



'With God all things are possible'

Our Lady Immaculate School News



Our Lady Immaculate
Catholic Primary School
A Multi-Academy

24th February 2023

The Month of the Holy Family

Issue 22

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 you all enjoyed a relaxing half-term. I always love returning to school after a short break; watching the children bundle into school with huge smiles on their faces, eager to see their friends!

On Wednesday, we came together as a whole school family in Church to celebrate Ash Wednesday. Our Lenten journey has begun.

Lent is a good opportunity, especially with older children, to think about behaviours that get in the way of our friendship with God. As the children begin their Lenten journey it is important for them to reflect on how we treat other people and say sorry for times when we have caused hurt or upset. Saying sorry can be hard, but when God forgives us, our sin is washed away.

The following prayer, known as the 'Sorry Prayer' or 'Act of Contrition', is one that is familiar to Key Stage 2 Children

It's a prayer to say sorry and ask for God's help in the future.

My God, I am sorry,

Please forgive me

For the things I have done wrong.

Help me to live like Jesus

As I try to do bet-

ter.

Amen.

God Bless!

Lesley Roche
Headteacher

Lenten Prayer



*Loving and compassionate
God,*

*teach us to show love and
mercy to each other.*

*As we begin our journey
through Lent, inspire us to
be generous and kind.*

*Through our joy, patience
and kindness, may we help
to build a better world.*

Amen.

Thought for the weekend!



Not all of us can
do great things.
But we can do
small things with
great love.

MOTHER TERESA

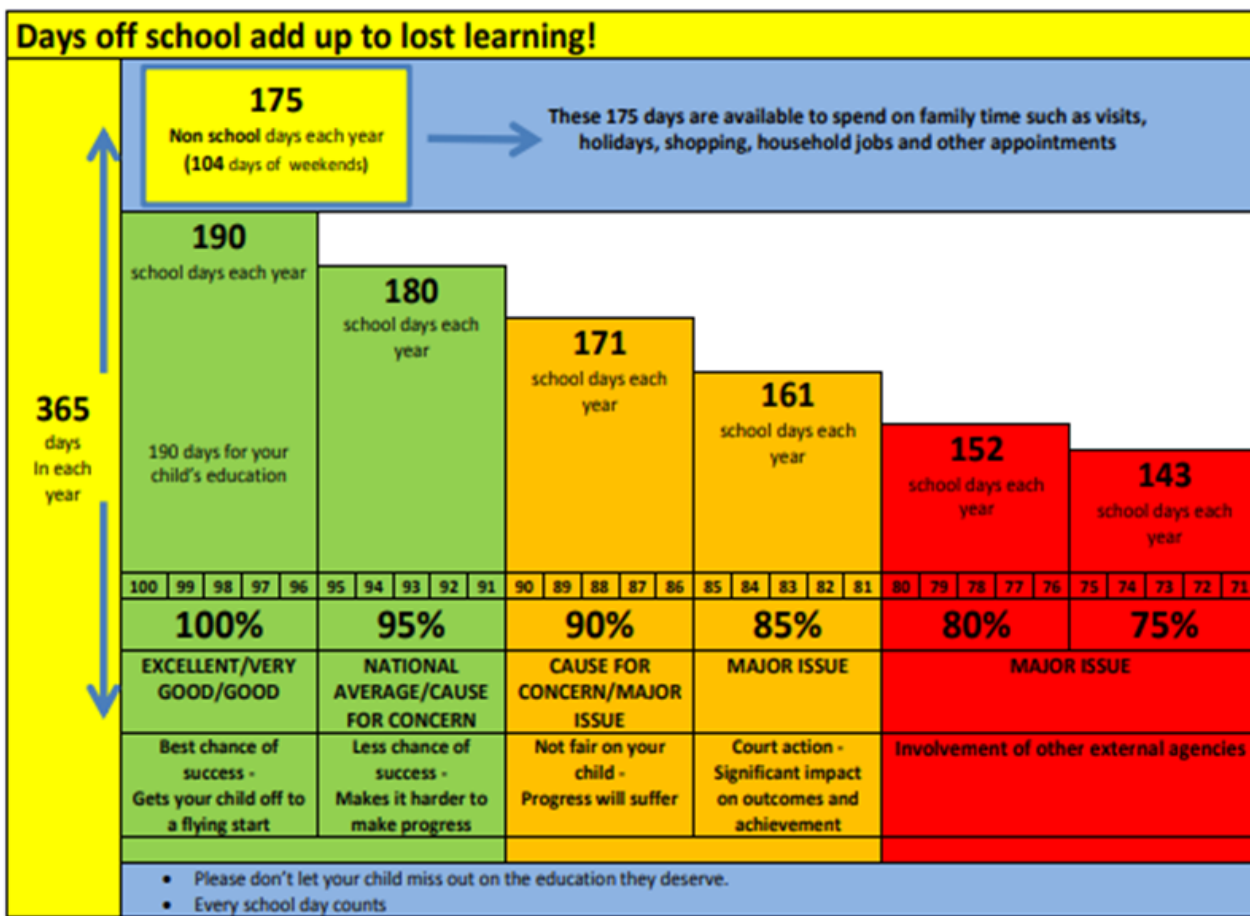
World Thinking Day— A celebration of the Girl Guide and Scouting Movement!



