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The Rosary Trust

Our Lady Immaculate School News

Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Primary School
A Multi-Academy

24th November 2024 **Issue 11**

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week the children are growing in the virtue of faith.

Thank you again for your incredible generosity in helping us raise **£130.20** for the Anti-bullying Alliance, and an incredible **£1,668.50** for BBC Children in the need; as a school this is the most we have ever raised for a single charity event.

In line with our Catholic Social Teaching values of distributive justice, our school council led a fascinating assembly this week as part of UK Parliament Week. The assembly looked at helping us to better understand our roles and responsibilities as citizens in a democratic nation. Thank you to the school council and Miss Schultz for organising this for us.

On Thursday, Mrs Henderson visited the school to deliver an assembly on road safety to all the children. As the nights draw in and the days grow darker, hopefully the children will be more aware of how to navigate walking safely in the local area, and the importance of being seen in order to keep safe.

We hope you enjoy the extra day with your children this Friday as the staff attend training. Please remember that the parish have their bazaar this Sunday held in the school. This is a lovely opportunity for the school to support our parish community - please come along if you are able to.

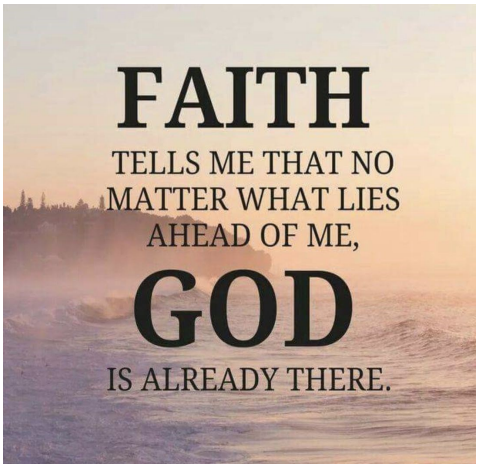
I very much enjoyed attending last week's disco and I am looking forward to the Friends Association Christmas Bazaar being held on the 8th of December. If you can help in any way, please do contact the Friends Association.

Wishing you all a peaceful and blessed weekend,

Warmest regards,

Mrs Sophie Gibbs
Interim Headteacher

Thought for the weekend!



TEN TEN Parent links!

If you would like to know more about what your child is learning in PSHE or RSHE.

Please do visit the TEN:TEN parent portal for more information.

https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal/

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This does not just give you access to the content of Life to the Full which is the curriculum we follow across the school for PSHE/RSHE, but to the prayer and liturgy newsletter that we will be sharing monthly with you to help enrich your prayer life at home. Below is a link to the November newsletter

November 2024

Road Safety Assembly



We learnt about the Essex safer roads Vision zero campaign.

(For more details please visit their website.)

Vision Zero - saferessexroads.org

Celebrating the Start of Advent

Our School Council are excited to announce that pupils can wear something purple to school on Monday 2nd December to celebrate the start of advent. We feel this is important because we would like to raise awareness of the change in the liturgical calendar to celebrate our Catholic Faith. It could be a purple tie, socks, tights, coat, t-shirt, jumper, cardigan or skirt. How creative can you be?

OLI's School Council Assembly - Parliament Week





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: **Mrs Hale.**

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

Child Protection & Safeguarding

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.uk) under 'Key Information/GDPR and Privacy

