

*'With God all things are possible'*



The Rosary Trust

# Our Lady Immaculate School News



Our Lady Immaculate  
Catholic Primary School  
A Multi-Academy

12th January 2023

The Month of the Holy name of Jesus

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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,

Welcome back to Our Lady Immaculate! I hope you all had a lovely Christmas break and are feeling refreshed and ready for the busy term ahead. There is so much learning to be done during this term, and I am excited to see all the progress our children will make.

This week, we introduced a new Virtue to the children - 'FAITH'. We spent time discussing what this word means and how we can live our lives faithfully. It was wonderful to see so many thoughtful contributions from our children, as they reflected on the importance of faith in their lives.

On Wednesday, we had the pleasure of celebrating a whole school Mass, led by our dedicated Chaplaincy team. I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Father Martin and for his continued support; we are truly fortunate to have such strong links with our Parish.

We had two exciting visitors to our school on Thursday. Firstly, our Years 5 and 6 children had the privilege of being visited by the WW1 Aviation Heritage Trust. They were given the incredible opportunity to use a flight simulator, which was funded by the Civil Aviation Authority STEM programme. Only 48 schools were chosen for this outreach programme, and we were thrilled to be one of them. The aim of this experience was to inspire our students to consider a career in aviation.

In addition, Mrs Katherine Jeffries, the Principal of New Hall Independent School, came to visit us and see the wonderful work happening at Our Lady Immaculate. Mrs Jeffries was impressed with what she saw and is keen to collaborate with Our Lady Immaculate on future projects.

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter. I am confident that this term will be filled with growth, learning, and many memorable moments for our children. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

## Virtues to Live By



We will know that we are growing in the Virtue of **FAITH** when:

- We know God loves us and trust Him to take care of us.
- We ask God to guide us in our life.
- We spend time with God in moments of quiet and in prayer.
- We share our beliefs in God with others.
- Our words and actions show our faith in God's love.

## Thought for the Weekend



**God Bless!**

*Lesley Roche*  
Headteacher

## **It's getting cold out there!**

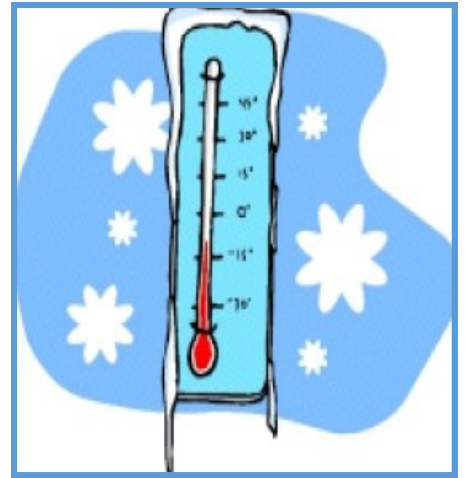
I am sure that you will have noticed a drop in temperature this week—I certainly have whilst standing on the school gate! Bearing this in mind, I thought that it would be appropriate to remind parents of the School closure information in case of severe weather. This is also published on our website.

In the event of snow or severe weather, you will be able to see the full list of school closures on the Essex County Council website. The page can be accessed using the link below:

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/emergency-school-closures>

The Emergency Closures page will update as and when notifications are received, therefore it is recommended that you continue to check or refresh the page.

In addition, we will aim to send you a text.



## **WW1 Aircraft Simulator!**

Years 5 and 6 had a fantastic day working with the WW1 Aviation Heritage Trust.





