



The Rosary Trust

'With God all things are possible'

Our Lady Immaculate School News



Our Lady Immaculate
Catholic Primary School
A Multi-Academy

3rd February 2023

The Month of the Holy Family

Issue 20

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

I cannot believe that we are now into the second month of the year, and are only a week away from half term! Where has the time gone!

Today is Rosa Parks' Day and as such, during Monday's assembly the children heard about this courageous African American woman, who in 1955 refused to give up her seat for a white person. In so doing, Rosa Parks inspired people to march against segregation, helping to initiate the Civil Rights Movement—a movement that demanded the same rights for all people, led by Martin Luther King.

The children reflected upon their own rights and how it would feel to have them taken away. They were reminded that we are all made in God's image and are therefore all equal. Jesus modelled kindness, compassion and forgiveness for all mankind to follow, and as his children we should commit to doing the same.



We are what we repeatedly do! (Aristotle)

God Bless!

Lesley Roche
Headteacher

Virtues to Live By



This week we have been growing in the Virtue of **Citizenship**.

Signs you are a good citizen:

- I show love for my neighbour through my actions
- I am part of my community
- I make a positive difference
- I look for opportunities to serve others
- I am proactive
- I play my part to look after the environment

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

Thought for the weekend!

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Children's Mental Health Week



Next week is 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. As usual, we are asking for a small donation of £1 and all monies raised will be donated to Brentwood Catholic Children's Society.

The day will be devoted to mental health and wellbeing, beginning with a whole.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that there are lots of mental health and wellbeing resources available to view on our school website:

ourladyimmaculateprimary.org

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 be on sale periodically at pick ups throughout the week. 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.

Adventure Island wrist bands

We are selling Adventure Island wrist bands for £16, which is a £10 saving on the normal price. These can be ordered from Siobhan Harrison on 07966 692425

Help

We really need your help to keep us going with organising all of the events which raises much needed money to support the school. It doesn't need to be a huge commitment, just a little bit of time. If you are able to support us please contact Siobhan Harrison on 07966 692425 or one of the friends.

Christmas artwork and gift sale

The artwork raised £400 profit and the gift sale £613 profit for the school. Thank you so much for your support and orders and we do hope you all liked your orders and gifts.

The Friends Association

SVP Chelmsford Appeal

Books for Ukraine

We are looking for good quality, second-hand fiction and non-fiction books in the 5-14 years age range to send to children in Ukraine who are keen to develop their English. Please bring in to school before the 10th of February.

Many thanks for your support.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Please note: new information will be presented in red

FEBRUARY 2023	
Wednesday, 8th	Year 5 Parish Mass @ 9.30am Year 4 - Superstars event @ 12pm - 3pm
Friday, 10th	Dress to Express Day (non-uniform day) - £1 donation
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
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 3rd February 2023

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

Foundation	Annie	Adam
Year 1	Toby	Lilian
Year 2	Pola	Peter
Year 3	Hanna	Lachlan
Year 4	Malachy	Aurora
Year 5	Luke	Millie
Year 6	Grainne	Zachary

HOUSE POINTS

WEEK ENDING 3rd 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 3rd February 2023

Foundation	Antoni	Rachel
Year 1	Gabriel	Sienna
Year 2	Alex	Ysabella
Year 3	Elijah	Joselyn
Year 4	Brian	Sofia I
Year 5	Teddy	Grace
Year 6	Amelia	Catherine

MENU WEEK COMMENCING - 6th February – 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>

Attendance

Attendance Data:

94% and below

94% - 97%

97% and above

	Last week % 23.01.23 - 27.01.23	This week % 30.01.23 - 03.02.23
Foundation	94.3%	96.7%
Year 1	99%	97.4%
Year 2	97.7%	95.8%
Year 3	98.8%	95.3%
Year 4	98.1%	99.2%
Year 5	97.5%	91.4%
Year 6	98.8%	96.1%
Whole School Total	97.7%	96%

Congratulations to years 1, & 4 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.

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 Rugbytots - 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)

Mindful Movement (formerly Music and Movement) - years 1-6 - 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.

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

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.



5 REASONS TO JOIN PTA

BENEFIT YOUR CHILD!
#1 Research shows that children perform better when parents are involved both at home and at school.

GET CONNECTED!
#2 There is no better way to know what's happening at school.

TAP INTO A NETWORK!
#3 PTA connects you to other parents and teachers through meetings, events, and communications, helping to build a sense of community.

BE A ROLE MODEL!
#4 By becoming a PTA member, you'll be demonstrating the importance you place on education.

WITNESS IMPROVEMENT!
#5 By getting involved in PTA you'll be a part of the solution—helping to make positive changes.