



# Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter

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

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23rd September 2022

Dear Parents,

I can't believe it has only been a four-day week. We are really back into the swing of things and, as usual, everything is extremely busy.

Last Sunday, we had our annual new starters barbeque organised by the PTA. It was a lovely afternoon and a great chance for all the new families to get to know one another a bit better. Thank you to the PTA for helping to make this such a fabulous community.

This year, we are taking a strand of Catholic Social Teaching as a theme each half term. So my assembly on Monday was all about the Dignity of Human life. This is an opportunity for us to teach more about equality and valuing everybody no matter what their gifts. An equal and fair world is something that everyone buys into but is hard to actually live through our lives but we must remember we are Jesus' hands. Below are a few Bible references which parents may wish to share with their children or just reflect on themselves.

It was lovely to see so many parents on Wednesday evening. We are so lucky to have such great support which is why we can get the outcomes we do for children. I hope you found the information useful but please don't hesitate to come in and ask if you are not sure about anything.

Finally, I look forward to seeing lots of you at the Cross Country tomorrow. Some information is being sent out today about parking. Please follow the instructions as we are at risk of losing the venue if they have problems with parking in the local area. I think last year the police were called!

Have a lovely weekend.

God bless,

M. Howarth

*Catholic Social Teaching*

*Advent Term 1*

**The Dignity of the Human  
Person**



**Genesis 1:26-31**

God created all people in his image.

**Deuteronomy 10:17-19**

God loves the orphan, the widow, and the stranger.

**Psalms 139:13-16**

God knows us intimately.

**Proverbs 22:2**

The Lord is the creator of both rich and poor

**Luke 10:25-37**

The Good Samaritan recognised a brother

**Romans 12: 9-18**

Love one another, share with those in need, live in peace.

**Galatians 2:27-28**

We are one in Christ Jesus

## **School Football**

The school football team had their first two Chiltern League matches this week. On Tuesday, they played fantastically well at Ivingswood school. The first half was close and although we made a lot of chances we only went into half time at 1-0. However, in the second half we took our time a little bit more, kept our composure a bit more and managed to win 8-0. Unfortunately, we lost a close game on Thursday against Chartridge school. Both goalkeepers played fantastically well, and according to Mr Weatherill the two best players on the pitch were the centre backs on either side. In the end we lost 1-0 but considering they won the league last year it was a good result even if the team was a little disappointed. We go again next week! #OLSport







# OPEN EVENTS

Mrs Bernadette O'Hanlon, Headteacher and Mr Stuart Hynes, Chair of Governors at St Joan of Arc Catholic School warmly invite all prospective students and their parents who are seeking admission in September 2023 to our Open Evening & Open Morning.

## OPEN EVENING

**Thursday 6th October 2022**

6.00pm to 9.00pm

## OPEN MORNING

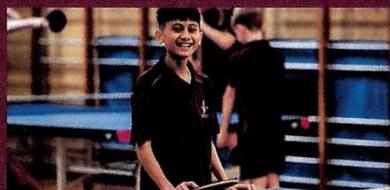
**Friday 7th October 2022**

9.00am to 11.30am

There will be opportunities during your visit to:

- View the school facilities, meet Staff, Students, Governors & members of the PFA
- Hear about the Headteacher's vision for the future
- Share our successes

St Joan's is a very popular, highly oversubscribed Catholic School where every child matters, we have a strong system of support, care & guidance, a commitment to high standards of behaviour and academic success.



Find out more about our school and download application forms at:

**[www.joa.herts.sch.uk](http://www.joa.herts.sch.uk)**

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**Catholic School**

## **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.

On that day, we are also going to collect donations for families more locally. It would be great if the children could bring in a tin of food for Chesham foodbank. They are after the following:

Tinned Pear

Tinned Sweetcorn

Tinned Rice Pudding

Tinned Hot Dogs

Tinned Tuna

Tinned Fruit

Tinned Beans/Pulses

Tinned Macaroni

Tinned Meat

Tinned Carrots

Tinned Spaghetti Hoops

**Thank you**



## 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

**NEW CLASS STARTS THURSDAY 29/09/22**

**Free Parking!**

**LEGS TUMS BUMS**

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**bzeeFitness@gmail.com**

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## **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/](http://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-newsletter/)

## Good News Certificates

Last week's Good News certificates were:

Year 1	Olivia, Rosa Lynn
Year 2	Michael, Maja
Year 3	Eleanor, Florence
Year 4	Leo, Lola
Year 5	Sheryl, Shaun, Grace, Edward
Year 6	Florence, Nuala

## @OLScheshambois

Here is a quick snapshot of our learning this week:





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It was lovely to welcome the Reception families to school today. Thankyou to the #OLSpta #OLSbuildingthekingdom
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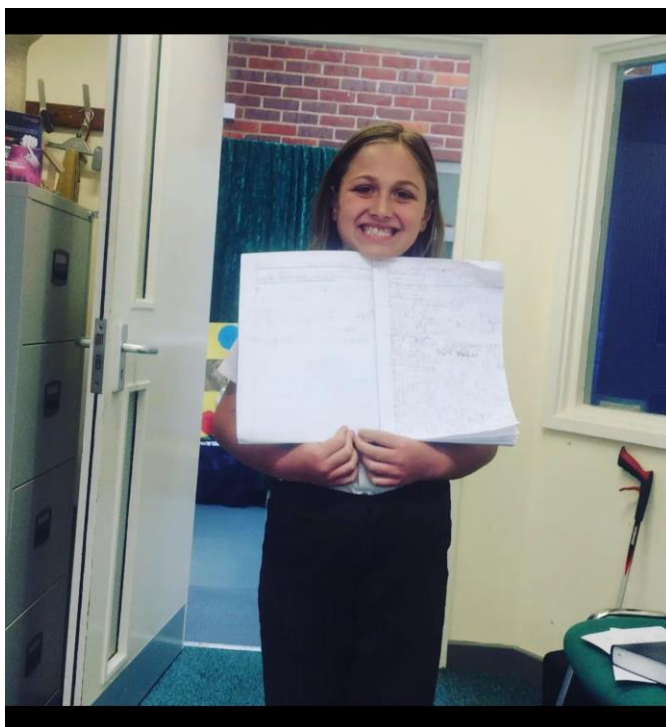
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Can't believe how much progress this young man has made over the last few years. #OLSliteracy
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OLS PTA PRESENTS

# 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](mailto:mandjchair@cheshamrugbyclub.com)