# DATES TO REMEMBER

**Please note: new information will be presented in red**

<b>JANUARY 2024</b>	
Monday, 15th	Friends Association meeting @ 7.30pm
Wednesday, 17th	Reception and Year 6 Parish Mass @ 9.30am
Wednesday, 24th	Year 1 Parish Mass @ 9.30am
Wednesday, 31st	Year 2 Parish Mass @ 9.30am
<b>FEBRUARY 2024</b>	
Wednesday, 7th	Year 3 Parish Mass @ 9.30am
Wednesday, 14th	Ash Wednesday - 9am Whole School Mass
Monday, 19th - Friday, 23rd	Half-Term
Monday, 26th	INSET DAY
Wednesday, 28th	Year 4 Parish Mass @ 9.30am
<b>MARCH 2024</b>	
Monday, 4th	Teacher Learning Conferences - 3.30pm - 6.30pm
Wednesday, 6th	Year 5 Parish Mass @ 9.30am Teacher Learning Conferences - 3.30pm - 6.30pm
Thursday, 7th	Year 1 trip to Pizza Express - details coming soon
Wednesday, 13th	Reception and Year 6 Parish Mass @ 9.30am
Wednesday, 20th	Year 1 Parish Mass @ 9.30am
Wednesday, 27th	Year 2 Parish Mass @ 9.30am
Thursday, 28th	LAST DAY OF SPRING TERM - SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 3.15PM - PLEASE NOTE THERE IS NO AFTER SCHOOL ARK CLUB
<b>APRIL 2024</b>	
Monday, 15th	Back to school

## **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.



## MERIT BADGES

WEEK ENDING 12th January 2024

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

Foundation	Nathalia	Edward
Year 1	Alexander	Claudia
Year 2	Nahson	Philip
Year 3	Nico	Ciara
Year 4	Isabella	Elijah
Year 5	Jackson	Cillian
Year 6	Caius	Henry

## HOUSE POINTS

WEEK ENDING 12th January 2024

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

<b>BECKET</b>	<b>CAMPION</b>	<b>FISHER</b>	<b>MORE</b>
3rd (199)	1st (182)	2nd (207)	1st (210)

## LEARNER OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 12th January 2024

Foundation	Adaora	Oliver B
Year 1	Jan	Naia
Year 2	Fabian	Lilian
Year 3	Sean	Pola
Year 4	Max	Emily
Year 5	Florence C	Rhoda
Year 6	George	Asia

## PARENT EMAIL ADDRESS

[parents@ourladyimmaculate.essex.sch.uk](mailto: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.**

## PROCEDURE FOR MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS

Whilst we appreciate how hard you try to arrange appointments for your child outside of schooltime. If your child has to have a medical appointment during the school day, in order to authorise this absence, the **school office** requires a copy of your original appointment letter or confirmation. Thank you in advance for your continued support and co-operation.

## Year 6 RE Homework

Over the Christmas break Year 6 completed some homework about expectations. I wanted to share here with you all some of the inspirational work they have produced, which is especially relevant as we begin this New Year and this new term

Having good expectations of others is good as it reminds them that they aren't bad at anything they are just not believing in themselves and that they can be better if they try and have confidence.

- ▶ You can help them by letting them do a project
- ▶ You can help them by telling them that soon they will have fulfilled their expectations
- ▶ You can tell them about the story of Adam, Eve and God
- ▶ Or even just saying to them that they can be better and that they aren't bad at what they do, they're just not having confidence in themselves

Caius

### High expectations

You can have high expectations of others and yourself. Having high expectations means that you trust your self & others to overcome a challenge.

For example: Pope Francis wrote Laudato Si asking us to protect the Earth. He asks us to read this letter so that we can save the world by doing simple things. He has high expectations of us.

Asia



Alessia

To quote one of our pupil's Kwemto, 'By having high expectations such as believing in God, and following in His Footsteps. By being like Christ, you can make people be the best version of themselves and inspire them to keep on going and never give up even when life gets tough!'

Wise words for us all to let by and to help us grow in our current virtue of Faith.

Well done Year 6 I was inspired by all your homework, I am only sorry I couldn't share it all!

Mrs S Gibbs.

