



Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

"A place of learning – A community of Christ"

4th November 2022

Dear Parents,

I hope you had a good half term and enjoyed having some family time. The children seemed to have come back refreshed and ready to learn which is great.

The highlight this week has certainly been going to Mass at Our Lady's church for All Saints day. As I'm sure you can imagine, the children were absolutely brilliant. I was a bit nervous, after filling up most of the church, that the parishioners might feel that we were invading. However, at the end of Mass, I was delighted to get so many positive comments from them. They really enjoyed having the children there and, in particular, the singing. It was also lovely that the children did some of the readings and the parishioners read others. This highlights to the children and the parish that we are one community.

This half term, our Catholic Social Teaching theme is Family and Community. In my assembly on Monday we talked about what makes our families special. As Pope Francis said: "The family is a community of love where each of us learns to relate to others and to the world around us." Our children are so lucky to have such lovely families and the love they are shown in their families can be seen in their behaviour towards each other in school.

Have a lovely weekend.

God bless,

M. Howarth

Parent Consultations

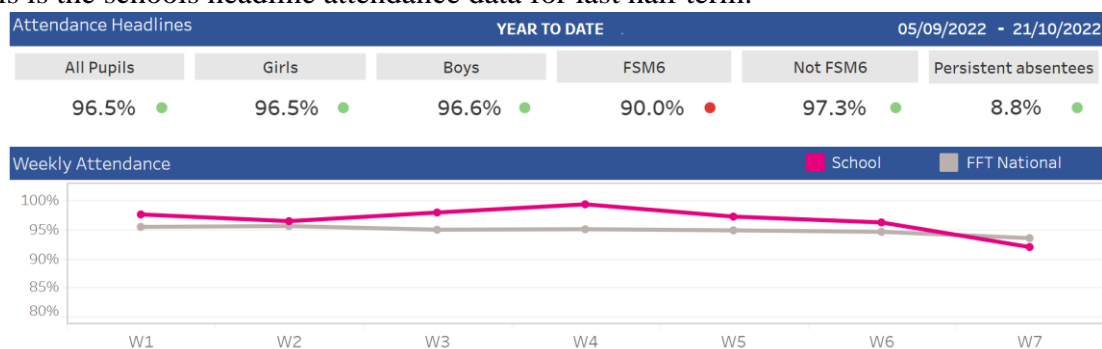
I look forward to seeing all of you next week at the Parents' Evening. We have the latest assessment data for your children so you can see how they are progressing. I have been analysing it this week and you should all be very proud. However, everyone is at a different stage of their journey and we can always improve.

I am really sorry about the chaos caused by the booking system on Parent App. There seems to have been several problems with it and, unfortunately, getting hold of their support was impossible. It is the first time they have really let us down and, as you can imagine, I've had some stern words. Hopefully, it has worked out with everyone getting a suitable appointment.

Sorry,
Mr Holdsworth

Attendance

This is the schools headline attendance data for last half term:



Although we were above the national average, on the whole we aren't at our target of 98%. Hopefully, as time goes on this will improve as at the start of the year one day off is a high percentage as we have only had about 35 days so far.

Well done to the 115 children who still have 100% attendance but there are 20 who have had more than 3 days off which, currently, would make them a persistent absentee. Obviously that isn't going to be a problem as long as you don't have 3 days off every half term.

FSM6 are children who have been in receipt of free school meals in the last 6 years. Nationally, the statistics show that these children will attend less well and therefore attain less well at school and in particular are less likely to achieve good GCSE's. I do not want this to be the case for children at Our Lady's however, as you can see from the table above, at the moment it is.

I cannot emphasise enough the importance of your child coming to school every day. Every day of education they miss is a day they will never get back. In an effort to highlight this I will share this report with you regularly.

Safeguarding – Lockdown

This week, we practised our very first lockdown at the request of the MAT. The children were brilliant and we actually had a very simple procedure where everyone went to the nearest classroom. We could then check that all the children were inside.

