



The Rosary Trust

'With God all things are possible'

Our Lady Immaculate School News



Our Lady Immaculate
Catholic Primary School
A Multi-Academy

20th January 2023

The Month of the Holy name of Jesus

Issue 17

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

During Monday's assembly, the children reflected on the momentous occasion of Jesus' Baptism, when we meet the family of God: the Trinity.

The children learnt that the family of God, **the Holy Trinity, is a mystery**: one God, with three persons. Like our families, there are similarities and differences between the three persons of the Holy Trinity, and they each have an important role to play. Through our own Baptism, we too are invited to join God's family.

I am sure that you will have noticed a drop in temperature this week—I certainly have whilst standing on the school gate! Bearing this in mind, I thought that it would be appropriate to remind parents of the School closure information in case of severe weather. This is also published on our website.

In the event of snow or severe weather, you will be able to see the full list of school closures on the Essex County Council website. The page can be accessed using the link below.

<http://www.essex.gov.uk/Education-Schools/Schools/Dates/Pages/Emergency-School-Closures.aspx>

The Emergency Closures page will update as and when notifications are received, therefore it is recommended that you continue to check or refresh the page.

In addition, we will also aim to send you a text message.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Virtues to Live By

We have continued to show and grow in our **Love of Learning**.



The Friends Association

On Wednesday, the Friends Association met up to discuss this term's fund raising activities.

If you have any spare capacity, please do consider joining this wonderful group of people. I feel blessed to have such an amazing group of parents working so hard to raise much needed funds for our wonderful school and I know they could always do with an extra pair of hands!

THANK YOU!



Thought for the Weekend



"Every time you smile at someone it is an action of love, a gift to that person, a beautiful thing."

"Peace begins with a smile."

~ Mother Teresa

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Behold the Lamb

Mission

The next time you are at Mass and the priest says:

"Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world."

Look up and remember that you are looking at Jesus, the one who died for you and the one who loves you so much.



God Bless!

Lesley Roche
Headteacher

Year 1 Trip to Oaklands Museum

Year 1 loved exploring Chelmsford's past at Oaklands Museum yesterday. Aren't we lucky to have such an excellent resource on our doorstep!



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.**

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

Please note: new information will be presented in red

JANUARY 2023	
Wednesday, 25th	Year 3 Parish Mass @ 9.30am
FEBRUARY 2023	
Wednesday, 1st	Year 4 Parish Mass @ 9.30am
Friday, 3rd	Friends Disco Ticket Sale @ 8.30am Friends Coffee Morning 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
Saturday, 25th	Friends Disco
MARCH 2023	
Wednesday, 1st	Year 6 trip to the Natural History Museum 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 Year 2 Parish Mass @ 9.30am
Thursday, 16th	Infant Music Festival (Year 2) - more details soon
Friday, 17th	Friends Mother's Day Gift Sale
Wednesday, 22nd	Year 4 Parish Mass @ 9.30am
Friday, 31st	LAST DAY OF SPRING TERM - please note there is no after school Ark club Friends Easter Raffle and Easter Fun Day
APRIL 2023	
Monday, 17th	First Day of Summer Term
Saturday, 22nd	Friends Bingo
Monday, 24th	Year 4 trip to Harry Potter World
MAY 2023	
Saturday, 13th	Friends Race Night
Monday, 29th - Friday, 2nd	Half-term

JUNE 2023	
Monday, 12th - Wednesday, 14th	Year 6 trip to Norfolk
Friday, 16th	Friends Father's Day Gift Sale
Wednesday, 28th	Year 5 - Farm to Fork at Writtle College - more details soon
JULY 2023	
Wednesday, 5th	Infants trip to Barleylands - more details soon
Saturday, 8th	Friends Summer Festival
Friday, 21st	LAST DAY OF SUMMER TERM - please note there is no after school Ark club

MERIT BADGES

WEEK ENDING 20th January 2023

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

Foundation	Peter	Richmond
Year 1	Hugo	Violet
Year 2	Nico	Oscar
Year 3	William	Max
Year 4	Dorian	Florence C
Year 5	Agnese	Mayah
Year 6	Ciaran	

HOUSE POINTS

WEEK ENDING 20th January 2023

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

BECKET	CAMPION	FISHER	MORE
4th (211)	2nd (216)	1st (201)	2nd (236)

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 20th January 2023

Foundation	Enzo	Kaitlyn
Year 1	Lucas	Zerah
Year 2	Richmond	Emma
Year 3	Finn	Sienna
Year 4	Oscar	Nell
Year 5	Kwemto	Jack
Year 6	Dawid	Zachary

Friends Association News

Dear All,

Disco 25/2/23 - We have our first disco of 2023 on Saturday the 25/02/23 from 5.30-7.30pm. There will be hot food, snacks and a fully licensed bar available! Raffle prizes to be won! Looking forward to seeing you all with your dancing shoes on!

Disco tickets sales 3/2/23 - Disco tickets will go on sale in the playground on Friday the 3/2/23 at 8.30am. This is always a very popular event and tickets sell out very fast. If your child is at the Ark, please leave an envelope with the money and number of tickets required at the office on that day, you will be able to pick your tickets up from the office later that day. If tickets don't sell out they will be on sale in the playground at pick up on the 3/2/23 and periodically the following week.

Coffee morning 3/2/23 - The Friends Association will be hosting a coffee morning after the disco ticket sales in the school hall from 9.00am on the 3/2/23. Please come along to have a coffee, mingle and hear about all the events we have planned for the year and also how you can get involved to help your school going forward! The Friends is not just about raising money for the school but it is also about making Friends, so please do come along, we are really looking forward to meeting you!

Thanks a million,



School Vacancies

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

Midday Assistant

Our Lady Immaculate School is looking to recruit a permanent Midday Assistant. The position is for a total of 1.5 hours a day on Mondays and Fridays from 12:00pm to 1:30pm, term time only. The hourly rate is: £10.60 plus holiday pay. For further information and an application form please contact Lindsey Murgatroyd – lindsey.murgatroyd@ourladyimmaculate.essex.sch.uk or 01245 353755. No previous experience required as training will be given.

Our school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our children and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. All appointments require an enhanced DBS disclosure, medical check and satisfactory references. In compliance with Safer Recruitment guidelines, CVs cannot be accepted.

We look forward to hearing from you!

MENU WEEK COMMENCING - 23rd January – 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>

Attendance

Attendance Data:

94% and below

94% - 97%

97% and above

	Last week % 09.01.23-13.01.23	This week % 16.01.23-20.01.23
Foundation	95.3%	97.7%
Year 1	96.9%	100%
Year 2	97.7%	100%
Year 3	97.2%	99.1%
Year 4	96.6%	99.4%
Year 5	98.1%	100%
Year 6	98.1%	97.7%
Whole School Total	97.1%	99.2%

Congratulations to the **WHOLE SCHOOL** 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.

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.



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.