'With God all things are possible'





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The Holy Month of the Precious Blood of Jesus

Issue 37

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

I have simply lost count of the amount of people - children, staff, parents, and parishioners - who have told me how much they enjoyed the Summer Festival at the weekend. It was a truly joyous afternoon, with the Friends Association raising lots of funds to enrich the education of our children. A thank you is just not enough for Mrs Harrison and her team. So many parents contributed so much before, during and after the Festival, and we are all very grateful. I would also like to say a huge thank you to our Year 5 and 6 children who saved the day by helping to keep a number of stalls open.

I am very blessed to be the Headteacher of a school that has such an engaged, committed, and generous parent body. THANK YOU!

One more week to go, and what a week this will be for our Year 6 children. Please say a special prayer for them, as they prepare to say goodbye to Our Lady Immaculate Primary.

Next week we will also be saying a sad farewell to Mr Owens, as he begins his retirement. Mr Owens has worked at the school for over 25 years, dedicating his life to the education of young people at Our Lady Immaculate Primary. I am sure that you will join me in thanking him and wishing him well for the future.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

# **God Bless!**

Lesley Roche Headteacher

### **Altar Servers**



Father Damien came into school on Tuesday to speak to Years 3-6 about being an Altar Server.

This is a wonderful way for your child to serve the Church, whilst growing closer to God.

## Thought for the weekend!

Please Embrace
Your Loving Arms
around my family and
friends. Keep them always
Protected, Secured,
Loved and Blessed.

Amen

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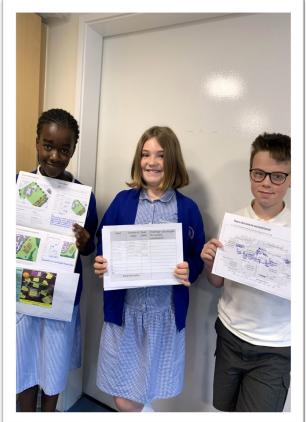
#### **SATs Results**

Once again the Year 6 children have achieved a set of amazing SATs results. We are above national in Reading, Writing, Maths and SPAG, and many of our children achieved greater depth in all three.

Well done Year 6! You are definitely ready for the next challenge that secondary school brings!



### Geography Fieldwork with Mrs Reed



Years 5 and 6 had the privilege of working with Mrs Reed (Sienna and Brooke's mum) yesterday, when she generously gave up her time to come into school to teach them how to be a geographer.

Mrs Reed led a fantastic session with year 5 focusing on fair trade and how far their food had travelled. The class were shocked to learn of the injustice in chocolate production and how the cocoa farmers are not receiving their fair share. Year 5 even had an opportunity to taste the difference between regular and fair trade chocolate!

Both pupils and teachers were definitely inspired by Mrs Reed's passion for geography and we look forward to welcoming her back again next year.

## **Congratulations!**



Catherine (Yr 6) took part in her first Judo Competition on Sunday, earning herself a bronze medal.

Well done Catherine on a super achievement!



Please note: new information will be presented in red

JULY 2023				
Monday, 17th	Year 6 Leavers Play - Shakespeare Rocks @ 6.30pm			
Tuesday, 18th	Year 6 - French Breakfast - 9.15am - 10.30am			
Wednesday, 19th	Year 6 Disco @ 1pm			
Thursday, 20th	Year 6 water fight and pizza - 2pm Year 6 Leavers Mass and Prizegiving @ 6.30pm			
Friday, 21st	Year 6 Leavers Assembly @ 9.30am  LAST DAY OF SUMMER TERM - SCHOOL CLOSES AT 1.30PM  Please note there is no after school Ark club			
SEPTEMBER 2023				
Tuesday, 5th	First day of back to school			
OCTOBER 2023				
Monday, 23rd - Friday, 27th	Half-Term			
NOVEMBER 2023				
Friday, 3rd	Junior School Council members to visit the Houses of Parliament			
Thursday, 9th - Friday, 10th	Year 6 Bikeability - course 1			
Monday, 13th	INSET DAY			
Monday, 20th - Tuesday, 21st	Year 6 Bikeability - course 2			
DECEMBER 2023				
Wednesday, 20th	LAST DAY OF TERM (please note that there is no after school club)			

# **Friends Association News**

Thank you to everyone who came along and helped at the Summer Festival. It was a huge success. We made an estimated £3,500. Once all expenses have been paid, we will publish the full amount.

Many thanks

The Friends Association



## **SPORTING AT OLI**







On Tuesday, 8 of our Year 5 and 6 children attended the Quad Kids County Final. They achieved a fantastic 4th place. Congratulations!

Miss Brierley

#### MENU WEEK COMMENCING - 17th July 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** <a href="https://www.essex.gov.uk/free-school-meals">https://www.essex.gov.uk/free-school-meals</a>



#### 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.

#### Clubs

The clubs for September/October will be:

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

(11th September - 16th October = 6 sessions)

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

(11th September - 16th October = 6 sessions)

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

(11th September - 16th October = 6 sessions)

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

(12th September - 17th October = 6 sessions)

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

(12th September - 17th October = 6 sessions)

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

(13th September - 18th October = 6 sessions)

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

(13th September - 18th October = 6 sessions)

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

(14th September - 19th October = 6 sessions)

Art - years 3, 4, 5 & 6 - 3.15pm - 4.15pm

(14th September - 19th October = 6 sessions)

Chess - years 3, 4, 5 & 6 - 3.15pm - 4.15pm

(14th September - 19th October = 6 sessions)



The clubs are being released the week of the 4th September.

Please ensure all payments are up to date as you will not be able to book onto future clubs until all payments are cleared.

## **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.

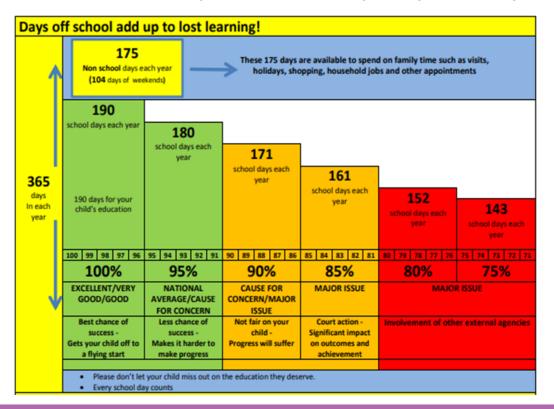


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#### **Attendance**

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.



Attendance Attendance							
Attendance Data: 94% and below		94% - 97%		97% and above			
			week % 7.23 - 07.07.23		week % .23 - 14.07.23		
	Foundation		98.3%				
	Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year 5		%	100%	)		
			95.4%				
			96.6%		6		
			95.3%		6		
			94.4%		6		
Year 6		99.2%		98.1%			
	Whole School Total	96.8	%	98.3%	6		

Congratulations to **ALL YEARS** 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.