



'With God all things are possible'

Our Lady Immaculate School News



Our Lady Immaculate
Catholic Primary School
A Multi-Academy

4th November, 2022

The month of the Holy Souls

Issue 9

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to what promises to be another busy half-term! It was wonderful to see the children looking so smart as they returned to school dressed in their winter uniform.

On Monday, we held a special assembly for Mrs Reilly, who, after 32 years of service, has decided that it is time to hang up her scarves (she has an extensive range of them) and retire!

During her time at Our Lady Immaculate, Mrs Reilly has served with dedication, commitment and kindness. Indeed she says herself that if she were a stick of rock, the words 'Our Lady Immaculate', would be seen all the way through the middle of her.

I know that every member of the school community will miss Mrs Reilly and will wish her well for many different reasons. For me personally, I will feel the loss not only of her talents as a business manager, but also her steadfast loyalty and friendship. She has been by my side every step of the way through Covid19, leaky classrooms and soaring temperatures! I'm not quite sure what I would have done without her.

I am hopeful that after the last 3 years of turmoil that we have experienced, Mrs Murgatroyd will have a less stormy introduction to our wonderful school!

Wishing you and your family a wonderful weekend.

God Bless!

Lesley Roche
Headteacher

Parent Tours

Over the coming weeks, I am showing prospective parents around the school. This always celebrates OLI as a thriving learning community - we are so lucky to have such supportive parents, talented and skilled staff and amazing children. It is a joy to show people around our successful school.

Faith in Action

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the 'Wear it Pink' day on the last Friday of half-term. It raised an incredible £228.40 for this amazing charity.



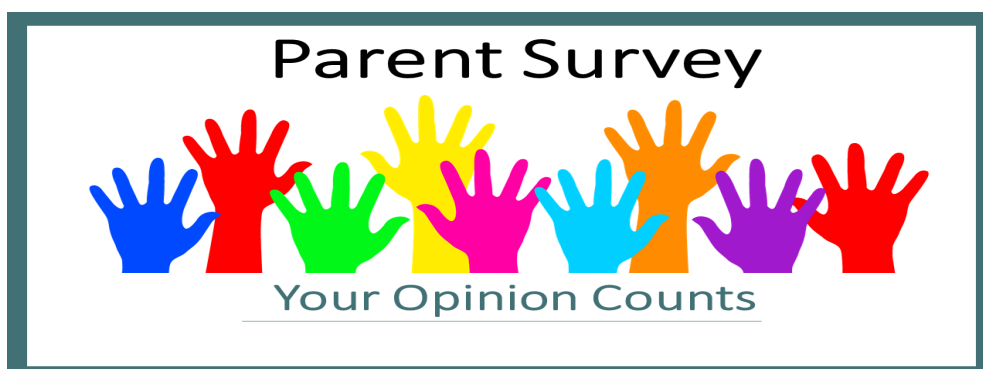
Thought for the weekend



Parent Survey

Thank you to everyone who took part in the parent survey. I am delighted to say your responses were overwhelmingly positive and a breakdown of them can be seen on the school website.

If you do have any concerns, and you would like to discuss these further with me, please contact the office to arrange an appointment.



School Uniform

I thought that it would be a good time to take this opportunity to remind you of our uniform rules. All children's hair should avoid extremes in style and be kept clean and tidy. Any child's hair that is shoulder length or longer, **must be tied back** for reasons of health and safety. Boy's hair must be above collar length or tied back; however, no hair style should be shorter than a number three cut. Hair gel or hair braids with beads, are not permitted in school.

Girls

Autumn & Spring Term

*Navy blue blazer and badge (optional)

Black or navy coat

White blouse

**School tie (EYFS - elasticated)

Grey pinafore or grey skirt

Year 5 and 6 only: Grey tailored trousers (not jersey or stretch)

Royal blue sweatcardigan with school logo

White socks or grey tights

Black shoes (not trainers)

Children are not permitted to wear any jewellery like bracelets or nail varnish.

