



'With God all things are possible'

Our Lady Immaculate School News



Our Lady Immaculate
Catholic Primary School
A Multi-Academy

25th November, 2022

The month of the Holy Souls

Issue 12

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that November is nearly over (only 30 sleeps to go!) and that on Sunday we will be beginning our Advent journey together.

Advent ushers us into the challenge of believing that the world as we know it is not what God intends, giving us hope that God wills to help us do better.

The preparations for the various nativity concerts are now well and truly underway and we are all looking forward to sharing these with you. There is not anything better than listening to the children prepare in their own special way for the coming of our Lord. I feel truly blessed

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Virtues to Live by

Patience

“Rejoice in hope, be patient in your troubles, and pray at all times.”

(Romans 12:12)

This week the children have been growing in the Virtue of Patience.

When you are patient you can wait without complaining. Often when we are aiming to achieve a goal we need to be patient with ourselves and others to fulfil our hopes and dreams. When we are patient with others we work with God to build them up and give them confidence to keep going. When you are patient with yourself you build your capacity to grow in love and knowledge of God.

Year 3 Assembly

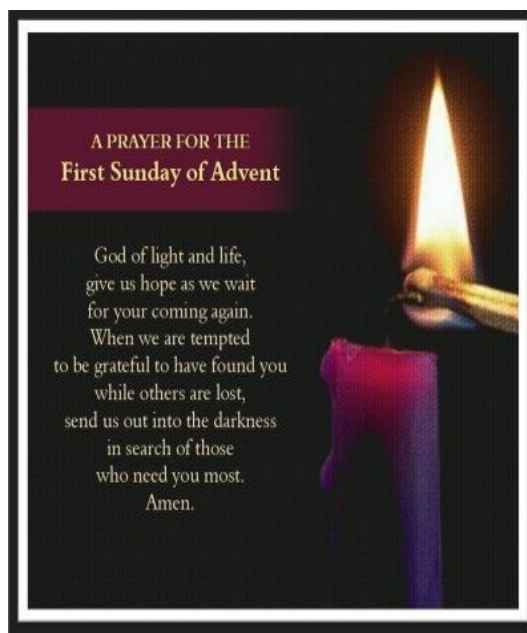


On Monday, Year 3 celebrated a very special assembly on the theme of Advent. Through music, and prayer, they showed us exactly what it means to wait expectantly for the coming of our Lord.

We heard that Jesus comes in various ways. He comes through grace into our lives; he comes in the needs of others; he comes when we receive love; he comes when we show love.

What a truly wonderful way to begin our Advent journey. Thank you Year 3.

Thought for the weekend



A PRAYER FOR THE First Sunday of Advent

God of light and life,
give us hope as we wait
for your coming again.
When we are tempted
to be grateful to have found you
while others are lost,
send us out into the darkness
in search of those
who need you most.
Amen.

God Bless!

Lesley Roche
Headteacher

We are Looking Forward In Love

We are looking forward –
to seeing shepherds and kings, poor and humble, noble and wealthy, all bowing before you.

Lord Jesus, unite us in worship.

We are looking forward –
to remembering a girl from an ordinary background, chosen to bring your hope into the world.

Lord Jesus, bring new hope through us.

We are looking forward –
to a small child, wrapped in linen, lying in a manger, weak and helpless, small and reliant on others.

Lord Jesus, teach us to depend on you.

We are Looking Forward

~ In Advent ~

BDES



School Vacancy—Ark Receptionist

Are you enthusiastic, energetic, committed and caring, with lots of common sense and a good sense of humour? Do you have a calm nurturing personality, a flexible approach and able to work in a team?

We are looking to appoint an **Ark Receptionist**, with the above qualities, to join our team as soon as possible in a permanent role.

Working times from **3.00pm until 6.15pm**, term time only on **Monday-Friday**

Free after school childcare for pupils who attend OLI School.

Hourly rate commences at £10.60 hour - annual salary is £7507.05

Our friendly team will support you and training will be provided.

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff to share this commitment. As such the post is subject to an enhanced Disclosure Barring check, medical clearances and satisfactory references.

Application forms and further information can be obtained by contacting Mrs. Lindsey Murgatroyd Tel. 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.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Please note: new information will be presented in red

NOVEMBER 2022	
Monday, 28th	INSET DAY
DECEMBER 2022	
Friday, 2nd	Non uniform day - bring a bottle for the Bazaar tombola
Sunday, 4th	Christmas Bazaar
Wednesday, 7th	Foundation class Nativity @ 9.30am
Thursday, 8th	Feast Day - whole school Mass @ 10.30am
Monday, 12th	Years 5 & 6 attending Christ Church to see The Snowman @ 12.45pm
Tuesday, 13th	Year 1 and 2 Nativity @ 9.30am - Year 1 parents to attend
Wednesday, 14th	Children's Christmas Dinner
Thursday, 15th	Year 1 and 2 Nativity @ 9.30am - Year 2 parents to attend
Friday, 16th	Friends Christmas gift safe
Monday, 19th	Junior Carol Concert - 2pm in the Church
Tuesday, 20th	LAST DAY OF AUTUMN TERM - please note there is no after school Ark club
JANUARY 2023	
Thursday, 5th	First day back to school
Friday, 6th	Epiphany Mass - whole school Mass @ 9am
Thursday, 19th	Year 1 trip to Oaklands Museum
FEBRUARY 2023	
Monday, 13th - Friday, 17th	Half term
Monday, 20th	INSET DAY
MARCH 2023	
Wednesday, 1st	Year 6 trip to the Natural History Museum - details to follow
Thursday, 2nd	World Book Day - Bedtime Stories
Wednesday, 15th	Year 3 trip to Colchester Castle - details to follow
Friday, 31st	LAST DAY OF SPRING TERM - please note there is no after school Ark club

