



The Rosary Trust

'With God all things are possible'

Our Lady Immaculate School News



Our Lady Immaculate
Catholic Primary School
A Multi-Academy

17th November, 2023

The month of the Holy Souls

Issue 11

THE SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS ARE 7:30 AM. UNTIL 4:00 PM. MONDAY—FRIDAY
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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you enjoyed the shorter week! It is always nice to have a little break and recharge, before diving back into our busy schedules!

This week, our focus has been on the important theme of anti-bullying. Our anti-bullying ambassadors did a fantastic job leading a whole school assembly on this year's theme, **'Make a Noise about Bullying!'**. They reminded the children about the different types of bullying and who they can turn to for help. I was incredibly impressed with their confidence and their understanding of their role. It is so important for our children to feel safe and supported, and the ambassadors are doing a fantastic job in promoting that message. Well done, ambassadors! You were truly amazing!

Today children and staff came to school wearing 'odd socks'! This annual event is an important reminder to us to celebrate differences. It was heartwarming to see the school filled with a sea of colourful and mismatched socks and it sparked many conversations about individuality, acceptance and the fact that we are all made in God's divine image.

I would like to take a moment to remind you that this Sunday, the Parish bazaar will be held in our school hall. It is a wonderful event that brings our community together, and I encourage you all to come along after Mass; I know that the parishioners will be delighted to see you there!

This week the children have continued to grow in the Virtue of Hope. Hope is what keeps us going during challenging times, and it is crucial for our children to develop this virtue. Let us continue to support and encourage them, so that they can face any obstacles with a positive and resilient mindset.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

God Bless!
Lesley Roche
Headteacher

Thought for the weekend



Kind words can be short
and easy to speak,
but their echoes are truly
endless
~Mother Teresa

Virtues to Live by

Hope

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Anti-Bullying Ambassadors



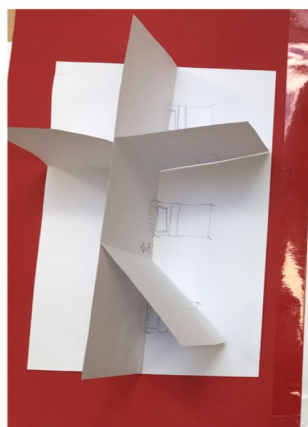
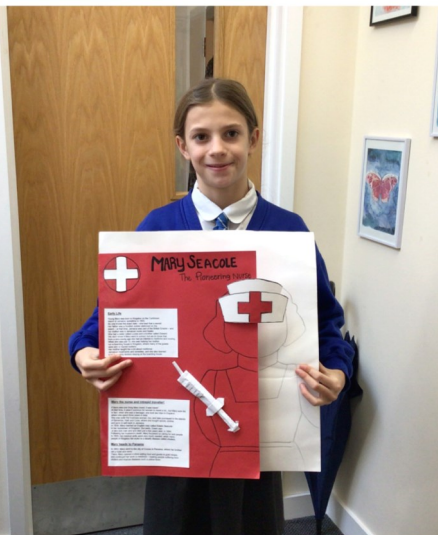
Odd Socks Day

Thank you to everyone who celebrated their uniqueness by coming into school dressed in odd socks. We raised an incredible £172.75 for the NSPCC.



Year 6 Homework Project

What an amazing home project, celebrating the work of Mary Seacole. Well done Agnese!



Mary Seacole and the Crimean War

Mary Seacole is famous for her work as a nurse during the Crimean War. She was the first woman to be recognized as a nursing hero.

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The Mighty Mary

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Please note: new information will be presented in red

NOVEMBER 2023	
Monday, 20th - Tuesday, 21st	Year 6 Bikeability - group 2
Wednesday, 22nd	Year 3 Mass @ 9.30am Year 6 visit to Chelmsford Library
Tuesday, 28th	Whole school flu immunisations
Wednesday, 29th	Year 4 Mass @ 9.30am
DECEMBER 2023	
Friday, 1st	Non-uniform day - bring a bottle
Sunday, 3rd	Friends Bazaar
Monday, 4th	Year 3 Advent Assembly @ 2.30pm
Friday, 8th	Whole school Mass @ 9.30am
Tuesday, 12th	Infant Nativity @ 9.30am - Reception parents to attend
Wednesday, 13th	Infant Nativity @ 2pm - Year 1 parents to attend
Thursday, 14th	Infant Nativity @ 9.30am - Year 2 parents to attend Junior Carol Service - 2pm in the church
Tuesday, 19th	Children's Christmas dinner
Wednesday, 20th	LAST DAY OF AUTUMN TERM - SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 1.30PM Please note that there is no after school club
JANUARY 2024	
Thursday, 4th	First day back at school

LINKED PARISHES CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Our Linked Parishes Christmas Fayre takes place THIS Sunday, 19th November, from 10am til 2.30pm in OLI school hall. Lots of fun for all the family & lovely Christmas presents, toiletries, bric a brac, jewellery, toys & much more. Hope to see you there!

