‘With God all things are possible’

The Rosary Trust

Our Lady Immaculate School News

Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Primary School
A Multi-Academy

The Holy Month of the Precious Blood of Jesus

18th October 2024 **Issue 7**

THE SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS ARE 7:30 AM. UNTIL 4:00 PM. MONDAY—FRIDAY
Tel: 01245 353755

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a very busy week in school. Our week began with our KS1 children’s excellent Harvest celebration assembly. I am sure you were all as equally proud of the children as I was for getting up in front of everyone and saying their lines and singing. Plus we had visitors in from the Little Edi foundation and Choir master of Chelmsford Cathedral choir to speak to the all the children.

On Tuesday, I had the great pleasure of accompanying our Chaplaincy Team on their retreat to New Hall School. I would like to thank the Chaplaincy Team at New Hall for making us feel so welcome and arranging a truly spiritual and bonding day for us all. The chaplaincy team are looking forward to warmly welcoming KS2 parents to say a decade of the Rosary with us on Thursday 25th October.

I would like to officially welcome Mrs Emily Hale to our staff. Mrs Hale is joining us on a temporary basis as SENCO for two days a week from one of our sister trust schools Holy Family Primary in Witham. She is an experienced and qualified SENCO and I am sure you will all make her feel part of our family at OLI.

Our rosary beads from the Friends Association have arrived in school elevating our month of the Rosary celebrations. I would like to thank the Friends again for their continued support and generosity. Please do support them in any way you can.

As we celebrated World Food day on Wednesday, I would like to thank all of our families for their generosity in prayer and in donating to Our Harvest Festival food collection for the Little Edi and Sanctus charities.

In November, we will be hosting parent sessions from Maths Multiply. Last academic year, parents who attended these sessions were incredibly positive about how helpful they were. Please look out for more details of these sessions coming soon, including how to register for your place.

Wishing you all a peaceful and blessed weekend,

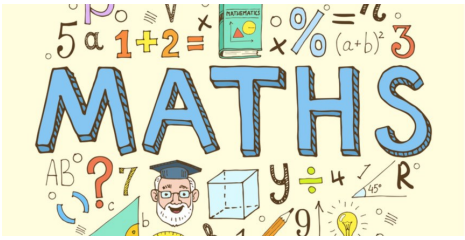
Warmest regards,

Mrs Sophie Gibbs
Interim Headteacher

Thought for the weekend!



Multiply Maths Parent Sessions



We will be hosting the hugely popular maths multiply parent workshops again on the following dates from 9am-11am in the Parish Hall:

EYFS 14th, 21st, 28th November

KS1 8th, 15th, 29th November

KS2 13th, 20th, 27th November

Refreshments will be available.

Parents last year told us these sessions were:

‘Very helpful and useful to receive some tips on how to encourage my child to learn maths in a fun, creative way. Loved doing activities, especially play dough activity. Really enjoyed it.’

‘Found very helpful with learning different vocabulary for sums.’

DATES TO REMEMBER

Please note: new information will be presented in red

OCTOBER 2024	
Friday, 18th - Wednesday, 23rd	Travelling Book Fayre - 3.15pm - 3.30pm
Tuesday, 22nd	Individual school photos Parents Evening - 3.30pm - 6.30pm
Wednesday, 23rd	Year 2 Mass @ 9.30am
Thursday, 24th	KS2 parents - Devotion to the Rosary in school (saying the decade of the Rosary together) @ 2.45pm Parents Evening - 3.30pm - 6.30pm
Monday, 28th - Friday, 1st	Half term
NOVEMBER 2024	
Wednesday, 6th	All Saints Day - whole school Mass @ 9.30am
Wednesday, 13th	Year 5 Mass @ 9.30am Year 6 Bikeability (Day 1)
Thursday, 14th	Year 6 Bikeability (Day 2)
Friday, 15th	Whole school Flu immunisations
Saturday, 16th	Friends Association School Disco
Wednesday, 20th	Year 4 Mass @ 9.30am
Friday, 22nd	INSET DAY
Wednesday, 27th	Year 3 Mass
DECEMBER 2024	
Tuesday, 10th	Panto @ The Civic Theatre @ 10am (details coming soon)
Wednesday, 11th	Children's Christmas Dinner
Friday, 20th	LAST DAY OF TERM Friends Christmas Gift sale Junior Carol Concert @ 2pm in the Church **PLEASE NOTE THERE IS NO AFTER SCHOOL ARK - SCHOOL CLOSES AT 3.15PM**

