



The Rosary Trust

'With God all things are possible'

Our Lady Immaculate School News



Our Lady Immaculate
Catholic Primary School
A Multi-Academy

16th September, 2021

The month of Our Lady of Sorrows

Issue 2

THE SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS ARE 7:30 AM. UNTIL 4:00 PM. MONDAY—FRIDAY
Tel: 01245 353755

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a privilege for me to spend lots of time this week walking around our school and seeing the children fully immersed in their day. I am pleased to say that our Reception children have made a great start and it has been wonderful to see them flourishing in such a short space of time. They will be joining us for the whole day on Tuesday, which will make our school family complete.

I hope that you found the information meetings with your child's teacher useful. As a Catholic learning community, everything we do serves the Church's teaching of assisting parents as primary and principal educators. It is therefore essential that we are working together to help the children achieve their full potential, [inspiring our children to achieve personal excellence for themselves and for the Glory of God.](#)

On Monday we had the pleasure of inviting James Johnson, our new Foundation Governor, into school to join our morning collective worship assembly and to meet the children. Mr Johnson commented on the calm and purposeful learning environments witnessed in every class, along with the Catholicity of the school, which was palpable. Later on we were joined by Linda McSweeney, the Chair of Governors. Thank you both for giving up your time so generously.

During collective worship, the children listened to the parable of the 'Lost Sheep'. They were curious about why the good shepherd had left his ninety-nine sheep, to go in search of one. They thought about the tremendous care that Jesus has for each and every one of us and how His love for the ninety-nine sheep is equal therefore to the one. The children learned that Jesus loves and cares for us and just like the good shepherd cares for all the sheep, he wants us to care for others too.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend, whatever your plans maybe.

Virtues to live by



This week the children have continued to grow in the Virtue of **Respect and Courtesy.**

"Do not use harmful words, but only helpful words; the kind that build up and provide what is needed, so that what you say will do good to those who hear you."

(Ephesians 4:29)

Thought for the weekend



Prayer for the repose of the sole of Queen Elizabeth II

We beseech you Almighty God, that your servant Elizabeth, who by your mercy received the government of this realm, and who dedicated her life entirely to the service of her people, may now rest from her labours in the peace of Christ which surpasses all understanding.

Amen.

God Bless!

**Lesley Roche
Headteacher**

Fifty Reads Raffle

The **Headteacher's Fifty Reads Raffle** is making a return appearance! Please encourage your child(ren) to complete their reading record whenever they read!

Here is a great website if you are looking for ideas about what to read next:

<https://www.thereaderteacher.com/>



Attendance

Attendance Data:

94% and below

94% - 97%

97% and above

	Last week % 05/09/2022 - 09/09/22	This week % 12/09/22 - 16/09/22
Foundation		
Year 1	98.7%	90.3%
Year 2	99.3%	99.3%
Year 3	97.5%	99.4%
Year 4	99.4%	99.4%
Year 5	99.4%	98.1%
Year 6	100%	93.4%
Whole School Total	99%	96.7%

Congratulations to years 2, 3, 4 & 5 for being above 97%.

The aim of the attendance chart is for all classes to achieve green

If your child's attendance falls below 95%, you will receive a legal attendance letter as per the Attendance Policy.

New secondary admission round (Year 6 to 7 transfer September 2023)

The application period for admission to Year 7 in secondary schools for September 2023 opens on 12 September 2022.

From this date, parents/carers of current Year 6 Essex resident children will be able to make their applications using our website www.essex.gov.uk/admissions. Last year, 99% of Essex parents applied online.

As usual, the Council will not be sending out letters to parents/carers about applying. All of the application information is published on the website above.