It didn't work quite so well for the adults as I forgot to let Miss and Mrs Burke know that it was finished and they spent about 15 minutes hiding in the PE cupboard. Maybe needs a little bit of refinement.

Just so you know I talked to the children about using lockdown if there was a gas leak or maybe a dog had got onto the playground as I certainly don't want to scare or alarm them.

Girls Football Team

This half term it is all about the Girls Football team. They played in the ESFA 7 a-side qualifying tournament on Wednesday and, although they didn't go through, they did draw with Stoke Poges who Mr Weatherill assured me were the best team.

On Thursday, we started the Chiltern League against Chesham Bois school. In the boys' league last term, they were the team to beat. But it looks like we will be the team to beat in the girls' league, winning 4-1. The first goal was scored by Matylda followed by a hat-trick by the woman of the match Kenandra. Most importantly everyone had great fun and football was the winner.



Good News Certificates



Last week's Good News certificates were:

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| Year 1 | Sofia, Thomas |
| Year 2 | Keera, Mason |
| Year 3 | Dominik, Aliza |
| Year 4 | Wanda, Mark |
| Year 5 | Grace, Ben |
| Year 6 | Cliff, Blazej |

A Message from Ten Ten Resources November 2022

November is the month of praying for and remembering the dead, heralded by All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day on 1st and 2nd of November. As we draw to the end of the Liturgical Year, the Gospels begin to look forward to Jesus' return and culminate with the Feast of Christ the King. Then we begin the new Liturgical Year with the season of Advent. It's a busy month in the Church calendar, and no doubt in the school calendar too!

This newsletter shares some of the content children will experience in school throughout November and suggests ways for you to engage with them about it. We hope and pray that, in this month of remembrance, you and your family will find comfort in remembering God's love.

<http://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/>

ONLINE SHOPPING



STOP THE PRESS! IF YOU PLAN ON STARTING YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING THIS WEEKEND PLEASE CONSIDER RAISING ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR OUR SCHOOL BY DOING THE FOLLOWING:

- 1) JOIN SHOP FOR OLS - DID YOU KNOW THAT THIS SCHEME HAS RAISED A WHOPPING **£73,000** FOR THE SCHOOL - IT IS THE SIMPLEST WAY TO RAISE MONEY WITHOUT IT COSTING YOU A THING!
- 2) INCREASE YOUR SHOP FOR OLS ORDER OR ORDER A ONE OFF GIFT CARD OR E-VOUCHER
- 3) SHOP ONLINE WITH EASY FUNDRAISING & AMAZON SMILE

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Nativity Play 2022

If your child would like to participate in this year's Nativity Play, kindly write your name on the sign-up sheet in the porch or email either St Aidan's or Our Lady's churches:

Email: Parish.OurLadycbstaidanlc@northamptondiocese.org

First meeting: **Saturday 10th December 2022** , **St Aidan's Church.** 5:00pm before Mass



@OLScheshambois

Here is a quick snapshot of our learning this week:



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olscheshambois As part of our focus on Catholic Social teaching this half term we are thinking about family and community. Year 5 and Year 6 are doing a range of workshops today.
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olscheshambois This young lady has come to tell me all about CPR and thinks we should learn about it in school. I'll see what we can do. #OLScurriculum #OLSfirstaid

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Accelerated Reader

| Words Read | |
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| Year 6 | 4,312,759 words |
| Year 5 | 4,955,935 words |
| Year 4 | 2,040,758 words |
| Year 3 | 548,283 words |

Meeting Targets and above 85% in Quizzes

Year 3

Tamsin
Sienna-Rose
Dominik
Simeon
Jude
Arthur
Jacob
Lorcan
Thomas
Hansika
Florence
Hugo

Dominik
Emily
Zuzanna

Year 5

Bella
Karamo
Lena
Matylda
Stella
Ethan
Sabrina

Year 4

Leo
Behtin
Spike
Elodie
Charlie
Lola
Evelyn
Joseph

Year 6

Wiktor
Louis
Molly
Florence
Lucy
Cliff
Esther
Pranav