

'With God all things are possible'



The Rosary Trust

Our Lady Immaculate School News



Our Lady Immaculate
Catholic Primary School
A Multi-Academy

21st April, 2023

The month of Holy Spirit

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

*"The Lord is my strength and my song"
(Psalm 118:14)*

It was lovely to see children and staff return after the Easter holiday looking refreshed, rested and ready for the summer term.

During Monday's assembly, the children were introduced to our new Virtue to live by: **Resilience**. Given that the summer term is the final stretch until the finish line, it seems aptly appropriate!

Indeed, we always expect the children to step it up, give of their best and rise to the challenges of their final term in the academic year. This is a particularly significant term for our Year 6 children who continue to prepare to be the best that they can be, for us to send them on their way in July.

The children reflected on what we mean by the word **Resilience**. They learned that to be resilient is to accept that there will be difficulties in life; to see these as a challenge and not to be discouraged. To search for your inner strengths and faith to get you through personal challenges. The children understood from this that when we persevere, even when we have doubts, in our hearts we remain committed. When we are resilient we can cope with the doubts because deep down we know where we stand and are committed for the long run.

The children agreed that signs of **Resilience** include:

Not to let doubts stop you from trying
Not being afraid because you know you are not alone
Asking God to help you grow through your personal challenges
Taking one step at a time - You keep going!
Completing what you start
Being a reliable classmate

"With God all things are possible"

God Bless!

*Lesley Roche
Headteacher*

Road Safety in Reception

On Monday, Reception parents were invited to join their children for a road safety talk, delivered by Essex County Council.

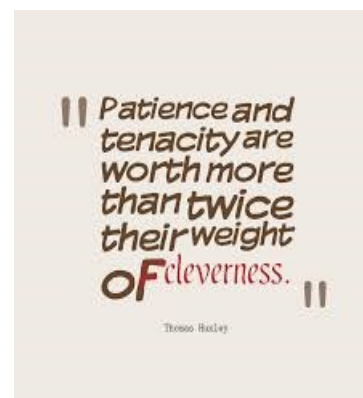
This talk is especially important for our children, as we are positioned so closely to a busy main road.



Thought for the weekend!

"Perhaps the most valuable result of all education is the ability to make yourself do the thing you have to do, when it ought to be done, whether you like it or not."

Thomas Huxley



Year 4's Easter Homework



Under the Sea - Virtual Reality Experience

On Wednesday, the children were given an opportunity to use a virtual reality device to dive underwater and explore our world's oceans. From the enormous whale shark to a magnificent sea turtle, children from Reception to Year 6 experienced an underwater journey like no other. I would like to say a huge **THANK YOU** to the **FRIENDS ASSOCIATION** for funding such an exciting immersive experience for our children to enjoy. These opportunities really do matter!



DATES TO REMEMBER

Please note: new information will be presented in red

APRIL 2023	
Monday, 24th	Year 4 trip to Harry Potter World
Wednesday, 26th	Year 4 Parish Mass @ 9.30am
MAY 2023	
Wednesday, 3rd	Foundation and Year 6 Parish Mass @ 9.30am
Wednesday, 10th	Year 1 Parish Mass @ 9.30am
Wednesday, 17th	Year 6 meeting re. June Residential trip @ 6.30pm
Friday, 19th	May Procession @ 2.30pm (TBC)
Wednesday, 24th	Year 5 Parish Mass @ 9.30am
Friday, 26th	Family Day (Mass, Open Day & Races) (TBC)
Monday, 29th - Friday, 2nd	Half-term
JUNE 2023	
Monday, 12th - Wednesday, 14th	Year 6 trip to Norfolk
Tuesday, 13th	Year 2 trip to Wagamama's (details coming soon)
Thursday, 15th	Year 6 Theatre Trip to The Lion King
Friday, 16th	Friends Father's Day Gift Sale
Tuesday, 20th	Year 5 trip to Wagamama's (details coming soon)
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

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.

MERIT BADGES

WEEK ENDING 21st April 2023

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

Foundation	Tobias-James	Naia
Year 1	Jessica	Nahson
Year 2	Emma	Sophia
Year 3	Keva	Daniel
Year 4	Hattie	Akosue
Year 5	Maks	Alessia
Year 6	Pippa	Ivy

HOUSE POINTS

WEEK ENDING 21st April 2023

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

BECKET	CAMPION	FISHER	MORE
4th (266)	3rd (270)	2nd (250)	1st (300)

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 21st April 2023

Foundation	Jan	Milan
Year 1	Kingsley	Rosie
Year 2	Hugh K	Molly
Year 3	Lachlan	Kimberley
Year 4	Cillian	Oscar
Year 5	Aaron	Lily
Year 6	Ursula	Sarah

PE - Summer Term 1

PE lessons after the Easter holidays are:

Foundation	Tuesday
Year 1	Tuesday
Year 2	Thursday
Year 3	Wednesday
Year 4	Monday
Year 5	Friday (swimming)
Year 6	Monday



YEAR 6 PREFECTS

Summer Term

HEAD BOY

Denzil

DEPUTY HEAD BOY

Zachary

HEAD GIRL

Katherine G

DEPUTY HEAD GIRL

Dolcie

HOUSE CAPTAINS

Fisher

Amalie

Ciaran

Beckett

Edward

Constance

Campion

Amelia

Daniel

More

Pippa

Gracie



GATE PREFECTS

Laura

Annmiya

Zac

Luke

Josiah

LANYARD PREFECTS

Lennon

MARY'S MARKET

Charlotte

Grainne

Ursula

WORSHIP LEADERS

Cora

Sarah

PE LEADERS

Dawid

Filip

Ivy

Catherine M

Sarah



HYMN PRACTICE LEADERS

Josie

Melissa

COMPUTING LEADERS

Nathan

Eli

Friends Association News

Pre-loved uniform

Pre-loved uniform is available on display in the school for a donation to the friends association. Please make arrangements with the school office if you wish to view the uniform.

