



Our Lady's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 6th September 2024
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Go shine
in the world



Dear Parents/Carers,

We were so pleased to welcome our children back to school this week. It was lovely to see them arrive smiling, in their smart new uniforms. We have also been welcoming new children to our school, including meeting with our new Reception and Nursery parents and children. We are always pleased to welcome new children and their families to Our Lady's Primary School.

Teachers are looking forward to meeting parents for **Academic Review Day** on **Friday 13th September** - a letter was sent out in your child's book bag on Wednesday. Please return the reply slip to class teachers. On Academic review day, teachers will give parents the curriculum information guide for what your child is learning this term and will explain how you can help at home, including homework expectations. You will all see that home reading books have gone home today.

Best wishes, Mrs O'Reilly (Head of School) and Ms Richardson (Executive Headteacher)

Reading and coming to school every day... The two habits of reading every day and coming to school every day are going to make the biggest difference to your child's education and life chances.



Reading is a necessity for learning and a lifelong skill. We know that children who struggle to learn to read have a much harder, steeper path with all other areas of learning. It affects their social skills, well-being, attainment and progress. This in turn means that a child who does not succeed with reading has poorer life chances and fewer opportunities as an adult.

Listening to your child read and sharing a book daily is so important. That precious 20 to 30 minutes every day is time very well spent.

The best research for years tells us that the children who do best in school practise reading the most.

Please make sure that your child brings their reading books to school with them every day.

Please also make sure that you sign your child's home reading record to show that they have practised their reading at home. Thank you for your help with this.

This week, Mr Withers led the 'Golden Rules' assemblies for KS1 and KS2. To make sure our school is a place where your children can learn and be safe, we follow these **GOLDEN RULES...**

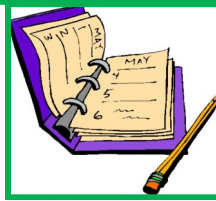
Do be kind, helpful and polite.	<i>Don't hurt people's feelings by being rude or unkind.</i>
Do be gentle.	<i>Don't hurt or play fight.</i>
Do listen to people and follow instructions.	<i>Don't ignore people or interrupt them.</i>
Do look after our things.	<i>Don't waste or damage things.</i>
Do be honest.	<i>Don't tell lies or cover up the truth.</i>
Do understand its OK to make mistakes.	<i>Don't laugh at those who are brave enough to have a go.</i>
Do work hard and try your best.	<i>Don't waste time or give up easily.</i>

I have received and read the Our Lady's Primary School newsletter of 06.09.2024

Signed _____ Name of child _____ Class _____

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

Important dates for your diary...



Wednesday 11th September at 3.45pm - Secondary Transfer Meeting and PGL meeting for Year 6 parents in the school hall

Friday 13th September - Academic Review Day for Year 1 to Year 6 - parent, child and teacher meetings

Friday 13th September - INSET Day for Nursery and Reception

WB Monday 16th September - After School Enrichment Clubs start this week

Thursday 26th and Friday 27th September - Healthy Heart Day (More Information to Follow)

Our Prayer

Lord Jesus,
we know that at this moment
you are here with us.

As brothers and sisters in God's family,
we ask you to listen to and answer
the prayers we bring before you today.

Amen



Year 6 Secondary Transfer and PGL (residential trip) meeting for Year 6 parents...

Mrs O'Reilly will be holding a meeting with parents to explain how the secondary transfer process works. Please do attend this meeting as very important messages will be given out. It is on **Wednesday 11th**

September at 3.45pm in the school hall.

We will also be giving out information about the Year 6 residential trip to PGL.









Healthy Snacks at our school



We can bring in a healthy snack to eat during story time. A healthy snack gives our brains fuel to help us concentrate in class.

Our healthy snacks must not contain nuts.



Things you can eat for your break-time snack	Things you cannot eat for your break-time snack
Fruit 	Fruit winders 
A PLAIN biscuit 	Biscuits with jam, chocolate or any other extras 
Vegetables e.g. carrot sticks 	Crisps 
A PLAIN cereal bar	A cereal bar with chocolate on it

We put our healthy snacks in the snack box as soon as we come into school.



An important reminder about nuts in school...

Please do not send your child to school with any nuts, or food containing nuts, as there are children, and adults, in school who are dangerously allergic to them. Thank you for your help with this.



Attendance...

For children to learn well and make good progress, it is vital that they attend school every day.

Congratulations to **Year 5** for having the **BEST ATTENDANCE** this week - **96.15%**

As a reward, they will receive some extra playtime next week.

Please make sure your child is in school every single day.

Thank you for your help with this :)



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, Mr Withers or Mrs O'Reilly.

We are always really pleased to meet with you and chat things through.





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OPEN EVENINGS

WEDNESDAY 11 September 4-6pm

WEDNESDAY 18 September 4-6pm

THURSDAY 26 September 4-6pm

Headteacher's talk in the Hall at 4:30pm & 5:30pm



TUBE: SLOANE SQUARE STATION

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Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

Term dates 2024/25

Autumn term 2024

2nd & 3rd September 2024 INSET DAYS pupils not in school
4th September 2024 Pupils back at school

13th September 2024 Academic Review Day

Half term 28th October – 1st November 2024

End of term 20th December 2024

Spring Term 2025

6th January 2025 Pupils back at school

Half term 17th February – 21st February 2025

28th February 2025 Academic Review Day

End of Term 4th April 2025

Summer Term 2025

22nd April 2025 Pupils back at school

5th May 2025 May Day-school closed

Half Term 26th May – 30th May 2025

4th July 2025 Academic Review Day

End of Term 22nd July 2025