



Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

Learning to Love; Loving to Learn

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EMBRACING THE UNIQUENESS OF EACH CHILD THROUGH THE MESSAGE OF GOD'S LOVE

LEARNING TO LOVE; LOVING TO LEARN...

Closure on Monday

When we realised we would have to close the school on Monday a text was sent to the main mobile number for all families to advise of the closure and also later in the day to advise we would be open on Tuesday. If you did not receive either of these please can you speak directly to Mrs Davenport so that we can check your details and get it sorted.

A number of parents responded to this message but there is no need to as generally the phone is not manned as it is for emergencies only. This is the first time it has been used for such an emergency and in the future any messages will have 'Group Text' at the beginning so that you know it has come from the school mobile and that there is no need to respond. Thank you.

Sickness - a 48 hour policy

We have had lots of children off with sickness. We have a 48 hour policy so that children do not come back and spread the sickness bug. If we discover that children have been sick at home and then sent in, we will make phonecalls home and arrange for them to go home. Thank you for your support in this matter. **THE PTA QUIZZ IS CANCELLED DUE TO THE HIGH LEVELS OF SICKNESS.**

Year 5 and 6 History Day

The children had a fun and informative day today during their Roman Day. They gained lots of new knowledge and are now looking forward to their own presentations that are taking place from Tuesday.



Children in Need

Please see a separate flier from the school council about this.

Princethorpe Mass

Thank you to those children who sang at the 6th form Mass this week. We have had many compliments about the standard of the singing and the excellent conduct of the children.

Any children from year 3 to year 6 are free to join the choir. There will be lots of opportunities to sing at special events in school and out of school, so the more the better!

Attendance this week is 97%

This is due to the high levels of sickness

Remembrance Service

Thank you to the year 3 chaplaincy girls who led this for the whole school this week. It was a beautifully moving experience and you all read so well in front of the whole school.

Homework

We value and welcome your constructive feedback. We want to work with you to make our school the very best that it will be. Some feedback has been around wanting more homework in the juniors. Whilst we were going to increase the amount after Christmas, we are happy to do so sooner and are making arrangements to do so from next week (pending deliveries of homework books). I appreciate that some parents really will not welcome this. Homework is always a very contentious issue and a very difficult one to get right for all. A separate letter will go out next week detailing our plans further.



This week's special mentions						
Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Arthur	Constance	Jacob Bi	Maddie	Daniel	Alice	Rafferty

This week's attendance figures						
YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
95%	95%	99%	99%	98%	96%	96%



The children know that they need to work hard again this year to show the value of respect. They will receive respect tokens to go towards a whole class treat once their jar is full!



Year 1 and 2 Mass

It was so lovely to see so many families at Mass on Sunday. Father Teddy blessed the children's art work which is ready to brighten up our school (as soon as I find some more wall space!) Over the year we will be doing different things with the children to celebrate being in our 50th Year. We will let you know of any events that parents can part in the Spring Term.

Bottle Collection

We are still collecting empty 2l bottles so that we can make our own greenhouse...any donations are most welcome!

Head Lice

We have one case of head lice that we are aware of. Please can you check your children over the weekend and treat if necessary. Thank you.

Big Spell Success

It is always tough doing a Big Spell after a half term, but the children have done really well! Most children in the school have made progress against their last score – which is what it is really all about...

At Our Lady's we teach spelling patterns and conventions as a discrete lesson in the juniors and use letters and sounds to support reading and writing and spelling in the infants, as well

as discrete lessons. The 'Big Spell' is another layer of our process of teaching spelling. Spelling is also taught daily within the English lessons as well as grammar. We find that teaching punctuation and grammar within the context of writing is far better for the children – it makes it meaningful and real for them, rather than being just a stand-alone activity. As Year 6 get closer to their grammar testing in May, they will have lots of practice at test technique. Our results last year in both KS1 and KS2 in writing and grammar were significantly above National, Warwickshire and Consortium data, so we are confident in our approaches.

Big Spell Results : November 2017

Y1 – Noah, Katy, Sophie, Austin, Zach R Cohen, Tino, Sammy, Dylan, Adelaide, Connie,.

Y2 – Thomas McF, Jacob, Harvey, Bea

Y3 – Daisy, Lillie L, Thomas W, Emilio, Ruari, Harry, Maddie , Holly

Y4- Eve,

Y5 – Millie, Jack

Y6 – Eleanor, Phoebe, Ella

Most improved

Sophia D (33 more)

50's :

Y1 – Isobel, Caelinn,

Y2 – Josh Cowan

Y5- Max, Sophia D

Open Morning at Stetton-On-Dunsmore Village Hall. Sat 11th Nov 10:00-12:00
Refreshments, raffle, bring and buy, soft toys

Next week at a glance:

Monday 13th November:

Drama session Year 5 and 6

Tuesday 14th November:

Severn Trent Water assembly 9:00

Eco-Warrior's meeting with governors and Severn Trent

Swimming Year 3 and 4

Dance for reception, Year 1 and Year 2

Thursday 16th November:

Ancient Egyptian Day experience for Year 3 and 4

Screening of Julius Caesar for Year 5 and 6

Have a wonderful week. **Kate Madia**



In Flanders' Fields

In Flanders' fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders' fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch, be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders' fields.

Major John McCrae, 1915



Think of the week:

(A beguiling question that stops you in your tracks and makes you think...)

If you read a newspaper in the shop without buying it, is that stealing?



AT OUR LADY'S WE ARE FULLY COMMITTED TO SAFEGUARDING AND PROMOTING THE WELFARE OF CHILDREN. WE EXPECT ALL STAFF, PARENTS AND VISITORS TO SHARE THIS COMMITMENT.