



Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

"A place of learning – A community of Christ"

16th September 2022

Dear Parents,

It's been another busy week but hopefully the children are completely back into the swing of things. The holidays seem to be a long time ago now.


On Monday, my assembly was on the school mission statement and aims. These can be found on the school website, in the assembly we particularly focused on Faith, Hope and Love. It is a great opportunity for us to remind the children why you have chosen to send them to a Catholic school and what makes us different from every other school in Chesham and Amersham. All of the classes followed up by doing some work on this in their classes.

Following on from this, I had a meeting with the Trustees of the Poor Servants of the Mother of God along with representatives of the Diocese and St Thomas Catholic Academy Trust on Wednesday. It was really nice to hear from everyone what a lovely school ours is and how you can just tell, walking in, that it is a Catholic school. I know some of the Sisters read this newsletter weekly so, on all of your behalf, I would like to thank them for all they have done. Our children's education is built on their values and it is so important to remember that without them we wouldn't have a school. This year we have taken on one of Mother Magdalene's prayers as our school prayer with all the children learning a simplified version.

Finally, I'd like to congratulate all of the children who took LAMDA speaking and listening exams last summer. They all had lessons in school with PStheatre who also put them through the exam. We are delighted to let you know that it we had a 100% pass rate and high marks with great feedback. If you are interested in your child being involved in these lessons then please look out for the information from PStheatre.

Have a lovely weekend.

God bless,

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We know that when the tent that we live in on earth
is folded up, there is a house built by God for us,
an everlasting home not made by human hands,
in the heavens.

2 Corinthians 5:1



We are closed on Monday 19th September for the Queen's funeral. Our thoughts and prayers are with her and her family.

School Prayer – Grow Jesus

Grow Jesus, grow in me, in my mind, my heart, my imagination, my senses.

Grow in me with your grace, your light, your peace.

Amen

Based on Mother Magdalen's prayer

GROW JESUS

Grow Jesus, grow in me, in my mind, my heart, my imagination, my senses.

Grow by your modesty, your purity, your zeal, your love.

Grow in me with your grace, your light, your peace.

Grow in spite of my resistance and my pride.

Grow into the fullness of the Perfect One

As you grew at Nazareth before God and all,

For your Father's glory.

Mother Magdalen Taylor

School Football

Congratulations to the school football team who qualified for the next round of the English School FA 7 a-side competition yesterday by coming second in the qualifying tournament. We played some excellent passing football starting right from the back. This new modern style of football is enough to give Mr Weatherill and I a heart attack,



PTA Barbecue

The PTA are organising a barbecue on Sunday 18th September, 1.30pm – 3.30 pm, for the Reception parents and children, and any other new parents and children in the school. This will be a lovely way for parents to get to know each other and I look forward to seeing you all.



Meet The Teacher Evening

Meet the Teacher Evening will be on Wednesday 21st September at 6.00 pm. This is an evening for parents from Year 1 to Year 6, where the teachers will explain about the routines in their children's classrooms. This meeting isn't appropriate for children and there is nobody to supervise them so please make suitable childcare arrangements for them.



Safeguarding

Just a quick reminder that you can access an app which we have bought at school to help parents keep their children safe online. There is a lot of great information. We will send out some more information next week but here is how you can sign up.

To create your account, please follow <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/our-lady-s-catholic-primary-school-7> and complete your details. When you're set up, you'll be able to set 'Parent/Carer' as your user type.

You can access National Online Safety online via any device- including via our brand-new smartphone app. To download the app, please go to:

<https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/national-online-safety/id1530342372>

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=uk.co.nationaleducationgroup.nos>

Alternatively, search for 'National Online Safety' in the App Store/Google Play Store.

CAFOD Family Fast Day

The 7th October is CAFOD's Family Fast Day and, as has become our tradition, St Joseph's will be supplying us with soup and a roll for our school lunch. I would like to encourage children to have a school lunch that day and we will donate the money you pay to CAFOD. Not only is this a really good way to raise money but it also helps our children to show solidarity with hungry children across the world.

School Uniform

The children are looking very smart this week in their new school uniform. Please remember how important it is that you send them in looking smart and in the correct uniform. If they aren't in the correct uniform, they are less likely to follow the school rules because they know what the rules around uniform are, and they are learning that you think it is alright to overstep the boundaries.

