



# 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... ★



What a week! I was desperate for snow and then as soon as it settled I was anxious for it to disappear... Thank you for all your support over this difficult week. We were pleased as a school that we were able to carry on pretty well, despite the weather conditions.

I have to say, it was an absolute joy watching the children playing together in the snow on Tuesday. Many of our little ones had never experienced it before so it was a moment of magic.

We had another superb Nativity performance this week, this time from our Year 1s and 2s. I was so proud to see how confident they all are. It was moving and beautiful and hilarious! The quality was truly excellent and that is down to the hard work and very high expectations that my staff have.

Again, I would like to give my personal thanks to my staff, who invest so much of themselves into making the education of your children excellent, and also to you for the support that you give your children and the school – it really does make a huge difference.



We continue to journey into Advent as we begin a new church year:  
"Slow down; Be ready."



### Christmas Dates

#### Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December

**Year 3-6 Advent Service at Princethorpe 6:30.** The children have worked incredibly hard to get ready for the advent service. We have lots of instrument playing, incredible singing and beautiful dancing. We also have some past pupils coming back to support us. It will be a really special evening. It is important that the children from Year 3 to

**Year 6 arrive at Princethorpe Chapel no later than 6pm.**



**They must wear FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM**

**Children dancing must wear their Irish dancing shoes please.**

**Please use the college car park and then follow the signs around to the chapel.**

**You will be able to use the toilets in the 6<sup>th</sup> form block should you need to.**

Everyone is welcome to listen to the children sing – it is always a really magical event.

#### Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December

**Christmas Movie Night 3:30 – 5:00**

### Christmas Movie Night



This week's special mentions						
Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Monty	Tino	Tamsin	Opheliah	Oliver	Savannah	Findley

This week's attendance figures						
YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
96%	97%	99%	96%	94%	99%	95%



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!



On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December we are holding a Christmas movie 'night' to allow you to do a bit more Christmas shopping should you wish! It will start straight after school and will finish at 5pm in the school hall. The cost is £2. You can pay on the day. Please make sure it is put into an envelope marked 'Christmas Movie Night'. Hot chocolate and a treat will be provided. It is open to all children from Reception to Year 6 – we will be choosing a festive DVD to show ☺



**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

**Christmas Lunch**

All infant children are entitled to have this as are any junior children who normally have dinners and all children who pre-ordered earlier in the term

**THE CHILDREN MAY WEAR A CHRISTMAS JUMPER ON WEDNESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER TOO**

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December**

**Children finish for Christmas**

Attendance this week is 97%

**Alton Castle**

Please can Year 6 parents who haven't yet paid the deposit for Alton Castle please do so as a matter of urgency. We have only had 5 relies out of 15 to date. Thank you.

**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.

**Lateness**

The vast majority of the children have excellent attendance and do not have an issue with lateness. It is only a few who I am noticing arriving late, but it often the same children. You must ensure that the children are in school on time please. It is very disruptive for all when they arrive late.

**School Meals**

Parents of junior children who pay half termly for school dinners should look out for the blue slip in the children's bags on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December. This will advise the correct amount for the next half-term, taking into account any credits dues as a result of school closures etc. For any junior children who will be starting school meals in January, the cost for the half term will be £64.50 and the weekly cost will remain at £10.75. Payment by cash or cheque payable to Warwickshire

County Council please at the beginning of the half term, or each Monday.

**Next week at a glance:**

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December:

Movie night – 3:30 – 5:00

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December:

Christmas jumper day

Christmas lunch

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December:

Last day of term

Have a wonderful weekend.

**Kate Madia**



**Reflection**

We are reminded during this season that Christ is coming back and we look forward to that time with great hope and anticipation.

Try to find some peace this week. If there is something that is stopping you from feeling peaceful, strive to do something about it.

**Think of the week:**

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

Can dogs love?



**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.**