

Our Lady & St Edward's Catholic Primary School's

6th October 2023

Dear Parents,

Thank you for the contributions made to the CAFOD Family Fast Day today. The money raised today and from the cake sale on Tuesday will be sent to CAFOD so that they can continue their good work across the world.

Our Reception class children have settled well into school and it is a joy to have them in our school family. They have embraced school life and adapted well to routines. Well done to you all.

Many thanks to parents who were able to attend the recent phonics workshop. We hope that you found it useful.

Next Friday, Y3 will lead us in a Harvest Assembly. Please could all non-perishable food items be brought to school before Friday's assembly. We will then deliver the food to Ingol Food Bank. The volunteers are always grateful of our support.

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Dates for your diary

Wednesday 11th October to Friday 13th October- Y6 to Robinwood

Friday 13th October – Harvest assembly Y3 to lead. Y3 parents welcome

Tuesday 17th October and Wednesday 18th October –Bags to School

Tuesday 17th & Wednesday 18th October – Parents' Evening 4.00pm to 6.30pm

Thursday 19th October – Year 1 Class Worship in school at 3.00pm. Y1 parents welcome

Thursday 19th October - School closes at 3.20pm/3.30pm for half term

Friday 20th October – INSET Day School closed for pupils

Monday 30th October – School re-opens

Monday 30th to Friday 3rd November – Writing Themed Week in school

Wednesday 1st November - All Saints Mass in Church 9.15am Y5 to lead. All welcome

Tuesday 7th November - PTA AGM 6pm in school-all welcome

Friday 11th November – Year 6 Class Worship in school at 9.10am Y6 Parents welcome

Monday 13th November - Odd Socks Day for Anti-bullying Week

Wednesday 15th November – Rock Kidz music day in school

Thursday 16th November-Reception Class Worship at 9.10 Reception class parents welcome

Attendance

A reminder that **leave in term time** is granted for **exceptional circumstances** only. Unauthorised leave of 5 days or more may attract a penalty notice from LCC. The fine is presented to both parents regardless of who has taken the child/ren out of school. Please see our Attendance Policy for further guidance. <https://ourlady-st-edwards.lancs.sch.uk/policies/>

September 2024 Primary & Secondary Admissions

Online applications for Reception Class and Year 7 Admissions 2024 are open on www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools

Supplementary Faith Request Forms will also need completing – Reception Class Supplementary Form to be returned to school and the High School Faith form to be returned to the respective school.

The closing date for returning forms for Reception is 15th January 2024 and High School is 31st October 2023.

Parents' Evening

We are due to hold Parents' Evening on Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th October. All appointments will be held in the school hall. Each appointment will be 10 minutes per pupil – staff will adhere to this timing to ensure smooth running of the evening. If you feel that you require a longer session, then please make a separate appointment outside of the parents' evening. Appointments can be made through the school office. Your child's books will be on a table outside the hall which you can collect on entry.

School Visits/Visitors

Attached with this newsletter is a list of visits and visitors for each class throughout the year with an approximate cost. Some events are free and some are funded by the PTA whilst others, are supported by parents. We hope that this list will support families with budgeting.

Rock Kidz will be visiting us on 15th November for a full day of music. The children and staff can come dressed up as rock stars for the event.

Staffing News

Congratulations to Miss Daly on the birth of her daughter Nellie on 27th September.

Mrs Joyce in the school office will be retiring on 19th October. She has worked at school for 21 years. We wish her well with her plans and give thanks for her years of service.

Mrs Mulley our school cook is also retiring and her last day with us is Friday 3rd November. Many thanks to Mrs Mulley for all the wonderful meals over the past 21 years.

School Lottery

Have you signed up to the School Lottery yet? We only have 22 members and need lots more!! You can join for £1 per week and the profits come back to the school either in direct fundraising or as cash prizes for our school families and there are some big prizes to be won! A number of draws have taken place with members winning money. Join here:

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/our-lady-and-st-edwards-catholic-primary-school>

Easy Fundraising - Have you downloaded the Easyfundraising app yet?

easyfundraising is the simplest way to raise money for Our Lady & St Edward's Primary School PTA – We have raised over £800 so far!

Shop with any of over 3,300 well-known retailers via the easyfundraising

website - <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/UJX6FK/MHPPE8/>

When you click on this link just search for the cause – Our Lady & St Edward's Primary School PTA. It's simple and quick to do!

Class Worship dates to which parents are invited

Reception – 16th November at 9.00am in class.

Year 1 – 19th October at 3.00pm in class.

