



The Rosary Trust

'With God all things are possible'

Our Lady Immaculate School News



Our Lady Immaculate
Catholic Primary School
A Multi-Academy

13th January 2023

The Month of the Holy name of Jesus

Issue 16

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back!

I hope that this newsletter finds you safe and well rested after the Christmas break. Things have moved on so quickly in school, especially with our visit from OFSTED, that Christmas seems like a distant memory!

With the arrival of the new year, we start to put away signs of our Christmas celebrations: we finish off festive food, box up decorations, maybe recycling Christmas cards (and Christmas trees!) and perhaps generally breathe a sigh of relief about the return to normality. As we busy ourselves discarding all things of the festive season and look ahead to what 2023 might have in store, it's good to pause and remember that we are still in the season of Christmastide, which officially ends at Candlemas on 2nd February. We can leave many things behind, but hopefully the image of Jesus, God's gift of joy, hope and peace for the world remains.

During Monday's assembly, the children thought about our new Virtue, '**Love of Learning**'. They discussed what we meant by a 'Love of Learning', and reflected upon Nelson Mandela's quote "*Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.*"

Going forth, the children were asked to set themselves a learning goal for the week and commit to working hard to achieve it.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Thought for the Weekend



Virtues to Live By

*"Let the wise hear and increase in learning, and the one who understands obtain guidance."
(Proverbs 1.5)*

As a school family, we will be living out the Virtue of the '**Love of Learning**'.

The children will know that they have a love of learning when:

- They want to learn new things
- They are excited and enthusiastic to learn
- They enjoy learning
- They are open minded
- They give time to their learning
- They always search for the truth
- They know what they want to achieve

Whole School Mass—Epiphany

Thank you Fr Martin for helping us to celebrate the arrival of the three kings, whilst celebrating God's gift of Himself, through the Blessed Sacrament of Communion.



God Bless!

Lesley Roche
Headteacher

DATES TO REMEMBER

Please note: new information will be presented in red

JANUARY 2023	
Wednesday, 18th	Year 2 Parish Mass @ 9.30am Friends Association Meeting @ 7.30pm
Thursday, 19th	Year 1 trip to Oaklands Museum
Wednesday, 25th	Year 3 Parish Mass @ 9.30am
FEBRUARY 2023	
Wednesday, 1st	Year 4 Parish Mass @ 9.30am Years 5 & 6 @ St. John Payne - meet at 9.10am
Wednesday, 8th	Year 5 Parish Mass @ 9.30am
Monday, 13th - Friday, 17th	Half term
Monday, 20th	INSET DAY
Wednesday, 22nd	Whole School Mass - Ash Wednesday @ 9.30am
MARCH 2023	
Wednesday, 1st	Year 6 trip to the Natural History Museum - details to follow Year 1 Parish Mass @ 9.30am
Thursday, 2nd	World Book Day - Bedtime Stories
Wednesday, 8th	Foundation and Year 6 Parish Mass @ 9.30am
Wednesday, 15th	Year 3 trip to Colchester Castle - details to follow Year 2 Parish Mass @ 9.30am
Wednesday, 22nd	Year 4 Parish Mass @ 9.30am
Friday, 31st	LAST DAY OF SPRING TERM - please note there is no after school Ark club
APRIL 2023	
Monday, 24th	Year 4 trip to Harry Potter World

Friends Association News

Dear All,

Please join us at the Friends Association meeting on Wednesday, 18th January - In the school at 7:30pm

Or via Zoom:

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/82094761914?pwd=azlyTzkrZEd3ZFFkTUQxQWVpMW9HUT09>

Meeting ID: 820 9476 1914

Passcode: Phn7ee



MERIT BADGES

WEEK ENDING 13th January 2023

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

Foundation	Theodora	Olivia
Year 1	Praise	Savio
Year 2	Hugh T-C	Sean
Year 3	Julian	Matilda
Year 4	Rhoda	Liam
Year 5	Caius	George
Year 6	Amalie	Constance

HOUSE POINTS

WEEK ENDING 13th January 2023

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

BECKET	CAMPION	FISHER	MORE
4th (199)	2nd (200)	2nd (184)	1st (220)

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 13th January 2023

Foundation	Luca	Rachel
Year 1	Raine-Esme	Anna
Year 2	Ronnie	Ysabella
Year 3	Jack	Anna
Year 4	Victor	Natalia
Year 5	Roisin	Isabella
Year 6	Denzil	Dolcie

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

YEAR 6 PREFECTS

Spring Term

HEAD BOY

Filip

DEPUTY HEAD BOY

Zac

HEAD GIRL

Ivy

DEPUTY HEAD GIRL

Grainne

HOUSE CAPTAINS

Fisher

Cora

Dolcie

Beckett

Lennon

Katherine G

Campion

Charlotte

Dawid

More

Josie

Catherine M



GATE PREFECTS

Edward

Amalie

Zachary

Pippa

LANYARD PREFECTS

Ciaran

MARY'S MARKET

Melissa

Amelia

Gracie

WORSHIP LEADERS

Eli

Annmiya

PE LEADERS

Daniel

Denzil

Ursula

Lexie



HYMN PRACTICE LEADERS

Laura

Sarah

Constance

COMPUTING LEADERS

Josiah

Luke

Thursday 19th January 2023

Please encourage your child in KS1 to try a free school meal on Thursday 7th October 2021. 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 19th January 2023 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

School Vacancy

Part-Time Catering Assistant

We are looking for a Catering Assistant to join our lunchtime team to work 10 hours per week, 12.00pm to 2.00pm Monday to Friday - term time only. Salary Scale 2 (£10.60 per hour).

The role includes serving meals to children, general cleaning duties (including all equipment and machines), maintaining high levels of hygiene standards and may include cooking and preparing food/salad bar. The successful candidate will be able to work as part of a team. The role is physical and demanding, but we can offer a happy environment to work in. Training will be given.

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.

Further information can be obtained by contacting the Business Manager, Mrs. Lindsey Murgatroyd Tel. 01245 353755 or by email lindsey.murgatroyd@ourladyimmaculate.essex.sch.uk

We look forward to hearing from you!

MENU WEEK COMMENCING - 16th January – 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>

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.



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**.

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.



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.**

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.