



# Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter

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

5<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Dear Parents,


I hope you had a lovely half term with your children. They have certainly come back refreshed and ready to learn. There has been a very positive atmosphere in school this week. We started the week with Mass for All Saints Day. It is a lovely way to start the second half of the term and it was great to have Father Alessandro back in school after his operation. The children sang beautifully and the Year 6 readers who only got their reading on the morning of the Mass did a great job.



As you know, the week before half term Mrs Cid-Fuentes and I went to Ireland for a teachers' meeting connected with the Knife and Fork project we are involved in. We hope that, through the Instagram posts, the children were able to follow a few of the things we were doing. We have planned lots of activities for the next couple of years including a trip to France for the current Year 5 children whilst they are in Year 6. This project is a fantastic opportunity for staff and children alike, funded by the European Union with a 30,000 Euro grant. We have been very lucky to participate in the last round of projects that schools from the United Kingdom can get involved with.

I look forward to seeing all of you next week at the parent consultation evenings.

God bless,

M. Hold 

## School Football Team



The Under 11s football team played in the first Chiltern League festival this week at Chesham United. They represented our school fantastically. At the start of the afternoon, they were in 5th place in the league. After playing every team they had already played this season for a second time, they managed to rise up the table, eventually finishing in 3rd place. Unfortunately, they narrowly lost the 3rd and 4th place final 1-0. At all times, they played with a smile on their face and showed great sportsmanship.

The most impressive part of all of this was the email we received from Chartridge school the next day:

### ***Good Morning***

***I just wanted to pass on a quick thank you from Chartridge School to all of your players yesterday. Not only were they gracious in defeat when we played you but when we lost in the final, a lot of our boys were very upset and in tears. Your team came straight over to our children to console them and pick them up after defeat. Which, after hearing they lost their 3<sup>rd</sup>/ 4th place game, I thought showed fantastic character from your children. Sorry this is a bit of a random email but I just thought I would pass it on to you as they were a real credit to your school and even our parents commented on how lovely it was to see. We look forward to seeing you for Netball this half term.***

***Many Thanks***

***Mr. Jones***

***Chartridge School***

This shows why it is so important to play competitive sport and how we can use it to develop the soft skills that will help our children succeed in life. It reminds me of that famous line of a hymn “**They will know we are Christians by our love, by our love**”.

## **Parent Consultation Evening**

Next week are the parent consultation evenings which we are holding in person. Firstly, I would like to thank all the teachers for being so accommodating. Secondly, can I ask that parents **wear a mask to the consultation** and remind everyone that it is important to **keep the consultations to 10 minutes**.

## **New School App**

Following a successful trial with Year 5, we are going to introduce a new school app next week. Moving forward, we will be using this app as our primary method of communication and not the PrimarySite app. Additionally, you will be able to view and submit information about absences, medical appointments etc.

**Please look out for an email or text invitation from Parentapps with further instructions on how to download and access the app. If you have any questions, please get in touch.**

## **Good News Certificates**

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

Year 1	Cuthbert, Michael
Year 2	Dominik, Khadija
Year 3	Lola, Ralph
Year 4	Safaa, Pearce
Year 5	Ula, Blazej
Year 6	George, Ruby

Well done everyone.

## Accelerated Reader

Top readers this term

<b>Words Read</b>	
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>4,205,523</b> words
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>4,204,410</b> words
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>1,769,741</b> words
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>501,173</b> words

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

### Year 3

Leo  
Ivor  
Ralph  
Spike  
Leonardo  
Charlie K  
Michael M  
Bea  
Evelyn  
Robert  
Emily

### Year 4

Leo  
Isabella  
Nathan  
Xavier  
Ellie  
Jordan  
Ava  
Stella  
Luna  
Alasdair

### Year 5

Harry  
Wiktor  
Lily  
Louis  
Florence  
Thomas  
Alex  
Amelia

### Year 6

Harrison  
Kester  
Florence  
Maya  
Valeria  
Finley  
George  
Mirella

## Parking

We have received a couple of messages regarding parking at drop off and pick up. When parking in nearby streets, please ensure that you are putting the safety and wellbeing of others before your own convenience.