



Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

"A place of learning – A community of Christ"

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Dear Parents,


Welcome back everyone. I hope you have had a great Easter holiday and are enjoying the sunny, although occasionally cold, weather. It has been great to have the children back in school this week.

My highlight has definitely been restarting "mini-assemblies" this week. Even though we are not allowed to go back to whole school assemblies yet, we can have smaller assemblies. So, on Monday, I am doing my morning assembly three times with two classes each time. It makes such a difference being able to see the children rather than looking at a screen. It is also nice to be in a slightly larger group praying because, as I said to the children on Monday, being a Christian is about community. Jesus said "For where **two** or three gather **in my name**, there am I with them." It is very difficult to be a Christian on your own and as far as I am concerned the bigger the group the more I enjoy it.

I realise that my assembly probably wasn't the highlight for the children. I am sure it is normally but this week I feel I have been upstaged a little by our "living eggs". Living eggs are a company who provide fertilised eggs and the equipment to hatch them and will then find good homes for them after a couple of weeks. They have been a lovely sign of Easter and New Life and have created the great "buzz" around school that new life always does. It has been a lovely way to teach the children about the feelings associated to new life and hopefully give them some sort of a sense of what Jesus has done for us.

Have a lovely weekend

God bless,

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New Gates

I hope you have all had the chance to admire our new gates although I suppose the ideal scenario is for you to hardly notice them. I would just like to emphasise the importance of getting into school on time as the gates close at 9.00 am but also remind parents not to use the school car park unless you are using breakfast club or after school club. The gate from the car park shuts at 8.30 am because after that you should be parking in the surrounding streets and using the pedestrian gates. It is really important to avoid using the car park once the gates are closed as you can only access the pedestrian gate from the road which means walking out of the vehicle entrance. If you have got permission to use the car park please exit it through the exit gate as it is easier for you to see whether cars are about to use it rather than mixing with cars coming in from the road.

Thank you

Clubs Are Back!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

After just over a year, the clubs start back next week. This seems like a massive step back to normality. We are incredibly proud of the extra curricular provision that we provide as a school and in particular the number of free clubs run by our staff. Education is so much more than just the compulsory lessons you have in the day. I am really looking forward to the children getting involved in those activities which I know they love so much. Clubs start back on **Tuesday 27th April**.

Covid-19

Although the transmission rates are incredibly low, not only in our area but across England, we were unfortunate enough that one of our children tested positive this week. It is a reminder that the virus is still around and even though most vulnerable people have been vaccinated a positive case can still cause a lot of inconvenience. We identified 15 children in school who had to isolate as a close contact and I know more had to isolate because they were at a First Holy Communion class. It is really important that people continue to be cautious wherever possible and ensure they follow the governments guidelines. Hopefully we only have another couple of months of this to go. Thank you

Roadworks

I am sure everyone has got used to the roadworks outside school over the past week. We have been told they are going to be along this road for a few months as they are replacing the main gas pipe. Please make sure you leave time for your journey.

The roadworks will also put pressure on the parking in the local roads. Could I please remind parents to park on the same side of the road to ensure access for emergency services.

Thank you

Basketball

Year 1 had a fantastic time working with Coach Jenna on their basketball skills this week. The class focussed on controlling the ball, spatial awareness and how to keep possession of the ball when facing an opponent.

They really enjoyed the session and cannot wait to develop their skills further over the coming weeks with the anticipation of a mini tournament!



Safeguarding

The DFE have produced a useful leaflet for parents choosing activities in the community. It helps them choose safe out-of-school settings for their children to attend.

[Keeping Children Safe: Parental Guidance \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk)