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MERIT BADGES

WEEK ENDING 25th November 2022

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

Foundation	Olivia	Adam
Year 1	Lilian	Nahson
Year 2	Esme	Oscar
Year 3	Florence	Hartley
Year 4	Liam	Aurora
Year 5	Aoife	Scarlett
Year 6	Catherine M	Katherine G

HOUSE POINTS

WEEK ENDING 25th November 2022

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

BECKET	CAMPION	FISHER	MORE
2nd (145)	4th (143)	3rd (141)	1st (153)

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 25th November 2022

Foundation	Hannah	Michelle
Year 1	Gabriel	Anna
Year 2	Jocelyn	Ciara
Year 3	Elijah	Charlotte
Year 4	Cillian	Lara-Rose
Year 5	Sam	Asia
Year 6	Filip	Eli

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.



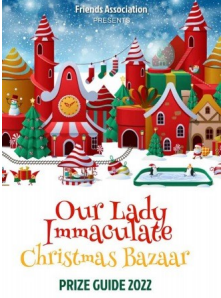
Friends Association News

Dear All,

Christmas bazaar raffle tickets

Raffle tickets for the adult prizes go on sale today after school. Please see the following link for the prize brochure showing some of the amazing prizes on offer. In addition to this there will be a number of hampers made up from your wonderful donations, these are displayed in the reception area

<https://online.fliphtml5.com/zemau/ggyy/>

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Grand drawer tickets

Please remember to return your grand drawer tickets into the school before Friday 2nd Dec

Non Uniform day

Friday 2nd Dec is non-uniform day in return for a bottle for the Christmas Bazaar bottle tombola.

Christmas Bazaar Volunteers

We are still looking for volunteers.

Please sign up via the following link:

<https://signup.com/go/wRzXkqr>

Or, contact Siobhan Harrison on 079666 92425 or Karen Charles Foster at Friends@ourladyimmaculate.essex.sch.uk

Christmas Bazaar Donations

We would be extremely grateful for the following donation:

- Chocolate bars for the chocolate gamble.
- Sweet donations (no nuts please).
- New/unused Gifts items.
- Preloved soft toys.
- New & unused Kids stationery items, Pencils, writing sets, note pads etc.
- Christmas jumpers for the Xmas jumper stall.
- Good quality school uniform.

Christmas jumpers

Christmas jumper day is coming up and we would like to help with the cost and the environmental impact! So we will be having a Christmas jumper stall at the Christmas bazaar, for a small donation. Please donate any that you no longer need.

Many thanks

The Friends Association



Attendance

Attendance Data: 94% and below 94% - 97% 97% and above

	Last week % 14.11.22 - 18.11.22	This week % 21-11-22 - 25.11.22
Foundation	97.7%	96.6%
Year 1	92.7%	86.3%
Year 2	95.7%	95.3%
Year 3	93.8%	97.5%
Year 4	99.4%	99.4%
Year 5	95.9%	96.3%
Year 6	97.5%	87.5%
Whole School Total	96.1%	94.1%

Congratulations to year 3 and 4 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.

MENU WEEK COMMENCING - 28th November – Week 3

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>



SPORTING AT OLI



Last week, 6 of our Year 2 children attended a football tournament at Great Baddow High School. We played a total of 5 games and put our very all into each and every game. Every child showed our core values and were ready to play, respectful to their opponents and kind to their team. They all represented our school brilliantly, well done Year 2!



New Parents— September 2023 Admissions

The application period for admission to Foundation class for September 2023 opened on 7th November 2022.

If you have **not** been attending Mass regularly, please do not ask Fr Martin to sign your form. However, please remember that you can still apply for a place at Our Lady Immaculate Primary by completing the Supplementary Information Form and sending this, along with a copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate to the office.

All documentation relating to admissions can be found on the school's website: ourladyimmaculateprimary.org.

Please also apply for your child's place via the Council website - www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.

The closing date for applications is 15th January 2023.

Voluntary Contribution

At the beginning of each school term, we encourage parents where possible, to make a small voluntary contribution to the school. Most families contribute between £10 and £15 per family; however any contribution, big or small, will be gratefully received. You are able to pay through School Gateway.

Through the contribution of families and the generous support of parents we have together been able to provide the curriculum resources and facilities that the children now benefit from in our school. For this, we are truly grateful.

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.



News from the ARK

Please remember, in light of Covid-19, all bookings for the Ark need to be made a week in advance.

Morning Sessions: 7:30am until 8:30am

Afternoon Sessions: 3:15pm until 4:15pm

4:15pm until 5:15pm

5:15pm until 6:15pm



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