Attendance

We know that these things are unavoidable but please do ensure that your child is in school whenever they can be. Lost learning now has a big impact on children's future learning.

Please be aware that the school is **strictly unable to sanction any holidays** taken during term time.



Friends Association News

Dear All,

Disco 25/2/23 5.30-7.30pm.

We look forward to seeing you tomorrow for the school disco. There will be hot food, a bar, a tuck shop and a raffle.

The tickets have all sold out so please only come if you have a ticket/ordered. See you then!!

Many thanks,
The Friends

Friends association email address:

friends@ourladyimmaculate.essex.sch.uk



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

FEBRUARY 2023	
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
Tuesday, 14th	Infant Music Festival (Year 2) - more details soon
Wednesday, 15th	Year 3 trip to Colchester Castle Year 2 Parish Mass @ 9.30am
Friday, 17th	Friends Mother's Day Gift Sale
Monday, 20th	Foundation class assembly celebrating Mother's Day
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 24th February 2023

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

Foundation	Michelle	Jan
Year 1	Francine	Fabian
Year 2	Molly	Sebastian
Year 3	Ciara	Jeffray
Year 4	Abigail	Chimdike
Year 5	Kwemto	Scarlett
Year 6	Sarah	Denzil

HOUSE POINTS

WEEK ENDING 24th February 2023

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

BECKET	CAMPION	FISHER	MORE
2nd (243)	1st (244)	4th (219)	3rd (259)

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 24th February 2023

Foundation	Alexa	Dhiya
Year 1	Joshua	Raine-Esme
Year 2	Jaelan	Esme
Year 3	Daniel	Matilda
Year 4	Sofia	Brian
Year 5	Jack	Damia
Year 6	Pippa	Lennon

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.**

MENU WEEK COMMENCING - 27th February – 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>

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.



Clubs

The clubs for February will be:

Monday Multi sports - years 1 & 2 - 3.15pm - 4.15pm

(27th February - 27th March)

Team sports - years 3 & 4 - 3.15pm - 4.15pm

(27th February - 27th March)

High 5's - years 5 & 6 - 3.15pm - 4.15pm

(27th February - 27th March)



Tuesday Rugbys - years 1 & 2 - 3.15pm - 4.15pm

(21st February - 28th March)

Football - years 5 & 6 - 3.15pm - 4.15pm

(21st February - 28th March)



Wednesday Art - years 1, 2 & 3 - 3.15pm - 4.15pm

(22nd February - 29th March)

Thursday Bootcamp - years 3, 4, 5 & 6 - 3.15pm - 4.15pm

(23rd February - 30th March)

Chess - years 4, 5 & 6 - 3.15pm - 4.15pm

(23rd February - 30th March - **only children who attended last half-term**)

Art - years 4, 5 & 6 - 3.15pm - 4.15pm

(23rd February - 30th March)

Friday Guitar - years 3, 4, 5 & 6 - 3.15pm - 4.15pm

(23rd February - 24th March - **no guitar club on the 31st March due to the school closing at 3.15pm**)

The clubs will be released towards the beginning of next week. There is no Drama club until the start of the Summer term.

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



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.