MERIT BADGES

WEEK ENDING 18th October 2024

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

Foundation	Monica	Orla
Year 1	Maja	Oliver
Year 2	Olivia	Adam
Year 3	Francine	Fabian
Year 4	Ysabella	Hugh K
Year 5	Julian	Hanna
Year 6	Edward	Chimdike

HOUSE POINTS

WEEK ENDING 18th October 2024

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

BECKET	CAMPION	FISHER	MORE
1st (96)	2nd (85)	1st (87)	1st (91)

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 18th October 2024

Foundation	Fitehan	Inayaat
Year 1	Miriam	Kiyomi
Year 2	Luca	Daisy
Year 3	Rosie	Zerah
Year 4	Filip	Ciara
Year 5	Isabella	Max
Year 6	Edith	Florence J

The schools' new website is live!

Our Lady Immaculate School (ourladyimmaculateprimary.uk)

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) under 'Key Information/GDPR and Privacy

Friends Association News

Disco

The date of the first family disco is on Saturday 16th November. This is fun for all the family, we will have hot food, a tuck shop, flashing light toys for sale, a raffle for the children and bar for the adults. Children do need to be accompanied by an adult. We will need volunteers to help so please let us know if you are able to help. Thank you for all your generous donations for children's raffle prizes so far.We will be setting up a PTA events site where tickets and volunteers will be managed. Further information will be sent out soon.

Pantomime

The whole school will be going to the pantomime at the Civic Theatre on 10th December. This has been part funded by the friends association. Further information will come from the school.

Asda

We have reached £100!! Please continue to help in the last few week of this offer! You do not need to shop at Asda but for every person who downloads the app and selects our school we get £1!. Also, when you shop, money will be given to the friends. So please ask friends and family for their support too.

Download the app in the following links:

https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/asda-rewards/id1578902078

https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.asda.rewards

Corporate matching for fundraising

Do you work for any of the companies below? Please speak to your employer about how they could help with fundraising for our school. They may be able to match fundraising, alow time for volunteer work or give a donation.

Friends meeting

Thank you to all those who attended the meeting on Monday.

Many thanks

The Friends Association





Harvest Food Collection

During this season of Harvest we will be collecting for two local charities.

The Little Edi foundation and Sanctus for more information about them please visit the links below

Little Edi Foundation – Enable Dream Inspire

Home | Sanctus (sanctus-home.com)

Donations of the following are required for Sanctus:

Tea, coffee, custard, sugar, long life milk, biscuits, noodles, tinned rice pudding, tomatoes, vegetables, beans, soup and meat.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS DONATED. MONDAY, 21ST OCTOBER WILL BE THE LAST DAY TO DONATE TO THE HARVEST COLLECTION



YEAR 1 AND 2 HARVEST FESTIVAL ASSEMBLY



CHAPLAINCY TEAM RETREAT DAY AT NEW HALL







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.

MENU WEEK COMMENCING - 21st October – 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

New secondary admission round (Year 6 to 7 transfer September 2025)

The application period for admission to Year 7 in secondary schools for September 2025 opened on Thursday,12 September 2024.

From this date, parents/carers of current Year 6 Essex resident children will be able to make their applications using our website www.essex.gov.uk/admissions. Last year, 99% of Essex parents applied online.

As usual, the Council will not be sending out letters to parents/carers about applying. All of the application information is published on the website above.

The closing date of Thursday, 31 October 2024.

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 Gibbs** or the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Officer: **Miss Watson.**

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."

