



Our Lady's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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Go shine in the world



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you so much for supporting us with the **Travelling Crib** as we prepare for Christmas. This is a wonderful opportunity for children to **lead prayer** at home and talk about **God's greatest gift to us - his Son**.

Every child will have the opportunity to take the travelling crib home for the evening between now and the end of term. Inside the bag you will find information about the crib and a prayer to say together as a family.

Please ensure that when it is your turn to welcome the travelling crib into your home, all the pieces are returned the next day ready for its next destination.

Thank you for your help with this.

Have a lovely weekend.

With Best Wishes, Ms Toop (Head of School) and Ms Richardson (Executive Headteacher)



Year 3 at The Natural History Museum...

As part of their Science curriculum, Year 3 took a trip to the Natural History Museum and took part in a 'Dinosaur Dig' workshop and became palaeontologists for the day! It was fantastic and made their teachers very proud with their superb behaviour all day!



Year 5 at the CLC...

Year 5A and 5B had a great day coding and writing algorithms to make motors and gears move in Lego robots!



I have received and read the Our Lady's Primary School newsletter of 01.12.2023

Name of child _____ Class _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS SLIP TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE AND YOUR CHILD MIGHT WIN A PRIZE :)

Important dates for your diary...

Thursday 7th December – Nativity

10am Performance for Reception and Y1 parents

2pm Performance for Y2 parents

Monday 11th December - Y5 and Y6 Christmas party

Tuesday 12th December - Y3 and Y4 Christmas party

Tuesday 12th December –

9.30am: Nativity Performance for Nursery parents

Wednesday 13th December - Y1

and Y2 Christmas party

Thursday 14th December - YN and YR Christmas party

Wednesday 20th December – KS2 Carol Concert (Year 3—Year 6 only)

Thursday 21st December – Non-Uniform Day and last day of term (Note: Not Friday!)

Monday 8th January 2024 – Children back at school



Work of the Week!

Every week a fantastic piece of children's work is showcased in the school lobby (next to the office). **This week, Demi from Nursery has been chosen for her wonderful work on Advent.**

She has created a beautiful picture of baby Jesus in his manger and made a fantastic Advent Wreath collage to understand the meaning of the four candles.

Well done Demi, we are so proud of you and how well you are doing in Nursery!



Don't let a little worry turn into a big one...

If you or your child are worried about something or have any questions, please phone the school office and book an appointment to see their class teacher, Miss Toop, Miss Fearon or Mr Withers.



A Prayer for the first Sunday of Advent...(3rd December 2023)

Dear God,
Jesus, you are light even in the darkest places.
Help us to trust in you when we are lost or lonely.
Shine hope into our hearts we pray.
Amen



Attendance matters...

Children who attend school every day will have better chances in life.

Learning starts at 9am every morning– if your child is not in they will have gaps in their learning and find it hard to catch up. Help to ensure your child starts their day in the right way– bring your child into school every day on time.

Attendance that is 95%-100% is good. Anything lower than this is a cause for concern.

Please see on the attached sheet how many hours of learning that are lost when your child is off school.



Attendance...

I am pleased to announce that Year 5A has the best attendance this week with an amazing 97%. As a reward, you will receive some extra play time next week.

Please make sure your child is in school every single day unless they are too unwell to come to school. Every day counts and children who miss school do fall behind in their learning.



How Much Education is your Child Missing?

Descriptor	Threshold Attendance	Actual Attendance	Whole Days Absent	Learning Hours Lost
Excellent	100%	190 days	0	0
	99%	188 days	2	10
Good	98%	186 days	4	20
	97%	184 days	6	30
	96%	182.5 days	7.5	37.5
Cause for concern	95%	180.5 days	9.5	47.5
	94%	179 days	11	55
	93%	177 days	13	65
	92%	175 days	15	75
	91%	173 days	17	85

Descriptor	Threshold Attendance	Actual Attendance	Whole Days Absent	Learning Hours Lost
Unsatisfactory	90%	171 days	19	95
	89%	169 days	21	105
	88%	167 days	23	115
	87%	165 days	25	125
Serious cause for concern	86%	163 days	27	135
Critical	85%	161.5 days	28.5	142.5
	84%	159.5 days	30.5	152.5
	83%	158 days	32	160
	82%	156 days	34	170
	81%	154 days	36	180
	80%	152 days	38	190