



Newsletter

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In Our Lady's Catholic Primary School we learn about God and try to follow his footsteps by showing care and respect for one another.

Dear Parents and Carers

I will not tolerate verbal aggression from parents and carers towards members of my staff.

I appreciate that the last year has been a very stressful one for us all, but this is not an excuse for swearing and shouting in front of other parents and children. Any further instances of such behaviour will result in individuals being banned from the school site and if need be police intervention.

This school prides itself on working alongside parents to support the children. We are always happy to discuss issues and we seek to help families in any way we can. As a school we place the dignity of the individual at the heart of what we do and I ask that you do the same.

The staff have worked harder than ever during the pandemic to support our children and their families. Since we have returned in March, we have noticed that children's emotional well-being has been more effected by the most recent lockdown, and thus the scope of our job is greater than it has been. We will not shy away from our duty to meet this challenge but it can only be done in partnership with parents and carers; through mutually respectful communication.

We have all been effected by recent events, not least my staff. I ask that you consider their own well-being in any interactions you have with them.

Mr Meech
Executive Headteacher

Staff Changes

Today we are sad to say goodbye to Mrs Harmer. Mrs Harmer has given the school great service and we wish her well for the future.

From 7th June we welcome Mrs Al Hamoud into the role of Mealtime Assistant with Miss Hobson moving to the role of Teaching Assistant.

Summer Term Dates

Mon 7th June	School Returns for Pupils
Fri 23rd June	Last Day of Term
Weds 8th Sept	Autumn Term Starts

Change to PE Days

Please note that there will be a change of PE Days from Monday 7th June for Heron and Puffin Class.

Heron Class will now have PE on a Tuesday and Friday and Puffin class will be on a Monday and Thursday.

Please ensure your children come to school already dressed in their PE kit for these days.

All other classes remain the same for this half term.

Thank you.

Update on COVID Restrictions

I hope this newsletter finds you well and, despite the rain, you have been able to enjoy the lifting of some of the restrictions.

On the subject of restrictions, the school will review the current school arrangements as and when the Government makes an announcement on any possible relaxing of social distancing rules from **June 21st**.

Any changes to school arrangements will be gradual and in line with trust guidance. It is our hope that we will be able to mix the children in school through joint class assemblies, sports activities and playtimes. Once we have finalised our plans we will of course communicate them with you.

At this stage we have no plans to change the start and finish times for the remainder of this academic year.

Parental Controls

If your child is a keen gamer and uses a range of consoles or devices to play the latest games, it is important to set parental controls. The link takes you to a how-to-guide to get up to speed on how to set the right level of protection to give them a fun and safe experience.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/gaming-consoles/>

Parental controls can also be set on other entertainment devices to ensure your children are watching age appropriate content in any TV programmes to.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/entertainment-search-engines/>



Barn-a-b's at Our Lady's

Welcome back, it's lovely to see the sun shining. Thank you for providing sun cream for your children. We have our own too, but if your child is allergic to some sun cream, please send your own. We have our own hats for the garden. Please label everything. As it warms up, the layers come off and with so many children, it's easy to get items mixed up.

Please keep us updated with new information, such as allergies, medication, changes in phone numbers and so on.

Look on the website to find out more about our learning for the term. Our story is "The Very Hungry Caterpillar." The caterpillar got sick after all the junk food! We will learn about healthy food.

Forms have been issued for any changes of hours that you wish to make for September. Please let Jen in the office know as soon as possible as spaces are being booked up fast.

You should have all received your starter packs for children who will be moving up to school in September, if you have any questions then please phone the school office on 01271 345164.

Have a lovely half term break and we look forward to welcoming children back on Monday 7th June.

**The more we stay
connected to Jesus, the
easier it is to make the
right choices.**

**The next newsletter will go home on:
Friday 18th June 2021**