

'With God all things are possible'



The Rosary Trust

Our Lady Immaculate School News



Our Lady Immaculate
Catholic Primary School
A Multi-Academy

23rd September, 2022

The month of Our Lady of Sorrows

Issue 3

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that this newsletter finds you safe and well.

On a number of occasions this week, I have walked around our school and been struck by the calm, purposeful learning environment that the staff have already created so early in the term. It is wonderful to see the children flourishing and it is a testament to the commitment and hard work of the whole school community.

Today, as part of the 'World's Biggest Coffee Morning' and to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support, the **Friends Association** organised a cake sale. Every cake sold helps to support someone affected by cancer, so that together we can make sure that no one faces cancer alone.

Well done to all who contributed, with a special **THANK YOU** to Mrs Rajesparan and the Friends Association for organising and running the event! They raised an incredible **£790.50**

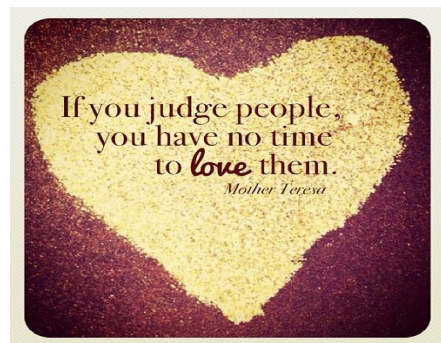
Wishing you all a wonderful weekend, whatever your plans maybe.

God Bless!

Mrs Lesley Roche

Virtues to live by

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



Thought for the weekend



Improving the air quality!

I am delighted to announce that Year 5 have been chosen to take part in an Essex County Council project, to improve the air quality in and around schools. The project represents a unique opportunity for the children to understand the air equality around the school, and to engage in ways to personally make changes, and ultimately make improvements to the air we all breathe.

The project began this week with a visit from '**Abbie Ayre and the shed of Science**'. The children showed great understanding and enthusiasm for the project, and can't wait to get started on monitoring the air quality around us.



Fifty Reads Raffle

The **Headteacher's Fifty Reads Raffle** is making a re-turn 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 % 12/09/22 - 16/09/22	This week % 19/09/22 - 23/09/22
Foundation		96.7%
Year 1	90.3%	96.1%
Year 2	99.3%	98.3%
Year 3	99.4%	96.9%
Year 4	99.4%	98.8%
Year 5	98.1%	97.6%
Year 6	93.4%	92.2%
Whole School Total	96.7%	96.6%

Congratulations to years 2, 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.

HEALTHY PLAYTIME SNACKS

Please note that the school has a policy for Healthy Snacks at playtime. As part of our healthy eating programme, children are not permitted to bring sweets or chocolate into school.



LEAVE OF ABSENCE

When asking for time off from school, please remember to complete a Leave of Absence form and accompanying letter. The Leave of Absence form can be found on the school website.

DATES TO REMEMBER

SEPTEMBER 2022	
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
Wednesday, 12th	Year 6 trip to Duxford
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 23rd September 2022

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

Foundation	Angel	Enzo
Year 1	Alexander	Jessica
Year 2	Elsie	Leonardo
Year 3	Ciara	Charlie
Year 4	Maria	Sofia I
Year 5	Roisin	Teddy
Year 6	Pippa	Zachary

HOUSE POINTS

WEEK ENDING 23rd September 2022

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

BECKET	CAMPION	FISHER	MORE
4th (28)	2nd (28)	1st (30)	2nd (30)

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 23rd September 2022

Foundation	Cameron	Annie
Year 1	Philip	Rosie
Year 2	Oscar	Charlene
Year 3	Johan	Florence B
Year 4	Liam	Rhoda
Year 5	Jack	Lily
Year 6	Josiah	Constance

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

Dear All,

Thank you to everyone who supported the Macmillan coffee morning. Due to your extremely generous donations we raised a staggering £790.50 for this amazing charity. Thank you to all who helped and a big special thank you to Catherine Rajesparan who organised this wonderful event!

Thank you to all who supported the pre-loved uniform sale, we raised £90 for the school!

Disco - We have our first disco of this academic year next Saturday the 1/10/22 from 5.30-7.30pm. There will be hot food, snacks and a fully licensed bar available! Raffle prizes to be won! Looking forward to seeing you all with your dancing shoes on!

17/10/22 - Friends Association AGM, 7.30pm in the school hall. Please come along and hear about the amazing work/funds raised last year, what we bought for the school and also how you can get involved to help your school going forward!

Many thanks

The Friends Association



MENU WEEK COMMENCING - 26th September – Week 1

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>**

DROP OFF AND PICK UP PARKING

Please remember that there is **NO PARKING** behind the church when dropping off or collecting your child. The car park is for Church use only.



REMINDER

Please could you make sure that your child comes equipped and ready for their School Day with their PE/Club kit, Books, Water Bottle, Forest School Clothing, Wellie Boots and their packed lunch (those that have a packed lunch).

This would alleviate the need for the Office Staff to deliver late items to the classrooms.



PATHWAY FOR PARENTS

From time to time, parents and carers may have concerns about their son or daughter's education and/or wellbeing at school. Quite often this is due to a misunderstanding about school policy or practice. Sometimes the pupil may be behaving unusually at home or at school and/or expressing their own concerns. Whatever the situation, we would encourage you, and/or your child, to **talk to us about it at the earliest opportunity** so that we can help sort out the problem.

If it is your child's academic progress that you wish to speak to us about, or if it is an issue around your child's wellbeing (for example, bullying or other anxiety), please ask to see their teacher in the first instance or make an appointment, through the School Office, telephone number 01245 353755, or via our Parent email address: Parents@ourladyimmaculate.essex.sch.uk or in person at Reception.

Our Lady Immaculate School emphasises the partnership between parents, church and school and the majority of concerns can be dealt with through informal contacts, usually with the class teacher and, sometimes, the Headteacher. Most concerns and complaints can be sorted out quickly by speaking with your child's class teacher.

If, having spoken to the class teacher, you still have concerns, you should see the Headteacher who will look into the problem and discuss their findings with you so that we can find a way forward together which serves the best interest of both the school and your child.

Safeguarding

The wellbeing of our children is of paramount importance to all staff. Should any parent have a concern regarding a child's wellbeing, please inform the school's Designated Safeguarding officer: **Mrs Roche**. We also have a Deputy Designated Safeguarding Officer: **Mr Owens**.

In cases where school staff have concerns, they have a statutory duty to discuss the issue with one of the Designated Safeguarding Officers to seek further advice.

“Safeguarding is thinking the unthinkable and then figuring out how to reduce the probability of the unthinkable happening.”

Graham Fawcet



Our Lady Immaculate fully complies with information legislation. For the full details on how we use your personal information please see our privacy notices which are located on our school website (www.ourladyimmaculateprimary.org) under 'Key Information/GDPR and Privacy