

'With God all things are possible'



The Rosary Trust

Our Lady Immaculate School News



Our Lady Immaculate
Catholic Primary School
A Multi-Academy

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The month of Our Lady of Sorrows

Issue 4

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

“Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.” (Psalm 106:1)

Part of my role is to develop and support Teaching and Learning across our school. To do this, I go into the classes, talk to children and observe them in the playground. Seeing the children settle into their new year groups and welcoming our new families to our school reminded me of the fundamental aims of the systems and processes which underpin our school's ethos: the aim to gradually build confidence and self-esteem, the aim to inspire our children and the aim to enthuse and encourage them to follow their own goals and ambitions and to live out God's Mission.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the children, staff and parents for a wonderful week in school where we have seen the children challenge themselves. Our children have shown themselves to be kind, gentle, caring, engaged and above all, happy – remember these are the citizens of tomorrow and we should take every opportunity to support them and tell them how proud we are of their actions; praise costs nothing.

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

God Bless!
Lesley Roche
Headteacher

Thought for the weekend

"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

Maya Angelou



Virtues to live by



This week the children have been growing in the Virtue of **Thankfulness and gratitude**.

The children learned that when you open your heart by giving thanks to God our creator, you create more space for more good things to come. When you look for all the blessings in your life you begin to feel more grateful and thankful for all the wonderful gifts we are given daily.

The children will know that they are growing in the Virtue of thankfulness when:

- They can say thank you to God
- They take time to appreciate the awe and wonder in God's creation
- They show God they are thankful to Him by cherishing the gifts of His creation
- They are thankful for all the gifts in them and around them
- They count their blessings every day and remember to praise God for them
- They know that all they have is a gift from God

'Inspiring our children to achieve personal excellence for themselves and for the glory of God'.

Year 4 Assembly and Whole School Mass

This week, we have been extremely fortunate to be able to come together to pray as a whole school community twice!

On Monday, Year 4 led a wonderful assembly on Family Trees. They spoke confidently about the story of Abraham and what it means to belong to God's family. Thank you Year 4, you were brilliant. Thank you also to all those parents who came along to support their children. It was a pleasure to welcome you into school. A surprise visit from Fr Oliver, also meant we received a whole school blessing. Thank you Fr Oliver.

On Wednesday, we came together as a whole school to celebrate the year ahead in Church with Fr Martin and Fr Damien. Led by the Year 6 children, I am sure that Fr Martin and Fr Damien will agree, they read and sang beautifully. We are definitely off to a good start!



Year 6—Lord Woolton Pie

Year 6 had great fun researching, preparing and evaluating the official recipe for the 'Lord Woolton Pie', connecting their study of World War II rationing and design & technology.

I am pleased to say that everyone agreed the pie was 'delicious'! Thank you Mrs Baker for working with the children to bring this aspect of history alive.



LORD WOOLTON PIE

THE OFFICIAL RECIPE

In hotels and restaurants, no less than in communal canteens, many people have tasted Lord Woolton pie and pronounced it good. Like many another economical dish, it can be described as wholesome fare. It also meets the dietician's requirements in certain vitamins. The ingredients can be varied according to the vegetables in season. Here is the official recipe:—

Take 1lb. each diced of potatoes, cauliflower, swedes, and carrots, three or four spring onions—if possible, one teaspoonful of vegetable extract, and one table-spoonful of oatmeal. Cook all together for 10 minutes with just enough water to cover. Stir occasionally to prevent the mixture from sticking. Allow to cool; put into a pie-dish, sprinkle with chopped parsley, and cover with a crust of potato or wheatmeal pastry. Bake in a moderate oven until the pastry is nicely browned and serve hot with a brown gravy.



St Vincent de Paul Society

The St Vincent de Paul Society are active in our community. Their core work is to give friendship and support, offering direct practical assistance to anyone who needs it.

To find out more, please email: secretarySVPChelmsford@sup.org.uk

All conversations are treated in the **strictest confidence**.



St Vincent
de Paul Society

England and Wales

Turning Concern into Action

Supporting Readers

Reading is the greatest indicator of future success in children. It is also incredibly enjoyable and beneficial to every aspect of their academic, emotional, and mental development. Everyone knows that reading is incredibly important! However, it can be hard to get children to read at home. Here are 6 steps to create a reading culture in your home.



RELATIONSHIPS



Reading is a great way to develop relationships. Make time to read together, discuss what you have read, and celebrate reading. Consider listening to audiobooks as a family, reading to a sibling, and promote the rich conversations you have about books. Enthusiasm for reading is vital: children who enjoy reading are statistically much stronger readers.

ROUTINES



Children now receive the majority of their reading from in game communications (video games), and social media messages. So, turn off the Wi-Fi and TV, and make time for reading. Remember, twenty minutes a night is all it takes to maximise academic progress. Set page or time targets to fit in with your home schedule.

RESPONSES



Book talk is an essential part of the reading process. Check in with your child about how their book is going and what is happening. Consider rewards for page progress and celebrate every book your child reads. "Tell me about..." "Are you enjoying..." and "Do you think that..." for example.