MERIT BADGES

WEEK ENDING 17th November 2023

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

Foundation	Miriam	Salvin
Year 1	Hannah	Enzo
Year 2	Gabriel	Anna
Year 3	Filip	Jaelan
Year 4	Joselyn	Santiago
Year 5	Natalia	Abigail
Year 6	Millie	Mayah

HOUSE POINTS

WEEK ENDING 17th November 2023

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

BECKET	CAMPION	FISHER	MORE
1st (135)	3rd (113)	2nd (156)	4th (140)

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 17th November 2023

Foundation	Stephen	Adaora
Year 1	Jan	Neve
Year 2	Kingsley	Aisling
Year 3	Ayden	Heavenly
Year 4	Eloise	Elijah
Year 5	Kushal	Edith
Year 6	Scarlett	Agnese

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.**

SCHOOL PUPIL DETAILS

If you have moved or if any of your details have changed, please can you inform the Office so we can update your child's records.



Christmas Lunch Tuesday, 19th December 2023 - Price £3.35

Roast Turkey

Pigs in Blankets

Stuffing

Gravy

Crispy Roast Potatoes

Carrots

Brussels Sprouts

Peas

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Ice Cream

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Milk / Aqua juice cartons (apple or orange) / Water

Vegetarian option

Quorn Fillet

Stuffing

Gravy

Crispy Roast Potatoes

Carrots

Brussels Sprouts

Peas

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Ice Cream

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Milk / Aqua juice cartons (apple or orange) / Water

****If you would like the vegetarian option, please let the school office know no later than Friday, 8th December.***

Payment will be taken from your child's School Gateway dinners account.

All Children in KS1 have Universal Free School Meals and do not have to pay, however, for those in the Juniors, the cost will be £3.35.

Friends Association News

Christmas Bazaar Donations

As the bazaar is fast approaching we need to start making the Christmas hampers. Each year the success of this event is due to your generosity. Therefore this week we would be extremely grateful of the following donations:

- Washed Preloved soft toys
- New & used Kids toys
- Stationery items.

Along with any of the following:

- Alcohol
- Chocolates
- Puddings
- Chutneys
- Crackers
- Biscuits
- Other luxury items
- Sweets

(Please remember NO NUTS!)

We are still in need of volunteers for stalls at the Christmas Bazaar between 11.30-1.30pm.

If you are able to help even if just for an hour, please speak to Amy Campen (yr2) or email the Friends Association at Friends@ourladyimmaculate.essex.sch.uk

If anyone owns a business, maybe you would consider a donation of a gift voucher for the Raffle.

We will be holding a Christmas merchandise sale next week on Tuesday and Wednesday (weather dependent) before pick up on the playground. Lots to choose from including Christmas cards, money wallets, tags, bows and wrapping.

Come along and grab a bargain and please bring cash if you can.

A big thank you to everyone who ordered the Christmas artwork. This should be sent home this week.

Many Thanks,

The Friends Association



Reception admissions for academic year starting in September 2024

Primary school (Reception) admission round opened on **Monday 6 November 2023**, for parents of children to apply for a Reception school place for the academic year that starts in September 2024.

The statutory national closing date for applications is **15 January 2024**.

From 6 November 2023, applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions. 99% of parents in Essex applied online last year.

All of the application information is available on the website above. The website www.essex.gov.uk/admissions also has a copy of the Primary Education in Essex 2024-25 booklet and the Schools Admissions Policies Directories contain details of all admission policies.

You will also need to complete a Supplementary Application Form which can be obtained from the office or the

MENU WEEK COMMENCING - 20th November – 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.

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: **Mrs Gibbs**.

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



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).

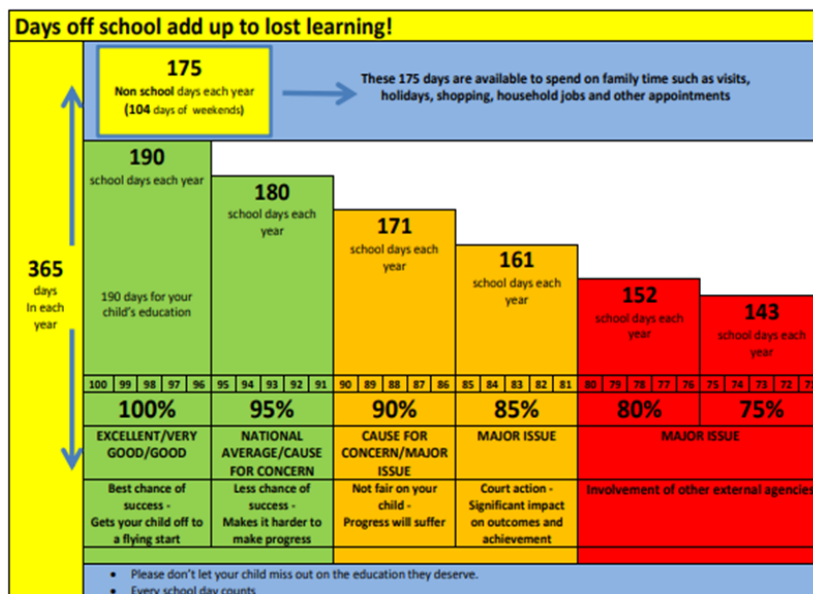
This would alleviate the need for the Office Staff to deliver late items to the classrooms, and disturbing children's learning.



Attendance

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 Data:

94% and below

94% - 97%

97% and above

	Last week % 06.11.23 - 10.11.23	This week % 15.11.2023
Foundation	90.3%	93.3%
Year 1	97.3%	96.3%
Year 2	98.7%	98.3%
Year 3	97.8%	98.4%
Year 4	100%	91.8%
Year 5	96.3%	95.7%
Year 6	93.8%	93%
Whole School Total	96.3%	95.2%

Congratulations to **Years 2 & 3** 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.

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