The closing date of 31 October 2021.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Please note: new information will be presented in red

SEPTEMBER 2022	
Monday, 19th	BANK HOLIDAY FOR QUEEN'S FUNERAL
Friday, 23rd	MacMillian coffee morning/pre-loved uniform sale
Monday, 26th	Year 4 class assembly @ 2.45pm
Wednesday, 28th	Whole School Mass @ 9.30am in the Church
OCTOBER 2022	
Saturday, 1st	Friends School Disco
Monday, 3rd	Years 1 and 2 Harvest Festival @ 2.30pm
Monday, 10th - Tuesday, 11th	Year 6 Bikeability
Thursday, 13th	Year 1 trip to Pizza Express
Monday, 17th	Friends AGM in school @ 7.30pm
Tuesday, 18th	Teaching and Learning Conferences - 3.30pm - 6.30pm
Thursday, 20th	Teaching and Learning Conferences - 3.30pm - 6.30pm
Monday, 24th - Friday, 28th	Half Term
NOVEMBER 2022	
Friday, 11th	Poppies and Poetry Day
Monday, 14th	Year 5 Remembrance Assembly @ 2.30pm
Wednesday, 16th	Year 1 trip to Oaklands Museum
DECEMBER 2022	
Sunday, 4th	Christmas Bazaar
Thursday, 8th	Feast Day
Friday, 16th	Friends Christmas gift safe

ARK DROP OFF

Please do not park in the staff car park (in front of the school) for drop off for the Ark. This applies to both before and after school.

Thank you.



MERIT BADGES

WEEK ENDING 16th September 2022

(Merit Badges are awarded for demonstrating the Value of the Week)

Foundation		
Year 1	Zuzanna	Kingsley
Year 2	Molly	Ysabella
Year 3	Joselyn	Elijah
Year 4	Hattie	Oscar
Year 5	Eben	Lily
Year 6	Denzil	Dolcie

HOUSE POINTS

WEEK ENDING 16th September 2022

(figures in brackets refer to aggregated totals from the start of term)

BECKET	CAMPION	FISHER	MORE
1st (19)	4th (16)	2nd (16)	3rd (18)

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 16th September 2022

Foundation		
Year 1	Brooke	Sienna
Year 2	Filip	Emma
Year 3	Hartley	Hanna
Year 4	Kushal	Nell
Year 5	George	Scarlett
Year 6	Lennon	Sarah

RELIEF STAFF VACANCIES

Relief Midday Assistant and Relief Catering Assistant required. The hourly rate is £9.60 per hour plus a holiday entitlement. If you are interested in the relief role, please contact Ursula Reilly (Business Manager) by email admin@ourladyimmaculate.essex.sch.uk or by phoning her on 01245 353755.

PARENT EMAIL ADDRESS

parents@ourladyimmaculate.essex.sch.uk Please use the parent email address to leave messages about a child's absence or pick up arrangements. Child absences must be reported by 9 a.m. on the first day, and changes to pick up can be emailed until **2 p.m. on the day**. – You must ring the school thereafter.

PLEASE DO NOT SEND ABSENCE NOTES AND PICK UP ARRANGEMENTS VIA THE ADMIN@

EMAIL ADDRESS NOR VIA SCHOOLCOMMS – THANK YOU.

Friends Association News

Macmillan coffee morning

23rd September after morning drop off there is going to be a coffee morning to raise money for Macmillan. We would love cake donations please. All cakes have to have no nuts and if baking a cake, please include a list of all ingredients highlighting the allergens. Cakes can be brought to the office on the morning of the cake sale, or Thursday after school.

We will also have pre-loved uniform available, for a donation to the friends association. The trolley will be left out on Friday 16th for any uniform donations.

School disco

The school disco is on Saturday 1st October.

We will be selling tickets on the 23rd Sept from 0830hrs at the school gate. They are £2.50 a person and an adult needs to accompany the children. This is always a very popular event and tickets sell very fast. If your child is at the Ark, money and requests can be left at the office on that day.

Many thanks

The Friends Association



MENU WEEK COMMENCING - 19th September – Week 3

TUESDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER THE LUNCH WILL BE PIZZA

Please refer to the menus on our website so the children are aware and know what to choose when asked by their teachers. Please use the online payment system to pay for all dinners (Years 3 to 6).

Is your child eligible for this award - Free School Meals?

In order for the school to receive the Pupil Premium funding, a parent/carer must be claiming one of the following benefits:

- Income Support / Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (as long as you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- **Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit) Universal Credit.**



Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get). Further information can be found on <https://www.essex.gov.uk/free-school-meals>