

OUR LADY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY

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This week...

Hey Chester Zoo! We're taking over!

Some of our pupils educated the public and other HFCMAT schools about the problem of illegal wildlife training. They were complimented for the way they spoke politely and confidently and they had a great day!









Dinner Hall Behaviour Recognition

Every day our Midday Assistants pick out exmaples of beautiful behaviour in the dinner hall and award golden tickets.

Each Friday, one ticket is drawn as our Dinner hall behaviour star and they receive a certificate and 'the greatest pencil in the world!'

Plus, every ticket from that week is added to our jar for an end of year prize - a voucher for a family to enjoy a meal... Jacob in Y6 won the prize last July...

The more tickets they earn, the more chance each child has of winning that voucher this time around.

It's wonderful to see the children behave so maturely within our dinner hall and impress our MDA and cooks!



Healthy Eating at Our Lady's

We were proud of our Tasty Tuck Award last year and want to continue encouraging children to eat healthily.

Thank you to parents for supporting us and being mindful of our posters...



Banana
Grapes (cut lengthways)
Oranges / tangerines
Pears
Apples
Berries
Carrot Sticks

Cucumber
Bread sticks
Cheese straws
Babybels
Yoghurt tubes
Plain rice cakes

None of the following are permitted snacks in school: Chocolate, sweets, cakes, biscuits, crisps...

And to drink...

Water ... or, Low sugar cordial / juice



As well as heal thy snacks at break times, we would kindly ask that any packed lunches also have a good balance of foods with no chocolate. Chocolate can be used as a treat at home or... a reward once they have completed their reading!!!



Faith corner

Our Mission Statement

As Our Lady instructed, we are called to follow His Word (John 2:5) - learning with love, joy and hope.

We're proud of our prayer spaces which let children connect with God in a quiet, personal space...





This week's Gospel message

It can be hard to focus on God when our hearts are distracted! In this week's Gospel, Jesus recalls the two most important commandments - love God and love your neighbour. Children will learn that removing Earthly distractions can help us focus on putting God first in our lives, which in turn helps us to love our neighbours well.



"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

John 3:16

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Harvest Festival

As we approach the time of year when crops are harvested and we give thanks for the foods we are able to have, we wish to remember and help those in our community who may find times hard.

Once again, we are asking Our Lady's family to donate any spare foodstuffs. In October we will box up your donations and offer them to a local community project - St.Joseph's Family Centre. They were very grateful for our support last year and it is a wonderful opportunity to remember we are in the Church's Jubilee Year of Hope.

Please do try to spare what you can and donate... we will gather our donations in the hall until it is time to pass them on Thursday 16th October (which is World Food Day).

Many thanks in advance for your kindness and support...



Attendance...

The school target each week is 96%.

This week was 96% - YES WE DID IT!

Attendance is crucial for your child's learning development so let's work together to keep their attendance levels as high as they can be...

Rec: 98%

Y1: 98%

Y2: 96%

Y3: 96%

Y4: 99%

Y5: 91%

Y6: 91%

This week's winners are Y4!

Well done!

95%	=	40 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days	ATTENDANCE MATTERS
90%	=	80 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 days	WHAT DO YOUR
85%	=	120 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days	ATTENDANCE FIGURES ACTUALLY MEAN?
80%	=	160 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 32 days in total or 6 weeks and 2 days	BE SMART BE THERE! Percentages based on 190 academic days

What it all means...

Recognition Awards

In Friday's assembly, we were proud to celebrate pupils who gained Recognition Certificates for attributes such as kind behaviour, positive attitudes and superb classwork... and we celebrate those who did amazing Maths work with their times tables recall, TTRS Rock Stars ... and Numbot legends!



Congratulations also to AAradhya in Y4 for her Head teacher Award.



Looking ahead...



September:



16th - 3.25 - 4pm Y6 'Meet the Teacher' opportunity.

22nd - 3.25 - 4pm Y5 'Meet the Teacher' opportunity.

23rd - Taekwodo sessions for Y1 - 6 (PE kits needed)

24th - Chester Zoo Takeover - Faith Leaders visit.

24th - 3.25 - 4pm Y2 and Y1 'Meet the Teacher' opportunity.

25th - 3.25 - 4pm Y4 and Y3 'Meet the Teacher' opportunity.

27th - 10am Y4-6 School Cross Country Race at Walton Gardens.

30th - Whole School Flu Vaccinations.

October:

6th - Author Workshops visit.

9th - 8.30am onwards: Individual and family photos.

10th - 9am Y3 Catholic Social Teaching Assembly (parents invited).

13th & 14th - Y5 'Bikeability' course.

15th - Parents' Evening: slots 2 - 7pm.

16th - 9am Harvest Assembly (donations sent to St.Joseph's Family Centre).

23rd - 2.30 - 3.15pm Y3 'Book and a Biscuit'

23rd - Last day for pupils... half-term.

24th - INSET Day. Staff only.

IF YOU'D LIKE TO KNOW MORE, JUST ASK!

After-school clubs



Tuesday: Y3 - 6 Cross country club with Miss Dixon 3.20pm - 4.15pm. Collect from the field.

Wednesday: Y3 - 6 Choir with Medley Music (Fran) 3.20 - 4.15pm
Collect from Y5&6 exit.

Thursday: Y1-6 Chess Club with Sadun. 3.35pm - 4.35pm.
Collect from class 4.

Sadly there was a low response for the chess club and the chess coach - Sadun - has had to cancel this club.

Friday: Y1 - 3 Football. Collect from front of school.

If you know of trusted, high-quality after-school club providers who would be interested in running a club next half-term, do let us know via the school office.

Head teacher's comment...

It's always a pleasure to walk into each classroom and see the children engaged in their learning - sometimes I can afford a bit of time to stay and help out too. It really is a rewarding profession and I know my staff work their socks off to provide the best learning environment they can!

It was also fun reading at lunchtime today the next chapter of a story I loved as a child - Danny the Champion of the World by Roald Dahl. I wonder if any parents experienced that story in

their youth too?

I hope everyone has a happy and peaceful weekend.

Mr Gilby







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