



Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

"A place of learning – A community of Christ"

8th October 2021

Dear Parents,


In many ways this week has seemed relatively quiet. There have been a few sports festivals but, other than that, there have been very few things out of the ordinary. However, there has been lots of great learning going on. I've seen some lovely writing, Year 4 have been dressing up for their art topic and I've certainly enjoyed teaching Year 1 how to write algorithms for a Beebot and debug them if they weren't quite right.

On Monday, we also prayed for Father Alessandro who was having his operation in Italy. I am pleased to say that his operation went well and that he sends his thanks for everyone's prayers. He sends his love.

I also had a visit from Joe Richardson this week who is the CEO of STCAT, the multi-academy trust in the south of the Diocese. As I am sure you would expect, he was extremely impressed with all the things we are doing. However, he was particularly impressed with the amount of extra-curricular clubs we had going on. In his words, "You've got 10% of your school in here playing chess; in my school, I would have to have 200 children in the hall playing chess to replicate this." He was the head of a big secondary school but it did remind me that we need to be very grateful for the time that the staff at Our Lady's dedicate to providing these clubs for the children. It is quite unusual for primary schools to have this many clubs running, especially free ones.

Have a lovely weekend.

God bless,

M. Hold 



Poor Servants of the Mother of God – Mother Magdelene



Serve God always but not always in the same way.

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](#)

Parent App

We are currently trialling a new app which we can use to message and send out letters etc. At the moment it is being trialled in Year 5. This week, the company released the new generation of the app and inadvertently sent an email to the whole school reminding them to update the app. Please ignore this email at the moment unless you are in Year 5. If the rest of the trial goes well, we will be able to roll it out to you soon.

Football

There has been a lot of football going on this week. The OLS Girls Football team kicked their season off in style on Wednesday afternoon. They competed at Ley Hill School in the ESFA 7 a-side tournament. The girls were split into two teams, the stars and the stripes. The stars team narrowly lost their game to the eventual winners, Ley Hill School, 2-0. The stripes team won their game, beating Hawridge and Cholesbury 3-0 with two goals from Kaitlyn McDonagh and one goal from Bella McGoff. All the girls represented the school fantastically. We're looking forward to seeing how they get on in their league fixtures in the very near future.



The boys team also had a game in the Chiltern League against Chartridge who are top of the league. We started well when Callen converted a penalty to put us 1-0 up. Unfortunately, the rest of the game was a bit of a challenge but the boys never let their heads go down and played with real spirit. We won't mention that Mr Holdsworth managed to play a whole half with an extra player on the pitch. Ooops!

Finally, Year 4 went to a football festival at the Misbourne on Thursday. They had great fun and I had an email from another school thanking us as our children showed such great team spirit.

Well done



Good News Certificates



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

Year 1	Hansini & Steve
Year 2	Eleanor & Jude
Year 3	Mia & Curtis
Year 4	Alaia & Harry
Year 5	Ewan & Sukanth
Year 6	Valeria & Kacper

Well done everyone.



Accelerated Reader

Top readers this term

Words Read	
Year 6	3,019,808 words
Year 5	2,150,218 words
Year 4	793,506 words
Year 3	206,341 words

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

Year 3

Mia
Ivor
Spike
Leonardo
Bea
Finn O'D
Robert
Emily

Year 4

Tosia
Stella
Luna
Alasdair

Year 5

Louis
Florence
Thomas
Alex

Year 6

Harrison
Jimi
Finley
Kester
Florence
Valeria
Finley

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
11th Oct	Diocesan Schools' Mass	
15 th Oct	PTA Parent Coffee Morning	9.00pm – 11.00pm
17 th Oct	Children's Disco	KS1 3pm – 4.30pm KS2 5pm – 6.30pm
Wk beginning 18 th Oct	Assessment Week	All Children
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
8th 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
8 th 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	