The things to take particular notice of are that they are wearing PLAIN stud earrings, like the ones in the picture, and no makeup or hair gel. They also need plain black shoes and black or brown tights or socks. Also, please would parents make sure that if their children's hair is longer than collar length (girls or boys), it is tied up with a yellow, brown, black or white, discrete hair band.



Thank you for your support. It makes my job really unpleasant if I have to tell children off about their uniform when I know it is really up to parents to comply.

Punctuality

At the start of the year, it is important to remind parents about the importance of punctuality. During the pandemic, we had to be a bit more flexible which has left us with a few bad habits. It is really important to know that, although we have a "soft" start, some really important skills are practised during registration. This is also one of the best times for teaching assistants to intervene when children have misconceptions or haven't understood something from the day before. Often the children who are late are the ones who struggle for the rest of the day. The timings for the morning are:

- 1) 8.40 am – Doors open for Key Stage 2
- 2) 8.45 am – Key Stage 1 children collected
- 3) 8.55 am – Official start of the school day – after this your child is late.
- 4) 9.05 am – registration closes – after this your child gets marked as late after the register is closed which legally counts as an absence.

Thank you

A Message from Ten Ten Resources September 2022

Welcome back to school! We hope that you've had a happy and restful summer, and have recharged your batteries in time for all the changes that the new school year will bring. Whether your child is new to the school or old hat, we hope you and they will enjoy faith-journeying with us this term.

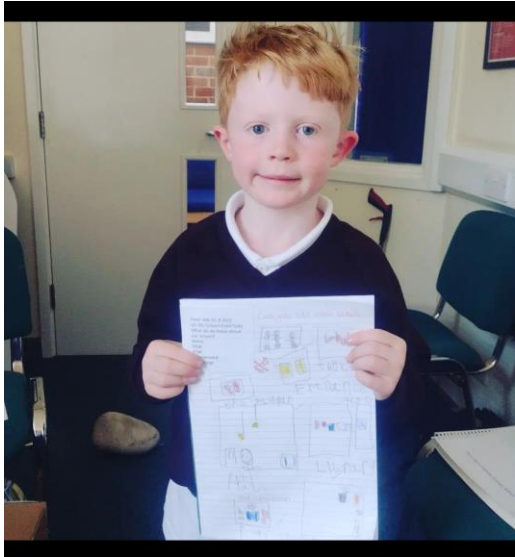
Please follow this link for our Parent Newsletter:

www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-newsletter/

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Here is a quick snapshot of our learning this week:





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olscheshambois Year 1 have done some great work this week on our school Mission Statement -With the help of Jesus, we prepare to love as Christians bringing FAITH, HOPE and LOVE to our world. #OISbuildingthekingdom
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



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olscheshambois Yesterday, we had an assembly by the Film Making Academy. The children were given a taster of what it would like to join the Academy and a leaflet detailing how they can get involved will be sent home in the next few days. #OLSdrama
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 **olscheshambois** They've made it. If you'd like to sponsor Mr Weatherill here is the link <https://justgiving.com/fundraising/david-weatherill> #OISbuildingthekingdom
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OLS PTA PRESENTS

FAMILY RACE NIGHT

FRIDAY 7TH OCTOBER • FROM 6.30PM
IN THE SCHOOL HALL, EVERYONE WELCOME

- A FUN NIGHT WHERE YOU GET THE CHANCE TO BET ON RACES SHOWN ON THE BIG SCREEN
- £10 AN ADULT AND £5 CHILDREN, INCLUDING GRAZING BOARD TO SHARE AND YOUR FIRST DRINK
- PAY VIA PARENTPAY
- TABLES CAN SEAT 8, GET A GROUP TOGETHER!
- BAR, SNACKS AND TUCK SHOP TO PURCHASE THROUGHOUT THE EVENING

Chance to sponsor a horse for £3.
Winning horse wins a bottle of wine!



TRY RUGBY FOR FREE!

Is your child interested in playing
rugby at Buck's Friendliest Club?

Bring them along to try rugby for free
at Chesham Rugby Club's Minis and
Juniors taster days on Sunday 11th,
18th and 25th September.

For more information, visit our
website or email
mandjchair@cheshamrugbyclub.com