

Our Lady Catholic Primary School

A Catholic Academy



December

2018

Headteacher Mission Statement Awards

Yr R: Ryan and Kyasha

Yr 1: Mya and Riley

Yr 2: Bobby and Dylan

Yr 3: Alex and Harriette

Yr 4: Derrick

Yr 5: Brenda and Eli

Yr 6: Daniele and Emily

Well done to our winners who made an extra special effort to live out our mission statement this half term.

Farewell to Mrs Minshall

Sadly we say goodbye to Suzanne Minshall at the end of term. Suzanne has been a real asset to the school but she leaves us to become a full time lady of leisure!

Welcome to Alison Andrews who will replace Suzanne from January.

Nativity performances by KS1 and Early Years.

Very well done to Reception, Years 1 and 2 for their excellent portrayals of the First Christmas. Thank you to everyone who attended and for your support by providing such fabulous costumes!



Show and Share morning

On Wednesday 12th December, we held a show and share morning. The children absolutely loved showing off their achievements from this term. Thank you to everyone who attended-we had an 85% turn out of parents on the day.



Enterprise week and the Christmas Fair

Throughout the week commencing 10th December the children worked exceptionally hard to produce quality products to sell at the Christmas Fair. Every class excelled but especially our Year 3 pupils who made £280 profit on their stall. Very well done to Year 3, Mrs Marinho, Mrs Marcanotonio and Miss Lyness!

A huge thank you to our PTA for organising such a festive Fair on Friday 14th December that was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Fr Michael Lambert

On Monday 17th December, we said goodbye to Fr Micheal Lambert. Many of our Yr 6 pupils represented Our Lady School by attending the Requiem mass at the Church and Sarah, Patrick and Chloe read the following poem:

God's Garden

God looked around the garden and saw an empty space.

He then looked down upon the earth and saw your tired face.

He put his arms around you and lifted you to rest.

God's garden must be beautiful for he only takes the best.

He saw the road was getting rough, and the hills were hard to climb.

So he closed your weary eyelids and whispered "Peace be thine."

It broke our hearts to lose you, but you did not go alone;

For part of us went with you, the day God called you home.

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He put his arms around you and lifted you to rest.

God's garden must be beautiful for he only takes the best.

He knew that you were weary, and He knew it was time to depart,

He knew that the memories of you, would stay warm within our heart,

He saw the road was getting rough, and the hills were hard to climb,

So He closed your weary eyelids, and whispered "Peace be thine."



Anglo Saxon Village

On Monday 10th December Year 5 visited West Stow Anglo Saxon Village. The children were able to view artefacts, try on costumes and ask questions to an Anglo Saxon historian. Year 5 also had the chance to explore a reconstructed Anglo Saxon Village and listen to the traditional story of Beowulf. Thanks to Mr Pryde and Mrs Kelly for leading the trip.

Opportunities for parents to come into school next half term

Please see next page for a list of key dates for parents next term (in red). In addition to the usual spring term events we offer we will be providing parenting workshops for parents across the school. These will be facilitated by Sharon Lawton, a highly experienced trainer, and will be open to all parents. As a school, we recognise and value all that you do as parents, and we acknowledge demands vary at each stage of your child's development. Sharon will offer valuable hints, tips and practical ideas to support you with your role. These will be offered at £5 per person. A great evening not to be missed!

As an alternative to class assemblies during Lent class masses will be celebrated with Fr Tom. Parents are most welcome to attend.

Yrs 3, 4 and 5 will be leading an Easter production in the final week of term. Please note the date.

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Key dates and events next term – Please note all dates and times are subject to change

Monday 7th January: INSET

Tuesday 8th January: Pupils return

Friday 11th January and Fridays onwards: Year 4 swimming

Monday 14th January and Mondays onwards: 3.15-4pm Maths for Six

Wednesday 16th January: Parent workshops (4-6pm). Workshops will last for 30 mins per year group. Childcare provided.

Tuesday 22nd January: 7-9pm Parent Workshop for EYFS and KS1 'Enough of the Huff'

W/C 28th January: Mental Health and Wellbeing week. Further details to follow in the new year

Tuesday 29th January: 7-9pm Parent Workshop for KS2 'Managing my Pre-Teen'

29-1st February: Online Safety workshops in school

Tuesday 5th February: Safer Internet Day and Year 6 Phase workshops

Thursday 7th February: Year 4 Roman Workshop

Tuesday 26th February: Yr 1 trip to Herrings Farm

Monday 4th March: Yr 5 K'nex challenge

W/C 4th March Readathon week

Wednesday 6th March: 9.30am Ash Wednesday Service

Friday 15th March: 9am Class mass for Yrs R, 1 and 2 (in school)

Wednesday 20th March: Parent Consultations (3.30pm-6.30pm)

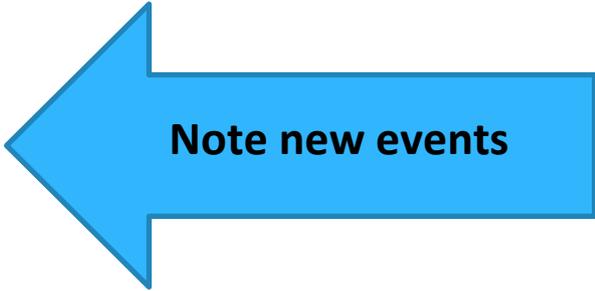
Thursday 21st March: Parent Consultations (3.30-6.30pm)

Friday 22nd March: 9am Class mass for Yr 3 and 4 (in school)

Friday 29th March: 9am Class mass for Yr 5 and 6 (in school)

Monday 1st April: Yr R and 6 Library visit

Thursday 4th April: 9.30am and 2pm Yr 3, 4 and 5 Easter production



Note new events

A Christmas blessing

May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ child.

Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

On behalf of all at Our Lady School, thank you all for the support and kindness shown throughout 2018. Wishing you a very happy and holy Christmas.