Year 2 - TBA

Year 3 – 13th October at 9.10am in school - Harvest Assembly

Year 4 – 23rd November at 9.10am in class.

Year 5 – 1st November All Saints Mass at 9.15am in church.

Year 6 – 10th November at 9.10am in school

Values

The value we are looking at this month is **CO-OPERATION**. Please help your child to understand what this means and the importance of working together, being patient with each other and understanding each other's needs. We will of course be exploring this through our assemblies.

TenTen Newsletter

As a school we subscribe to the TenTen resources which we use in assemblies, class worship and staff prayer. Please read the newsletters each month as they provide useful information and spiritual guidance, supporting the work we do in school. Below is a link to the parent newsletter

www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/

PTA News

PTA meeting & AGM – Tuesday 7th November – At 6.00pm in School.

New parents welcome!

PTA Cake Sale – Thank you to the parents of Year 2 and 5 for their generous donation of cakes and thank you to those who helped with the sale.

PTA Bags to School – Collection in school on Thursday 19th October

Flyers have been sent home – please fill bin bags due to no Bags 2 School bags being available. Please fill with your old clothes, bedding, curtains, handbags & belts. The PTA will receive money based on the weight of our collection. Filled bags can be returned after school on Tuesday 17th October and all day on Wednesday 18th October. Please do not bring bags on the morning of Thursday 19th October as the collection may be before school starts.

School Catering Supervisor

Due to the retirement of our school catering manager we are now in the position of recruiting a new manager to join the team.

Details of Post Senior Schools Catering Supervisor Grade 5 Scale 6– 11

Gross Salary: £21,968 (sp 6) to £24,054 (sp 11)

Pro Rata Salary: £16,164 (sp 6) to £18,350 (sp 11) – term time only (38 weeks)

Total hours – 33 hours 45 minutes (33.75) 8am- 2.45pm, Monday to Friday
Commencing Monday 6th November 2023 with opportunity to work alongside the current cook prior to commencing role. Further information can be obtained from the school office.

Jewellery

As we have now been back in school for 5 weeks any pupil who had their ears pierced in the Summer holidays should be able to remove them within the next week. For health and safety reasons can we please ask parents to ensure that ear-rings are removed for school as is our school policy. Bracelets or necklaces are also not allowed - this also includes friendship bracelets. We allow watches for children who can tell the time however, we do not allow smart watches or fitbits.

Parking and dropping off on Lightfoot Lane & Surrounding Roads

Please remember to park considerately on the local roads and not block driveways etc. A number of photographs have recently been sent to school identifying cars which have been parked across driveways, on corners and blocking access along paths. We regularly have to reassure neighbours and other road users that we do remind our families about parking. We will therefore contact the local police to monitor the situation in order to ensure the safety of our pupils.

SEND breaktime

Below is a link from LCC for parents of children with SEND to register for group activities

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/special-educational-needs-and-disabilities/things-to-do/break-time/>

School Nurse Helpline

We can help with Emotional Health & Wellbeing, Keeping Healthy, Bedwetting, Sleep, Bullying, Dental Health, Growing Up, Keeping Safe, Support with Medical Conditions in School.

School Nurse Helpline 07312263554

Adventure Areas

A reminder to all pupils that the adventure areas are not to be used at the end of the school day.

Morning Drop Off

We have noticed an increasing number of pupils arriving in school before 8.40am. A reminder to parents that pupils should not arrive at school before 8.40am as a member of staff is only on duty at the school gate from this time. If you do need to drop off before this time, pupils should be booked into the Before School Club.

Sports news

Y5/6 Hockey - the hockey team performed well in a recent local tournament winning 3 games and drawing 1 game. The team played well and are looking forward to the next round.

Y5/6 Boys' Football - the team recently competed in an inter school competition at Play Football - they won 2 games, drew 1 game and lost 1 game. Unfortunately, they did not get through to the next round.

Y5/6 Girls' Football - on Tuesday this week the girls also competed in an inter school competition, winning all the games in their group. They went on to win the quarter finals, the semi-final and then played Deepdale Community School in the final which they won. Our girls will next play the winners of the another round of school games.

Y6 Multi skills - Congratulations to our team who came 5th in their league.

Bikes and Scooters

A reminder for children who come to school on a bike or scooter that it is important to wear a securely fastened helmet. Children are to dismount their bikes/scooters before entering or leaving the school gates.

Home School Agreement – Reception and Year 3

Parents of the Reception and Year 3 classes should bring home with this newsletter a Home School Agreement. Reception parents and Year 3 parents and pupils, are asked to sign this, return it to school, then your child's class teacher will countersign it and return it to you.