



# Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter

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

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2<sup>nd</sup> July 2021

Dear Parents,


This week, we have been catching the Euro 2020 football fever. On Tuesday, the PTA organised a beat-the-goalie competition. All the children came in with their favourite football shirt and had the chance to score against myself or Mr Weatherill. A lot of children chose to take their penalty against me which I think is an indication of my goalkeeping abilities. We weren't keeping count but I'm sure Mr Weatherill let in more goals than me. A massive thank you to the PTA for coming up with more creative ways to raise money during times when they are so constrained.

Yesterday, we were absolutely delighted to welcome Bishop David to school to celebrate Mass. I have to say I have really missed celebrating Mass with the children. We are the first primary school which Bishop David has visited and he has been to see us twice now so we are very lucky.

It was a really joyous occasion which was dedicated to Mrs King in thanksgiving for all the years' service she has given Our Lady's. It was a real shame that we couldn't have more people at the Mass as I know many of you would have liked to celebrate with us. As I said at the end of the Mass, the biggest compliment I can give Mrs King is that I will be eternally grateful to her for being all four of my children's introduction to school life. Mrs King has an incredible understanding of young children and how they learn. She knows when to push them and when to leave them be. Mrs King understands that it takes time for children to settle in and that, if you give them the space, they will get to where you want them to be. On a daily basis, I am astonished by the routines she puts in place and how she gets the children to follow them without ever raising her voice. There have been occasions when I have stood in Reception and all of a sudden, the children have tidied up and sat down without a word of warning. My normal response has been, "Mrs King, how did you do that?" She will be a real loss to the school but I know she has earned a well deserved rest.

Have a lovely weekend.

God bless,

M. Hold 



## **Summer Term – Planned Events**

Year 6 Production – Pirates of the Currybean – 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> July - These performances can go ahead. School children are exempt from the limits to group singing. We will have to limit the numbers in the audience so families will be allowed one ticket for each evening.

Sports Day – 9<sup>th</sup> July - Once again, this can go ahead but we just need to limit the number of adults. Only one adult from each family will be able to attend. On the day you will be able to collect a ticket on the school playground and then come across to the paddock.

Reception Nativity – 12<sup>th</sup> July 9.30am - I did promise that we would do this in July if we could as it is a once in a lifetime event. I am delighted that we can go ahead in the same way as the Year 6 production. Each family will be able to have one person in the audience.

Leavers Mass – 14<sup>th</sup> July 2pm – Our Lady’s Church – Father Roy has invited us to have this in Our Lady’s church. Because the children can sit together and we are only having one class it will leave plenty of room in the church for parents to socially distance. Parents will need to wear masks.

## **Governor’s Questionnaire**

It is the time of year again when the school governors are looking for stakeholders feedback. They are looking for feedback from pupils, staff and parents so that we can continue to plan school improvement and deliver the very best education possible to your children. Please see below the link to the parent questionnaire for you to complete.

Thank you

**Parent survey:** <https://forms.office.com/r/s4YhAXyF1f>

## **Safeguarding**

The Buckinghamshire Safeguarding Children’s Partnership oversees safeguarding in Buckinghamshire. This covers all services and not just schools. It is everyone’s responsibility to ensure children are safe and as, Father Bailey used to say, “It takes a village to raise a child.” If you ever have a concern about a child in this school you can always let me know, but if you have a concern about a child outside of this school you can report it through the following website:

[Home - Buckinghamshire Safeguarding Children Partnership  
\(bucksafeguarding.org.uk\)](https://www.bucksafeguarding.org.uk)

The link to report a concern is at the bottom of the page.

## **Good News Certificates**



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

Year 1	Dominik B, Nathan
Year 2	Alma D, Leonardo A
Year 3	Sabrina P, Tosia D
Year 4	Harry A, Julek Z, Eryk I
Year 5	Sorcha D, Clara A
Year 6	Aoife T-M, Tommy A

Well done everyone.

## Accelerated Reader

Top readers this term

<b>Words Read</b>	
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>6,628,667</b> words
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>4,757,399</b> words
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>4,199,907</b> words
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>3,073,256</b> words

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

### Year 3

Pierce  
Nathan  
Edward  
Tosia  
Ellie  
Matilda  
Kome  
Lena  
Stella  
Sabrina  
Harry  
Luna

### Year 4

Harry  
Wiktor

Finlay  
Lily  
Louis  
Lucy  
Cliff  
Thomas  
Alex  
Tue Nhi  
Esther  
Ula

### Year 5

Buddy  
Charlie  
Abigail  
Ruby  
Jessica  
Florence  
Valeria

George  
Callen

### Year 6

Sarah  
Olivia  
Maria  
Gabriel  
Louis  
Malachi  
Kimberly  
Aidan S  
Aoife  
Lucy