RESEARCH



Find the niche! Whatever it is your child enjoys, search for the book, series, or genre to keep them entertained. There IS a book out there for everyone! Look in local libraries, speak to their teachers or other parents, check bookstore websites, and create a buzz about reading with your child related to other topics they enjoy.

REFLECTIONS



Reading is a journey of discovery, which means children are constantly discovering things about what they enjoy and whether books are the right difficulty/interest level for them. Encourage your child to pursue what they enjoy! Work out what motivates your child to read and bottle that magic!

RESILIENCE



Finally, encourage resilience and consistency. If your child doesn't read one night, encourage them and support them to get back into the routine. In a world of distractions, reading can fall down the hierarchy! Encourage returning to an old favourite or begin a brand-new book - whatever it takes to get back on the reading journey.

E-Safety Helping Your Child Stay Safe

Many children will increasingly have access to electronic gadgets and so it is always good to revisit some helpful guidance. The best way to help your child to be safe when using the internet and new technologies is to talk to them and make sure they understand these simple rules:

- You should never give out personal details to online 'friends'. Use a nickname when logging on and don't share full name, email address, mobile number, school name and any photos, including photos of family or friends – any picture or video online can be changed or shared without permission.
- Talk to your child about what they are doing online and who they are talking to. Get them to show you how to use things you are not familiar with. Keeping the computer in a family room means that you can share your child's online experience, they are less likely to act inappropriately (i.e. via webcam) and their online 'friends' will see they are in a family room.
- If your child receives a message that upsets them, remind them not to reply, they should save the message and show you or another trusted adult.
- Spam and junk emails and texts are not true, don't reply or send them to anyone else, just delete them.
- Don't open files sent from people you don't know. They could contain a virus, or worse – an inappropriate image or film.
- An online 'friend' is anyone you have not met in real life; no matter how long you have been friends with them.
- Help your child to understand that some people lie online and that it's better to keep online 'mates' online. They should never meet up with any online 'friends' without an adult they trust.
- Make sure they know how to block someone online and report them if they feel uncomfortable.
- Make sure your child feels able to talk to you, let them know that it's never too late to tell someone if something makes them feel uncomfortable. Don't blame your child, let them know you trust them.



Thursday 6th October 2022

Please encourage your child in KS1 to try a free school meal on Thursday 6th October 2022. Our school meals service is excellent and provides delicious, balance and nourishing food on a daily basis. If possible, please support by choosing a Universal Free School meal for infants on this day. If you have any queries, please contact the school office.

The revised menu for next Thursday 6th October 2022 will be:

Chicken Nuggets (made from breast of chicken)

Potato puffs

Beans

Full salad bar

Jacket Potato (with a choice of fillings)

Dessert will be an "Ice Cream Factory" with sprinkles, choc drops, wafers, marshmallows, raisins and sauces or fresh fruit salad. Non milk ice cream for those with allergies

Attendance

Attendance Data:

94% and below

94% - 97%

97% and above

	Last week % 19/09/22 - 23/09/22	This week % 26/09/22 - 30/09/22
Foundation	96.7%	91%
Year 1	96.1%	98.7%
Year 2	98.3%	97.2%
Year 3	96.9%	96.6%
Year 4	98.8%	96.8%
Year 5	97.6%	100%
Year 6	92.2%	95.3%
Whole School Total	96.6%	96.5%

Congratulations to years 1, 2, & 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.

HARVEST COLLECTION 2022

This year to celebrate Harvest Festival and to support our local community we will once again be collecting items for the Chelmsford Foodbank.

We will start collecting from Monday 3rd October until Friday 14th October.

Details of wanted items will be sent by email shortly.

Thank you in advance.

Mrs McCarthy



Friends Association News

Dear All,

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

There are still some tickets available, if anyone would like some please contact Siobhán Harrison on 07966 692425.

Many thanks

The Friends Association



DATES TO REMEMBER

Please note: new information will be presented in red

OCTOBER 2022	
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 sale

DROP OFF AND PICK UP PARKING

Church Car Park and Staff Car Park (in front of school)

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.

Please also note that you are not to 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.



MERIT BADGES

WEEK ENDING 30th September 2022

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

Foundation	Jan	Neve
Year 1	Anna L-B	Fabian
Year 2	Pola	Ayden
Year 3	Charlotte	Lachlan
Year 4	Aurora	Oliver
Year 5	Erin	Taid
Year 6	Josie	Edward

HOUSE POINTS

WEEK ENDING 30th September 2022

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

BECKET	CAMPION	FISHER	MORE
3rd (38)	1st (39)	4th (38)	1st (41)

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 30th September 2022

Foundation	Lewis	Daisy
Year 1	Amari	Lilian
Year 2	Avery	Esme
Year 3	Eloise	Jeffray
Year 4	Edward	Abigail
Year 5	Luke	Alessia
Year 6	David B	Luke

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.

MENU WEEK COMMENCING - 3rd October – Week 2

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>

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.

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.



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



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.