## Friends Association News

### Friends meeting

Monday 7:30pm at School and via Zoom

Everyone is welcome to join us, we will be discussing future fundraising events and how this is invested in the school. We welcome your ideas and suggestions. The Zoom invite is below if you're not able to attend in person.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://ssctech.zoom.us/j/96258089995?pwd=K1VVaytYdVnKMzhPWUcxZmN2V0lYQT09>

Meeting ID: 962 5808 9995

Password: 739868

### School uniform

There is plenty of second hand school uniform at the school available for a small donation to the friends association. There is a particularly large amount of infants sizes of items. Please speak to the office to view the uniform.

### Clothes recycling bin

Please don't forget the clothes recycling bin in the playground when you have a clear out at home. The more we collect the more money is given to the friends association for the school. See the bin for what is and isn't accepted.

Many Thanks,

The Friends Association



# YEAR 6 PREFECTS

Spring Term

## HEAD BOY

Sam

## DEPUTY HEAD BOY

Ben

## HEAD GIRL

Damia

## DEPUTY HEAD GIRL

Agnese

## HOUSE CAPTAINS



**Fisher**

Asia

**Beckett**

Erin

**Campion**

Alessia

**More**

Isabella

Anthony

Taid

Jack

Henry



## GATE PREFECTS

Aoife

Alessia

Maks

Roisin

## LANYARD PREFECTS

Isla

## MARY'S MARKET

Scarlett

Patrick

Teddy

## CHAPLAINCY LEADERS

Grace

Scarlett

Luke

Anthony

Taid

## PE LEADERS

Sophie

Caius

Aaron

Mayah

## ASSEMBLY PREFECTS

Kwemto

Grace

Lily

Isla

## HYMN PRACTICE LEADERS

Millie

Beatrice

## COMPUTING LEADERS

George

Conor



## MOBILE PHONE PREFECTS

Sophie

## COMMUNICATION BOOK

Aoife



## 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.



## MENU WEEK COMMENCING - 15th January – 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>

## 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



## 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.

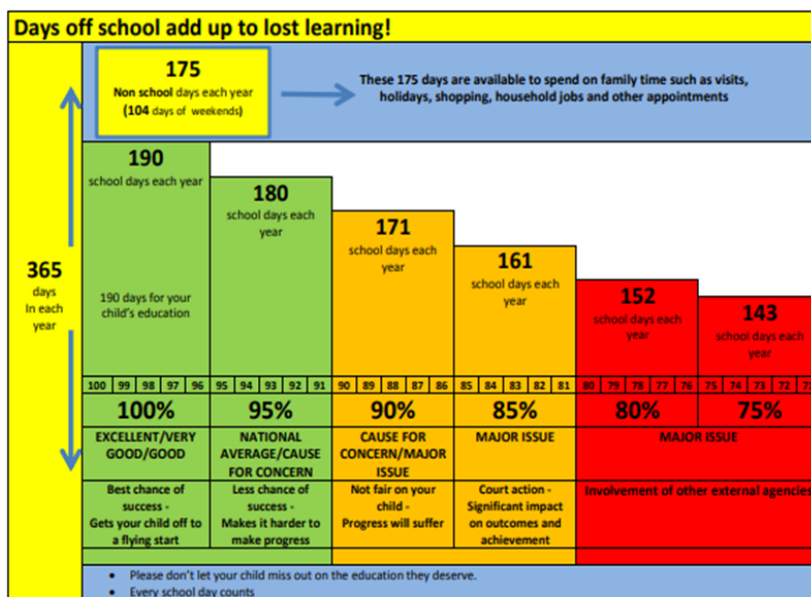
Please also note that you are **NOT** to park in the staff car park (in front of the school) for drop off for the Ark. This applies to both before and after school.



## 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.



## Attendance

Attendance Data:

94% and below

94% - 97%

97% and above

	Last week %	This week % 08.01.24 - 12.01.24
Foundation		95%
Year 1		93.7%
Year 2		97.7%
Year 3		95.9%
Year 4		95.3%
Year 5		96.6%
Year 6		96.1%
<b>Whole School Total</b>		<b>95.8%</b>

Congratulations to **Year 2** 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.

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](http://www.ourladyimmaculateprimary.org)) under 'Key Information/GDPR and Privacy