Boys

Autumn & Spring Term

*Navy blue blazer and badge (optional)

Black or navy coat

White shirt

**School tie (EYFS - elasticated)

Grey tailored trousers

Royal blue sweatshirt with school logo

Grey/black socks



DATES TO REMEMBER

Please note: new information will be presented in red

NOVEMBER 2022	
Tuesday, 8th	Individual school photos - please see below note
Wednesday, 9th	Year 5 Parish Mass @ 9.30am
Friday, 11th	Poppies and Poetry Day
Monday, 14th	Year 5 Remembrance Assembly @ 2.30pm Friends Association Meeting @ 7.30pm
Wednesday, 16th	Year 1 trip to Oaklands Museum Year 6 Parish Mass @ 9.30am
Friday, 18th	Odd Socks Day - £1 donation for NSPCC Flu Immunisations
Monday, 21st	Year 3 Advent Assembly @ 2.45pm
Wednesday, 23rd	Year 1 Parish Mass @ 9.30am
Monday, 28th	INSET DAY
Wednesday, 30th	Year 2 Parish Mass @ 9.30am
DECEMBER 2022	
Sunday, 4th	Christmas Bazaar
Wednesday, 7th	Foundation class Nativity @ 9.30am
Thursday, 8th	Feast Day - whole school Mass @ 10.30am
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 sale
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
FEBRUARY 2023	
Monday, 13th - Friday, 17th	Half term
Monday, 20th	INSET DAY

MERIT BADGES

WEEK ENDING 4th November 2022

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

Foundation	Alexandra	Kaitlyn
Year 1	Aisling	Brooke
Year 2	Emma	Avery
Year 3	Harry	Santiago
Year 4	Edith	Akosua
Year 5	Isla	Anthony
Year 6	Dawid	Ursula

HOUSE POINTS

WEEK ENDING 4th November 2022

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

BECKET	CAMPION	FISHER	MORE
4th (99)	2nd (101)	2nd (95)	1st (100)

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 4th November 2022

Foundation	Alexander	Molly
Year 1	Jessica	Alexander
Year 2	Sophia	Molly
Year 3	William	Ciara
Year 4	Jackson	Victor
Year 5	Ben	Aoife
Year 6	Annmiya	Cora

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 Artwork ordering

Hopefully your child/ren came home with their Christmas artwork design on Monday. The deadline for placing an artwork order is Monday 7th November.

Please scan the QR code and follow the link or enter the website name as it appears on the card, follow the steps and place your order. Please remember that every order helps raise money for the school.

Friends Association meeting

The next meeting will no longer be Monday 7th Nov, it will now be Monday 14th Nov, in the school at 19:30. Please join us if you can.

Christmas Bazaar Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers for our Christmas Bazaar on Sunday the 4/12/22. Please sign up using the simple instructions below:

1. Click this link to go to our invitation page on SignUp: <https://signup.com/go/wRzXkqr>
2. Enter your email address: (You will NOT need to register an account on SignUp)
3. Sign up! Choose your spots - SignUp will send you an automated confirmation and reminders. Easy!

Note: SignUp does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact Siobhán Harrison on 079666 92425 or Karen Charles Foster at Friends@ourladyimmaculate.essex.sch.uk and we can sign you up manually.

Christmas Bazaar donations

We are in need of donations for the Christmas Bazaar. Please see the attached flyer for further information.

Many thanks

The Friends Association



SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Carmel Jane Photographic Ltd will be visiting the school on 8th November to take individual and group family photographs. All the children will be photographed, however, parents are under no obligation to purchase them. If any parent wishes their children to be photographed in a family group, **please send a letter for the attention of Mrs Wright** clearly stating your wishes by Friday, 4th November – verbal messages from children will not be accepted nor will any letters be accepted after this date. If your request for a family photo includes pre-school siblings please bring them to school at 11.00 a.m. If you have any queries see Mrs Wright in the office.

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.

Attendance

Attendance Data:

94% and below

94% - 97%

97% and above

	Last week % 17/10/22 - 21/10/22	This week % 17/10/22 - 21/10/22
Foundation	79.3%	94.7%
Year 1	96.9%	93.3%
Year 2	98.8%	96%
Year 3	96.8%	98.8%
Year 4	97.8%	97.4%
Year 5	97.8%	95.6%
Year 6	95.2%	92.8%
Whole School Total	94.8%	95.5%

Congratulations to years 3 & 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 - 7th 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/carers 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>

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

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.



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.

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 Fawcett

