



Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

"A place of learning – A community of Christ"

9th September 2022

Dear Parents,

I would like to welcome all the new children and families to Our Lady's School. It is great to see lots of new faces, some of whom I already recognise from seeing them with their older siblings at the end of every school day.

The children have all come back from holiday refreshed. It is great to hear all their exciting stories. They are very lucky children to have families who give them such fabulous and fun experiences.


This week and next week are our induction weeks. We have a slightly different timetable to give the children the chance to learn new routines. They all seem very keen to get started in their new class with their new teacher.

On Tuesday in assembly, we thought about how if we don't involve Jesus in our lives then there is something missing and we can't really fulfil our true potential.

Finally, we have finished today with our first Mass of the Year. It is lovely to welcome Father Roy to the school community as he will be providing us with our Chaplaincy over the next year. I know he really enjoyed celebrating with us and getting a taste for what a wonderful community this is.

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





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!

Our Lady's PTA

Dear Parents & Carers,

We hope you all had a wonderful summer?

The PTA are looking forward to welcoming reception families and new families to the 'Welcome BBQ' on BBC Sunday 18th Sept from 1-3:30pm. Please RSVP by Monday 12th Sept confirming how many guests will be attending and if anyone in your family has any dietary requirements. ourladysschoolpta@yahoo.co.uk

The next social will be 'The Family Race Night' and this will take place on Friday 7th October from 6:30pm onwards. Please refer to the poster and purchase your tickets via ParentPay.

We also hope to arrange a coffee morning and second hand uniform sale very soon, so watch this space.

In October, the current PTA will be stepping down after 3 years and we are looking for a new team to take on these roles to continue raising the additional essential funds required for our school. The new roles consist of: Chair of the PTA, Deputy Chair of the PTA, Treasurer and Secretary.

Being part of the PTA is extremely rewarding and satisfying but also a lot of fun. These roles would suit parents/carers who are willing to give up some free time, who love seeing their school grow as a community and who know how important it is to give a little back.

The current PTA will support the new team through a transitional period, however short or long that may be and we will always remain on hand. It's a wonderful opportunity and one that we've all really enjoyed being part of.

If you think you'd like to give it a go, please email us ourladysschoolpta@yahoo.co.uk and we can answer any of your queries.

Many thanks for your continued support.

The PTA
Sharon, Nicola, Liz, Marine & Julie

Extra-Curricular Clubs – Autumn Term 2022 (Starting 19th September)

As usual we have a large number of clubs running. Where they are run by school staff they are free but where outside providers run them there will be a charge. On your behalf, I would like to thank the staff for going over and above. I spend a lot of time working with other schools and most don't have these opportunities. The offer is as follows:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Rugby Y5 + Y6	Art KS2	Chess KS2	Chiltern League Football/Netball Y5 + Y6	Stagecoach Reception, Y1 + Y2 ***
Performing Arts KS2	Netball Y5 + Y6	Multi - Sports *** Reception, Y1 + Y2	Mini -Tennis Y1 - Y6 ***	
Construction Club Y1 + Y2	French Reception Y1 + Y2 ***	French KS2 ***	Basketball KS2 ***	
Kudos Athletics Y2 -Y6 ***	Football Y5 + Y6	Archery KS2 *** (Lunchtime Club)		

*** These clubs are chargeable and run by outside organisers.

To book onto Kudos follow this link: [Book | Kudos Athletics](#)

Please express your interest in the clubs through the following form. We will try and accommodate everyone however numbers may be limited.

[Clubs Autumn 2022](#)



Athletics for all!

Kudos Athletics is run by Nick Hughes (GB Triathlon age group team) and Becky McCall (Good for Age London Marathon Qualifier). We are DBS checked **England Athletics** coaches, experienced in coaching junior athletes.

We are offering athletics coaching following the **Athletics 365** programme. **Athletics 365** is a curriculum of physical conditioning and technical running, jumping, and throwing skills that has been developed by **England Athletics**. It teaches children the fundamental skills of athletics and provides a great basis for fitness whilst having fun! It is open to children of all abilities; previous members and new joiners are welcome.



Details:

Who can attend: Years 1 to 6

Day: Mondays from 3:30 – 4:30pm

Price: £88 for 11 sessions (19 Sept – 12 Dec 2022)

There will be no session on 24 or 31 Oct 2022.

Please wear sports kit, trainers and wet/warm weather clothing.

Please go to kudosathletics.co.uk click on the **Schools** button and then choose **Our Lady's** to book your place.

Places are limited so please book early!

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 will be face to face. However, we won't start with a talk from me in the hall to limit the number of contacts. Please don't come if you are feeling unwell at all. Only one parent needs to attend, so there is no need for any children to have to come in the evening.



Safeguarding

At the beginning of the year it is a good time to remind everyone of the old African proverb that "It takes a whole tribe to raise a child". The safeguarding of all our children is all of our responsibilities. Please remember that if you have a concern about the safety of any child in school then it is really important that you talk to one of our designated safeguarding leads:

Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mark Holdsworth

Additional Designated Safeguarding Leads: Ruth Green and Clare Cid-Fuentes

Thank you.

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 am having 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. I think 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

Parking

At the start of the new year, please could I remind parents that they shouldn't be using the car park at the beginning and end of the day unless they are dropping off for the Breakfast Club or collecting from the After School Club. Cars and children really don't mix very well.

Also, please could parents remember to park considerately in the surrounding roads. It is really important that you don't park too close to the junction and make sure that you only park on one side of the road. It seems that often people who are running late double park, so please make sure you leave enough time to park and walk what is only a very short distance.

Thank you.

PTA Barbecue

The PTA are organising a barbecue on Sunday 19th September, 1pm – 4 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.



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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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