DATES TO REMEMBER

Please note: new information will be presented in red

NOVEMBER 2024	
Wednesday, 27th	Year 3 and Year 4 Mass @ 9.30am
DECEMBER 2024	
Monday, 2nd	Year 1 and 2 trip to Colchester Zoo Celebrating the start of advent - please wear something purple
Wednesday, 4th	Year 2 Mass @ 9.30am
Thursday, 5th	Choir only - singing at Bailey Court retirement home @ 10am
Friday, 6th	Non-uniform day - bring a bottle
Sunday, 8th	Friends Association Christmas Bazaar
Monday, 9th	Whole school Feast Day Mass @ 11am
Tuesday, 10th	Panto @ The Civic Theatre @ 10am
Wednesday, 11th	Christmas Jumper Day - online donation (link to follow) Year 1 Mass @ 9.30am Children's Christmas Dinner
Monday, 16th	EYFS/KS1 Christmas performance @ 9.30am (**Reception and Year 1 parents only)**
Tuesday, 17th	EYFS/KS1 Christmas Performance @ 9.30am (**Year 2 parents only**)
Wednesday, 18th	Year 6 and Reception Mass @ 9.30am
Thursday, 19th	Candlelight Christmas Service @ 2.30pm in the school hall (**pupils and staff only**)
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**
JANUARY 2025	
Monday, 6th	INSET DAY
Tuesday, 7th	First day of Spring term
Wednesday, 8th	Whole school Epiphany Mass @ 9.30am

MERIT BADGES

WEEK ENDING 22nd November 2024

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

Foundation	Emma H	Libby
Year 1	Rupert	Gaia
Year 2	Tadhg	Leila
Year 3	David	Zuzannah
Year 4	Peter	Sonia
Year 5	Matilda	Russell
Year 6	Florence C	Malachy

HOUSE POINTS

WEEK ENDING 22nd November 2024

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

BECKET	CAMPION	FISHER	MORE
1st (166)	3rd (134)	2nd (149)	4th (132)

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 22nd November 2024

Foundation	Henry	Freya
Year 1	Thiem	Nathalia
Year 2	Lewis	Annie
Year 3	Fabian	Graciella
Year 4	Richmond	Agatha
Year 5	Harry	Ciara
Year 6	Oliver	Sofia O'S

School Vacancies

Midday Assistant

Our Lady Immaculate School is looking to recruit a permanent Midday Assistant. The position is for a total of 1.5 hours a day on Monday to Friday from 12:00pm to 1:30pm, term time only. The hourly rate is: £11.79, plus holiday pay. For further information and an application form please contact Lindsey Murgatroyd - lindsey.murgatroyd@ourladyimmaculate.essex.sch.uk or call the school office on 01245 353755. No previous experience required as training will be given.

Our school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our children and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. All appointments require an enhanced DBS disclosure, medical check and satisfactory references. In compliance with Safer Recruitment guidelines, CVs cannot be accepted.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Friends Association News

Disco

Thank you to everyone who helped make the disco such a huge success, we couldn't do it without all of your support. We raised £1200 for the school, which is fantastic. We will keep you posted with what it will go towards.

Estate agent boards for the Christmas bazaar

Everyone who offered to have a board should have been contacted. The boards will be going up soon.

Christmas Bazaar - Sunday 8th December - 10am-2pm

From Monday the trolley will be out ready to receive donations for our raffle! We have split the raffle into themes per year group and are excited to see what donations are received:

F/tion: Xmas Eve Hamper

Year 1: Creative Crafts

Year 2: Baking Box

Year 3: Movie Night

Year 4: Cozy Night Hamper

Year 5: Mad for Dogs Box

Year 6: New Years Eve Celebration Box

We are also calling out for Volunteers for shift one (10-12am) or shift two (12-2pm) for the bazaar!!!!

To volunteer, please either sign up on the link below or let Rebecca Bush, Karen Charles-Foster or Roberta Losa know you can help.

https://bit.ly/OLIXmas24

Tickets for the Christmas Bazaar can be purchased online from Monday at £1 per adult (children are free), and can also be brought on the door at the Bazaar too.

Later on we will be asking for donations of sweets for the sweet tombola and soft toys for the soft toy tombola.

As always, we thank you for your help. All events are only possible with the volunteers help.

Many thanks

The friends



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 - 25th November – 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

Reception admissions for academic year starting in September 2025

Primary school (Reception) admission round opened on **Monday 4 November 2024**, for parents of children to apply for a Reception school place for the academic year that starts in September 2024.

The statutory national closing date for applications is **15 January 2025**.

Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions. 99% of parents in Essex applied online last year.

All of the application information is available on the website above. The website www.essex.gov.uk/admissions also has a copy of the Primary Education in Essex 2025-26 booklet and the Schools Admissions Policies Directories contain details of all admission policies.