Clothing bin

Please remember the clothing bin the playground if you have any clothing items you are getting rid of. The greater the amount of the clothing the more money raised for the friends association.

The Friends Association



DROP OFF AND PICK UP PARKING

Church Car Park and Staff Car Park (in front of school)

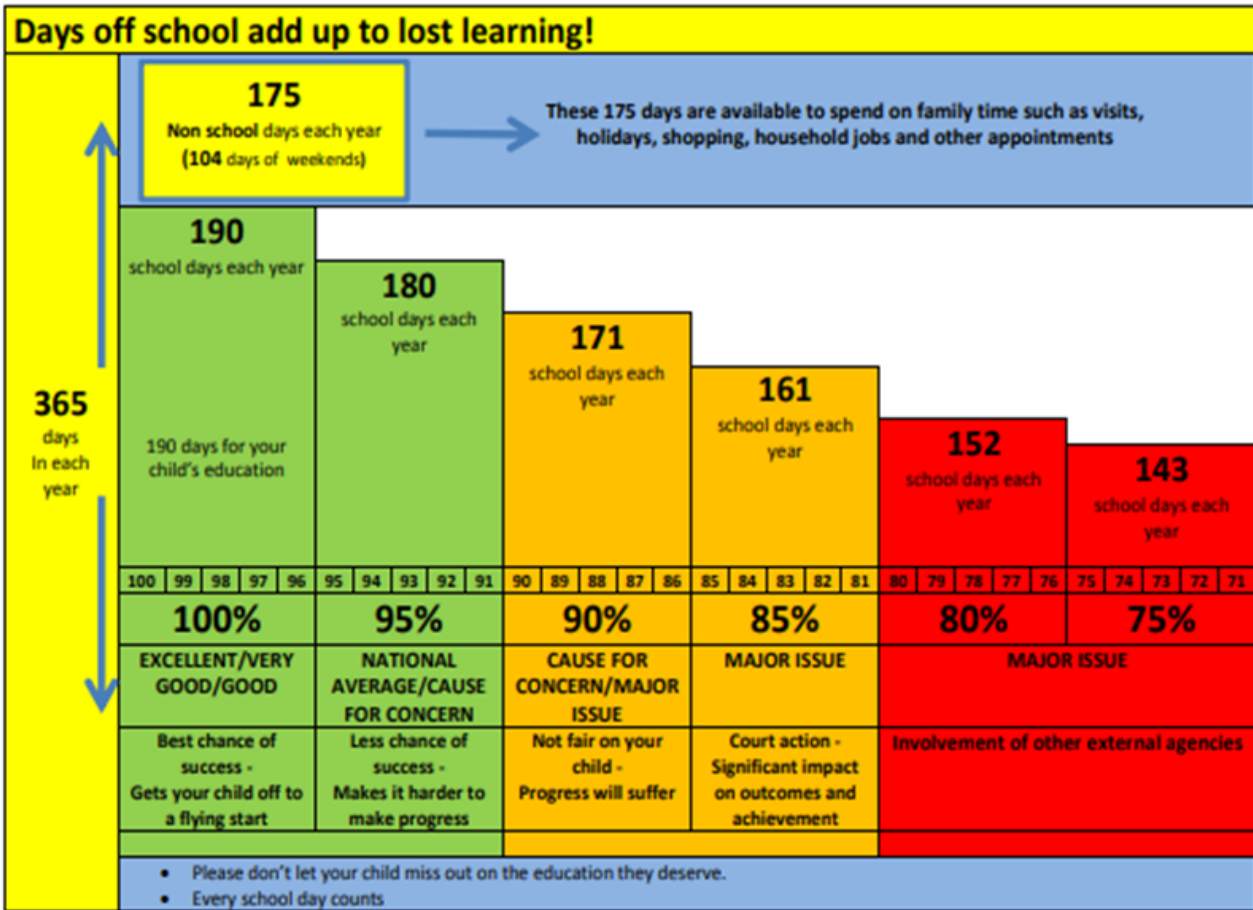


Please remember that there is NO PARKING behind the church when dropping off or collecting your child. The car park is for Church use only. Please also note that you are **NOT** to park in the staff car park (in front of the school) for drop off for the Ark. This applies to both before and after school.

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.



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, and disturbing children's learning.



Attendance

Attendance Data:

94% and below

94% - 97%

97% and above

	Last week % 27-03-23 - 31-03-23	This week % 17-04-23 - 21-04-23
Foundation	80.3%	87.3%
Year 1	94%	98%
Year 2	96.3%	98%
Year 3	86.6%	100%
Year 4	97.5%	95.9%
Year 5	93.4%	98.8%
Year 6	91.6%	98.1%
Whole School Total	91.4%	96.7%

Congratulations to **years 1, 2, 3, 5 and 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.

MENU WEEK COMMENCING - 24th April 2023 – 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>**

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.

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

