

Our Lady's Catholic Primary School



21st July 2020

Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of a most unusual year, on behalf of everyone at Our Lady's, I would like to thank you all for your continued support and understanding. Even though we may not have seen you for some time, you have never been far from our thoughts and prayers ~ school is not the same without everyone here. We are very much hoping that we will be able to welcome you all back to school on 3rd September. Please make sure you know the new arrangements for your child so that we can ensure everything runs as smoothly as possible.

Thank you

We wish you all a safe and happy summer holiday, and look forward to seeing you all soon.

SCHOOL CLOSURES ON WEDNESDAY 22ND JULY AND OPENS ON THURSDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER.

BREAKFAST CLUB OPENS AT 8:00 AT A COST OF £1:50 A VISIT.

ALL PLACES MUST BE PRE-BOOKED

BREAKFAST MUST BE PAID FOR EITHER IN ADVANCE OR ON THE DAY.

PLEASE ENSURE THIS IS IN A SEALED ENVELOPE CLEARLY LABELLED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME.

FAREWELL

GOOD LUCK!

We wish our Year 6 Leavers all the very best as they move on to their respective high schools. They have faced many unexpected challenges and missed many of the customary 'rites of passage' at the end of Year 6, but they have shown themselves to be resilient, adaptable learners and I am sure they will go far. They take with them all our love and prayers.

We also wish Mr Daly lots of luck as he leaves Our Lady's to take up a post in a different authority. Thank you for all that you have done for Our Lady's over the last three years.

Mrs Moran will commence her maternity leave on Friday 26th July 2020. On behalf of everyone at Our Lady's, we wish her well and look forward to meeting the new arrival in due course!



STAFFING FOR SEPTEMBER

CLASS	TEACHER	TEACHING ASSISTANT
Reception	Miss Phillips	Miss Harper / Mrs Nicklin
Year 1	Mrs Pond	Mrs Barry
Year 2	Mrs Kitchin	Mrs Perkins
Year 3	Miss Sharp	Miss Howard
Year 4	Mr Kennedy	Mrs Marsden
Year 5	Mrs Holmes	Miss Bibby
Year 6	Miss Tait	Mrs O'Neill

As we have been unable to facilitate a 'Class Swap' where children would be able to meet their new teacher, class teachers will be posting a short video on Seesaw to introduce themselves to the children.

These will be available until 1st August.



SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Please see the attachment regarding this year's Summer Reading Challenge from the Library Service.



Full Opening of School: September 2020

Following the announcement by the Government at the beginning of July, we have been busy updating our risk assessments to ensure that school can reopen safely for all children and staff.

We will be continuing to be proactive with Prevention Controls:

1. Minimise contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or who have somebody in their household who does, do not attend school.
2. Clean hands thoroughly more often than usual.
3. Ensure good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach.
4. Continuing with enhanced cleaning, including frequently touched surfaces throughout the day.
5. Minimise contact between individuals and **maintain social distancing wherever possible**.
6. Where necessary, wear appropriate PPE.

This means that children will be in 'Year Group Bubbles' and will be kept apart from other groups wherever possible. Therefore, each Year Group will have its own start and finish times, as well as separate break and lunchtimes. To assist us in the smooth implementation of these measures, please ensure you know the start and finish times for your child's bubble.

	Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Start	9:05	8:55	8:45	9:15	9:05	8:55	8:45
Break	Flexible	10:15	10:30	10:30	10:15	10:30	10:15
Lunch	12:00	12:00	12:15	12:30	12:30	12:45	12:45
Break	Flexible	2:15	2:30				
Finish	3:00	3:10	3:20	3:30	3:20	3:10	3:00

Please see the letter sent via Parent Mail on Monday 20th July for more detailed information.

We are still limiting the number of people on the school site, so **parents will not be allowed onto the premises**. You must form a socially distanced line outside the main gate, respecting the signage on the fence. Please do not gather in groups outside the gates before or after school.

You will be notified in September of specific routines that have been introduced as part of our reasonable endeavours to minimise the risks associated with COVID-19, such as changes to PE and taking Reading Books home.

Working together, we will be able to successfully implement these changes and ensure all children can return to school safely in September.

Thank you in advance for your understanding and co-operation.