You will also need to complete a Supplementary Application Form which can be obtained from the office or the school's website www.ourladyimmaculateprimary.uk

News from the ARK

Bookings can be made up until 10pm the night before. Please note that the Ark will no longer be providing a drink and a biscuit to children attending the externally provided clubs due to rising costs. However, they are welcome to bring their own snack and refill their water bottles.

Morning Sessions: 7:30am until 8:30am

Afternoon Sessions: 3:15pm until 4:15pm

4:15pm until 5:15pm

5:15pm until 6:15pm



The Ark Parent Survey

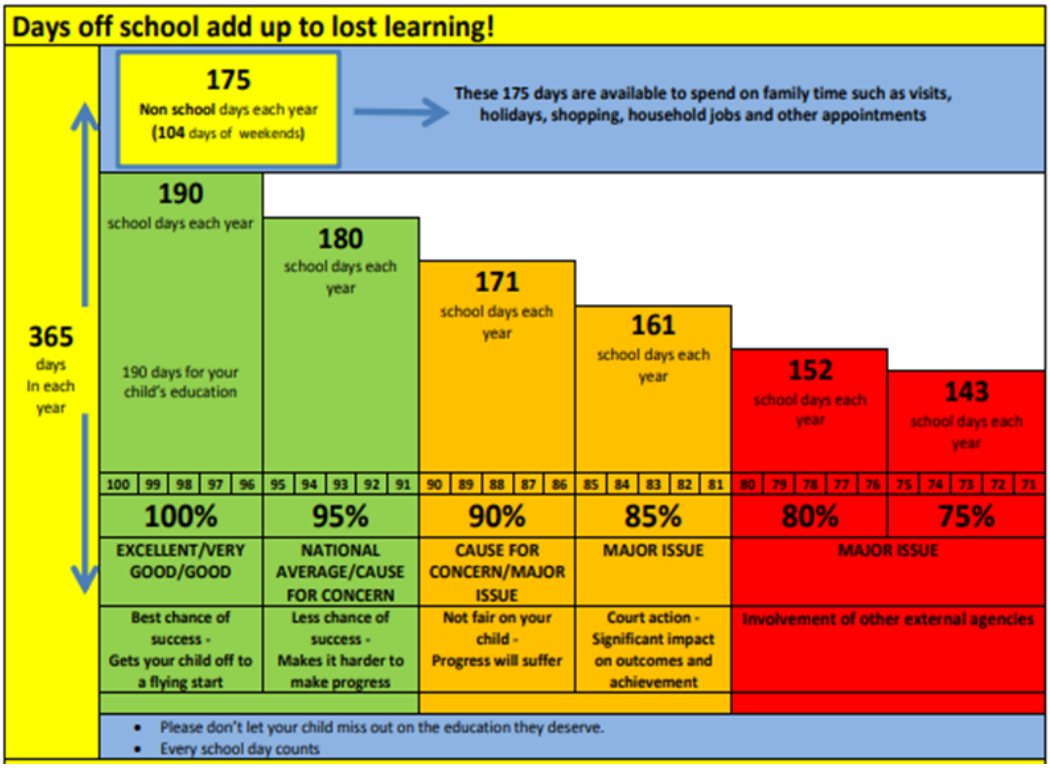
Please complete the attached survey regarding the Ark.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=VUU1EkXdoEOwAcZ0KxF8ZgX4Kp44UUhDovPsu4fdyLZUOFZFREpPOU1BMElTNjRHTUlOT1NYSV

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% - 96.9%** | **97% and above**

	Last week % 11.11.24 - 15.11.24	This week % 18.11.24 - 22.11.24
Foundation	94.4%	96.9%
Year 1	99.4%	94.8%
Year 2	98.3%	96.7%
Year 3	99.3%	98.4%
Year 4	96.2%	96%
Year 5	94.1%	92.2%
Year 6	92.1%	93.6%
Whole School Total	**96.2%**	**95.4%**

Congratulations to Years 3 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.