

Our Lady's Catholic Primary School



11th February 2022

Newsletter

School closes at 3:30pm on Friday 11th February and reopens on Monday 21st February 2022.



Thank you, as always, for your unstinting support and co-operation this half term. Covid has presented us with more challenges, not least that of staff and pupil absence. Your patience and understanding are much appreciated.

We wish you all a well-deserved break ~ enjoy!

STAFFING UPDATE

Mrs Moran has left Our Lady's to spend more time with her young family. We thank her for all her hard work during her 7 years here and wish her well for the future.



We have appointed Miss Hodgkins, who will be teaching Year 1 on Mondays and Tuesdays from Monday 21st February. Mrs Foster continues in her role as lead teacher in Year 1, and teaches on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

WORLD
BOOK
DAY

3 MARCH 2022

25 YEARS

WORLD BOOK DAY THURSDAY 3RD MARCH

This year marks 25 years since the first 'World Book Day'. This year we are again asking you to decorate a potato as your favourite book character! In the interests of Poverty Proofing, there will be potatoes and craft materials available for all children who want resources. All entries will be displayed in the School Hall, and there will be one winner from each class.

HOLIDAY SUPPORT / FOOD BANK VOUCHERS

Stockport Council have issued Holiday Support Vouchers to eligible families to cover the February Half Term and Easter Holidays. If you have not received yours, or are unsure if you are eligible, please visit:

<https://www.stockport.gov.uk/free-school-meals>

However, should you be experiencing financial difficulties, and need additional support or wish to be issued with Food Bank Vouchers for over the holidays, please speak to either Mrs Core or Mr Kilkenny in **confidence** to arrange this.

DINNER MONEY

Dinners cost £2.15 per day. These need to be paid for in advance, either weekly or for the half term.

Please put the money in a sealed envelope **with your child's name and class clearly marked on it** ~
£10.75 per week or £75.25 for the half term.

Thank you.

County in the Park



Stockport County Community Trust is delighted once again in delivering **free** County in the Park sessions during the February half-term holidays.

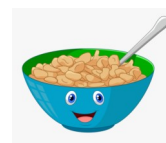
The Community Trust is providing the opportunity for children to access free football sessions in local parks across Stockport.

Please see the attached flier for all the details.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Children currently attending Breakfast Club automatically have a place for the Spring Term, so these parents do not need to take any further action.

If your child does not currently attend, but you wish your child to attend Breakfast Club, you can find a Booking Form on our school website (under the Parents Tab: Letters)



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.



Reading at Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

At Our Lady's, we place a high priority on developing skills to enable our children to become competent and fluent readers, and to promote a lifelong love of reading for pleasure. Our curriculum is underpinned by the use of Quality Texts which facilitate teachers in the planning of effective literacy units with purposeful learning outcomes for the children.

Reading opens up a new world for children and gives them the opportunity to explore new ideas, visit new places and meet new characters.

Research shows that children who can read are overwhelmingly more likely to succeed at school, achieve good qualifications and subsequently enjoy a fulfilling and rewarding career. Those who cannot read will find themselves at a constant disadvantage.

Reading at Our Lady's is taught using various teaching strategies, such as Shared Reading, Guided Reading and Individual Reading.

This teaching runs in partnership with you, parents and carers, who play a crucial role in developing children's language and literacy skills. The importance of daily reading at home cannot be underestimated and your support with this is greatly appreciated.

Reading books should be brought into school **EVERY DAY**. Children are heard read throughout the week, and it is important that their reading book is available for this. In addition, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 reading books are changed on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday. In Years 3 to 6, they are changed on a Tuesday and Thursday.

If you require any further information about reading, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Many thanks for your continuing support.



Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you for your very generous contributions for Christmas Jumper Day which we held at the end of last term. You donated **£197:20**, which has now been sent to Save the Children.



Save the Children
**CHRISTMAS
JUMPER DAY**

@OurLadysSK



Don't forget to check out our new
Twitter account for latest updates.

Year 3 Sacramental Programme

There will be a short meeting lasting about 30 minutes on **Wednesday 23rd February at 5:00pm** in school to explain the Year 3 Sacramental Programme and how we can work together to prepare your child to receive the sacraments of First Forgiveness and First Holy Communion. This will include details of the dates for First Forgiveness and First Holy Communion.

Further details have been sent out to Year 3 today.