank the staff for all of their hard work since we have been back. They know that I would like school to be as normal as possible for the children as they have already made tremendous sacrifices. Nevertheless, without the support of the staff and their willingness to provide the very best experience for your children we wouldn't be where we are now. The staff know the risks and as with any other walk of life they will have different views about how risky things are. However, their absolute professionalism has kept everyone focussed on the most important thing – your children!

I hope all the staff and children have a well-deserved break and a wonderful Easter. Enjoy the opportunity to get out and about and hopefully the weather will stay nice so that we can even enjoy the odd barbecue with another household.

Have a great Easter.

God bless,

M. Hold 



### **Born For This**

This week, Father Alessandro has joined each class as they have re-enacted one of the Stations of the Cross. They've really enjoyed doing it and I know Father Alessandro has been really moved. We have shared each station on our Youtube channel and on Instagram. You can find them by following these links:

All songs and words from Born for This.  
Music by Jo Boyce, Mike Stanley and Chris Rolinson.  
Reflections by Jude Martin.

Year 5: Pilate's Song - <https://youtu.be/LjOHVGkXvZk>

Year 3: Walk Alone - <https://youtu.be/cc7wknYmNqw>

Year 2: Born for This - <https://youtu.be/9cgqxqiezvM>

Year 1: Why Me? - <https://youtu.be/nwuOhfUlt1U>

Year R: Veronica's Litany - <https://youtu.be/SZmwCBrAbU8>

Year 4: Mercy Gate - <https://youtu.be/dpehFjQZjUI>

Year 6: All Hail - [https://youtu.be/tQFZO\\_pjX2A](https://youtu.be/tQFZO_pjX2A)

Father Forgive

Further info can be obtained through the CJM website at: <http://cjmmusic.com/bornforthis>

## School Uniform

I know the shops have been closed since Christmas which is why we have been a little more lenient over the last few weeks. However, the shops do open again over the holidays so children will need to come back to school in the correct uniform including black leather shoes.

Also, please will parents remember to name their children's uniform. As the weather gets hot the children are more likely to take their sweatshirts and cardigans off which invariably get lost.

Thank you  
Mr Holdsworth

## Easter Egg Raffle 2021

Thank you for all of your support. An incredible record beating £478 has been raised for CAFOD. Well done to Mrs Gardner and Year 3. This means that, together with the £370 the PTA raised through their hamper raffle, we have a grand total of £848 which means we can buy a community well. THANK YOU!



## **Job Opportunity – St Aidan’s Parish**

**Parish Secretary  
St Aidan’s Little Chalfont  
Part Time 12 hours per week  
Start date: 26th April or as soon as possible thereafter**

*We are currently recruiting for a Parish Secretary for the parish of St Aidan’s Little Chalfont. The role will be for 12 hours per week, working pattern to be agreed.*

*This is a great opportunity to work in a parish environment for someone with proven administration/secretarial experience.*

*Full information for the position and an application form can be found by visiting <https://northamptondiocese.org/jobs/> or via email [hadmin@northamptondiocese.com](mailto:hadmin@northamptondiocese.com)*

*Applications should include an Application Form, CV and covering Letter.*

*The closing date for applications will be Thursday 1st April and interviews will take place via Zoom during week commencing 5th April.*

## **Freya Rose Cherry – 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021**

Congratulations to Sophia in Year 4 and her family who had a new addition just before the end of lockdown. Freya Rose was born on the 22<sup>nd</sup> February and we look forward to watching her grow up as part of the Our Lady's community:







# Anna Freud National Centre for Children and Families

## Safeguarding

This week we had some training about anxiety in children and their mental health by Karen Summers from the PSHE Association. You may remember she ran a parents workshop last year. Karen signposted us to a charity called Anna Freud which has some excellent resources for not only schools but also parents. Have a look particularly if you are worried about your child being anxious:

[Resources \(annafreud.org\)](http://annafreud.org)

## Good News Certificates

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



Year 1	Aliza & Simeon
Year 2	Emily & Charlie
Year 3	James & Karamo
Year 4	Cliff & Sukanth
Year 5	George, Harrison & Massimo
Year 6	Kimberly, Olivia & Joshua

Well done everyone.

## Top Doodlers

The top 3 classes for earning stars over the last week on the Doodle Apps are:

	DoodleMaths		DoodleTimesTable		DoodleEnglish		DoodleSpell	
<b>Gold</b>	Year 3	1187	Year 3	191	Year 3	172	Year 3	227
<b>Silver</b>	Year 5	796	Year 2	95	Year 5	110	Year 5	224
<b>Bronze</b>	Year 4	779	Year 5	54	Year 4	97	Year 2	155

Wow - Year 3 are top in all three apps. Great work!

## Accelerated Reader

Top readers this term

<b>Words Read</b>	
<b>Year 5</b>	5, 915, 085
<b>Year 6</b>	5, 473, 587
<b>Year 4</b>	3, 928, 959
<b>Year 3</b>	1, 844, 150

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

### Year 3

Edward  
Marieke  
Matilda  
James  
Ava

### Year 4

Wiktor  
Finlay  
Louis  
Ewan  
Florence  
Lucy  
Harry H  
Amelia  
Jack  
Ula

### Year 5

Abigail  
Ruby  
Mary  
Florence  
Valeria  
Callen  
Mirella

### Year 6

Maria  
Peter  
Louis  
Fintan  
Malachi  
Aidan S  
Lucy