



The Rosary Trust

'With God all things are possible'

Our Lady Immaculate School News



Our Lady Immaculate
Catholic Primary School
A Multi-Academy

2nd December, 2022

The month of the Immaculate Conception

Issue 13

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

There has been lots going on in school this week.

The children continue to prepare for their up-and-coming Nativities and Junior Carol Concert. This is one of my greatest pleasures as a Headteacher, listening to their beautiful voices fill my office with joy.

On Wednesday, the children had another visit from Julian Sorsby. This time Mr Sorsby shared the story of 'Hannukah' - the Jewish Festival of Light. The children learned that 'Hannukah' means 'dedication', and commemorates the rededication of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem.

I am delighted to say that the children were transfixed by the lighting of the menorah and were able to answer lots of questions about the Jewish faith and its traditions. Learning about different faiths is an important part of our Religious Education, teaching our children respect, equality, tolerance, and a natural curiosity about how other people chose to live their lives.

Following on from the 'SPEAK OUT, STAY SAFE' class assemblies, which took place during Anti-Bullying Week, Year 5 and 6 took part in a NSPCC workshop. This workshop gave children the opportunity to learn about the different types of abuse in a child-friendly and age appropriate way, so that they can get help if and when they need it. It also helped them to identify a trusted adult they can talk to if they're ever worried about themselves or a friend. Finally, they learned about Childline, and how it can support them.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend. I am looking forward to seeing lots of you at the Christmas Bazaar on Sunday.

The Christmas Bazaar



Once again, our School Christmas Bazaar has been organised by our Friends Association and I know that Mrs Harrison, the Chair, has been supported by many parents to bring about a fantastic event on Sunday.

There will be plenty to see, do, eat and drink and of course to buy. As usual, Mrs Flynn is going to treat us to her delicious sausage rolls! All proceeds will directly benefit the children at school.

Thought for the weekend



Virtues to Live by

We continue to grow in the Virtue of **Patience**

"Rejoice in hope, be patient in your troubles, and pray at all times." (Romans 12:12)

God Bless!

Lesley Roche
Headteacher

DATES TO REMEMBER

Please note: new information will be presented in red

DECEMBER 2022	
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 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
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

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.

MERIT BADGES

WEEK ENDING 2nd December 2022

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

Foundation	Cameron	Molly
Year 1	Aadhya	Amari
Year 2	Sophia	Buddy
Year 3	Jeffray	Eloise
Year 4	Sofia I	Chimdike
Year 5	Grace	Conor
Year 6	Mellissa	Cora

HOUSE POINTS

WEEK ENDING 2nd December 2022

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

BECKET	CAMPION	FISHER	MORE
2nd (164)	3rd (158)	4th (155)	1st (176)

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 2nd December 2022

Foundation	Angel	Jan
Year 1	Fabian	Zuzanna
Year 2	Jocelyn	Pola
Year 3	Harry	Belle
Year 4	Edward	Maria
Year 5	Isla	Beatrice
Year 6	Zac	Josie

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

Finally, the Christmas bazaar is almost here. We really look forward to seeing you on Sunday. If anyone is still able to volunteer their time to help, please let one of the friends know.

Raffle tickets

Raffle tickets for the adult prizes will be 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 are a number of hampers made up from your wonderful donations, these are displayed in the reception area.

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

Adult raffle tickets, children's raffle tickets and grand drawer tickets will be available to buy at the bazar.

Cakes

Please bring home made cakes with ingredients listed to the school from 8am on Sunday.

Coding Club

Please see the attached flyer for a children's after school coding club. The company have donated the top prize for the children's raffle, a gaming party.

Many thanks

The Friends Association



Attendance

Attendance Data:

94% and below

94% - 97%

97% and above

	Last week % 21-11-22 - 25.11.22	This week % 28-11-22 - 02.12.22
Foundation	96.6%	94.2%
Year 1	86.3%	95%
Year 2	95.3%	96.9%
Year 3	97.5%	97.2%
Year 4	99.4%	97.3%
Year 5	96.3%	97%
Year 6	87.5%	94.3%
Whole School Total	94.1%	96%

Congratulations to years 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.

MENU WEEK COMMENCING - 5th December – 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>



SPORTING AT OLI



This week 8 of our Year 5/6 pupils represented the school and attended All In at Chelmsford Sports and Athletics Centre. They took part in a variety of activities such as archery, boccia, trampolining and more. All children had a wonderful time exploring some new sports and represented our school brilliantly.



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



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.



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



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.

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.