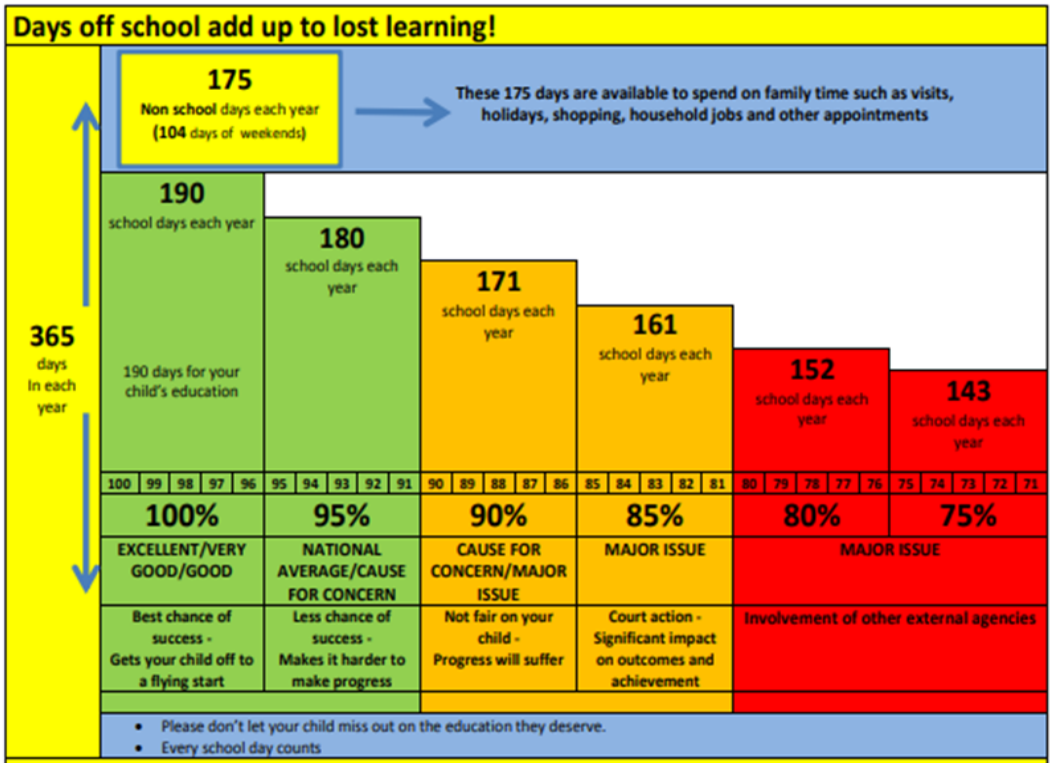
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Attendance

We know that these things are unavoidable, but please do ensure that your child is in school whenever they can be. Lost learning 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 % 07.10.24 - 11.10.24	This week % 14.10.24 - 18.10.24
Foundation	93%	92.3%
Year 1	98.1%	97.4%
Year 2	96.3%	95.3%
Year 3	98.1%	98.1%
Year 4	98.7%	99.4%
Year 5	97.5%	97.2%
Year 6	93.3%	96.1%
Whole School Total	**96.4%**	**96.6%**

Congratulations to Years 1, 3, 4 & 5 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.

Clubs

The clubs for Autumn Term 2 will be:



Monday	Team sports - years 2, 3 & 4 - 3.15pm - 4.15pm
	(4th November - 16th December = 7 sessions)
	Football - years 1, 2 & 3 - 3.15pm - 4.15pm
	(4th November - 16th December = 7 sessions)
	High 5's - years 5 & 6 - 3.15pm - 4.15pm
	(4th November - 16th December = 7 sessions)
	Art club - years 1 & 2 - 3.15pm - 4.15pm
	(4th November - 16th December = 7 sessions)
Tuesday	Dragonball - years 1 & 2 - 3.15pm - 4.15pm
	(5th November - 17th December = 7 sessions)
	Football - years 4, 5 & 6 - 3.15pm - 4.15pm
	(5th November - 17th December = 7 sessions)
	Guitar - years 3, 4, 5 & 6
	(5th November - 17th December = 7 sessions)
Thursday	Art - years 3, 4, 5 & 6 - 3.15pm - 4.15pm
	(7th November - 19th December = 7 sessions)
	Basketball - years 4, 5 & 6 - 3.15pm - 4.15pm
	(7th November - 19th December = 7 sessions)
	Chess - years 3, 4, 5 & 6 - 3.15pm - 4.15pm
	(7th November - 5th December = 5 sessions)



Monday's Art club will be booked by Mrs Williams from the rolling waiting list so if you haven't added your child to the list but would like them to be included, please contact her as soon as possible. You will be notified by email if your child has a place for this half-term.

Thursday's Art club is returning to a first come, first served basis. Please book this club yourself when they are released next week.

Please ensure all payments are up to date as you will not be able to book onto future clubs until payments have been cleared.