

With God all things are possible'



Our Lady Immaculate School News



Our Lady Immaculate
Catholic Primary School
A Multi-Academy

27th January 2023

The Month of the Holy name of Jesus

Issue 18

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

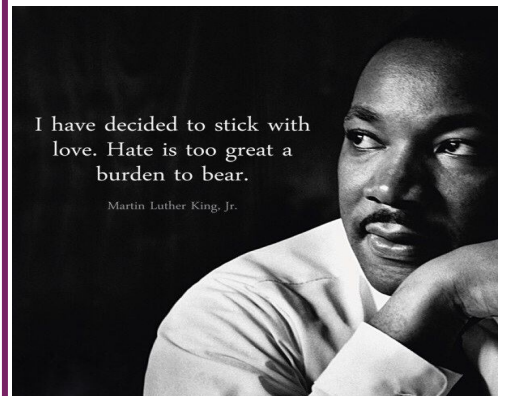
“Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.” And they left their nets at once and followed Him.’ Matthew 4:19-20

We have had another busy week in school, and it has been a real pleasure to be able to pop in and out of the different classes to see all the learning. The Foundation children were especially excited to see me as they wanted to show me their amazing writing about the ‘Naughty Bus’.

During Monday’s Collective Worship the children heard about the disciples’ choice to follow Jesus and how this changed their whole lives. The children thought about the great trust the disciples had in Jesus as they stopped what they were doing and immediately followed him. They reflected on how they too can trust Jesus and respond to the same call to follow Him. Following Jesus means modelling ourselves on Him and spreading the Good News.

Wishing you all a lovely and peaceful weekend.

Thought for the weekend!



Virtues to live by



This week the children have continued to focus on growing in the Virtue of **Love of Learning**.

Know it in your head, feel it in your heart, and show it with your hands.

Children’s Mental Health Week

To help shine a spotlight on the importance of children and young people’s mental health, we will once again be participating in Children’s Mental Health Week. As part of our plans, we are inviting children to come into school on Friday, 10th February, ‘**Dressed to Express**’. This means using clothing and colour to express themselves.

The whole day will be devoted to mental health and wellbeing.



God Bless!

Lesley Roche
Headteacher

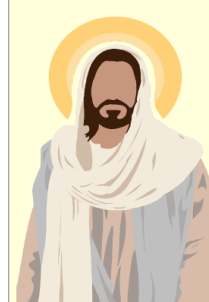
Follow Me

Mission

“Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.”

To follow Jesus means to be with him.
Be with Jesus this week.

Spend time in prayer speaking to him and listening to his voice. Each day, keep reminding yourself that he is with you and can lead you in every situation.



The Magistrates Court

On Wednesday, the School Council were given an opportunity to take part in a National Justice court case at the Magistrate's Court in Chelmsford.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Please note: new information will be presented in red

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
Friday, 10th	Dressed to Express Day (non-uniform day)
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 27th January 2023

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

Foundation	Claudia	Dhiya
Year 1	Joshua	Zuzanna
Year 2	Charlene	Hugh K
Year 3	Isabella	Harry K
Year 4	Florence J	Oli
Year 5	Anthony	Erin
Year 6	Luke	Lennon

HOUSE POINTS

WEEK ENDING 27th January 2023

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

BECKET	CAMPION	FISHER	MORE
1st (227)	2nd (225)	3rd (209)	3rd (244)

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 27th January 2023

Foundation	T-J	Daisy
Year 1	Alexander	Lilian
Year 2	Leo	Sophia
Year 3	Santiago	Keva
Year 4	Joseph	Edith
Year 5	Taid	Aoife
Year 6	Daniel	Laura

Friends Association News

Dear All,

Disco 25/2/23 5.30-7.30pm.

There will be hot food, snacks, a fully licensed bar and a raffle. Looking forward to seeing you all with your dancing shoes on!

Tickets will go on sale at school drop off on 3/2/23. This is always very popular and tickets sell out 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, and collect the tickets later that day. If they don't sell out they will be on sale 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. Please come along to have a coffee and chat and hear about the events we have planned and how you may be able to help with the fundraising for the school. The Friends association 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!



The Friends Association

School Vacancies

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!

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

MENU WEEK COMMENCING - 30th January – Week 2

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 % 16.01.23-20.01.23	This week %
Foundation	97.7%	94.3%
Year 1	100%	99%
Year 2	100%	97.7%
Year 3	99.1%	98.8%
Year 4	99.4%	98.1%
Year 5	100%	97.5%
Year 6	97.7%	98.8%
Whole School Total	99.2%	97.7%

Congratulations to years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 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.