

# Our Lady Catholic Primary School

*A Catholic Academy*



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Dear Parents,

Happy New Year!

Welcome back to a new school term.

As you will know from my December newsletter we have many events scheduled in coming weeks. Please see below for further details on the January events. The evening parent workshops are led by Sharon Lawton, a highly regarded external facilitator, and there will be an entrance charge of £5 per person. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible there.

## **KS2 WORKSHOP**

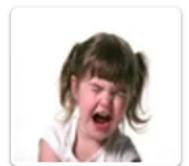
**Tuesday 29<sup>nd</sup> January 7-9pm. Teas and Coffees from 6.30pm. £5 entrance**

### **Understanding Your Pre-Teen**

This 2 hr practical and interactive masterclass has been developed using some Positive Parenting Publications and Programmes. The workshop aims to explore the key areas of parenting a pre-teen and how to develop strong positive relationships with your pre-teen.

## **EYFS AND KS1 WORKSHOP**

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 7-9pm. Teas and Coffees from 6.30pm. £5 entrance**



### **Enough of the Huff - Surviving The Tantrums and Tears!**

This masterclass aims to explore the area of tantrums in 2-6 year-olds and how parents can manage the situation.

Topics include:

- Understanding the reasons children misbehave
- Helping them manage big feelings
- Understanding how our responses to our children to help them deal with stress directly impacts the development of their brain
- The development of the brain in the first 3-5 years
- Recognising the two different types of tantrum and how to respond to each one
- Understanding how our words, language and responses affect children and their ability to regulate
- Looking at strategies to help parents cope and help children to self regulate



### Curriculum workshops

On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January we will be hosting curriculum workshops from 4-5.15pm. Workshops will last for 30 mins per year group and be led by class teachers.

From 3.30-4pm and from 5.20-5.50pm (immediately before and after the class workshops) we will be hosting information sessions for parents on our new feedback and marking system. At these sessions, we will go into detail about how we support pupils with self-assessment, how to improve and edit their work, and how to identify next steps and targets. This will be led by Miss Davis and Mrs Barrett.

### School Office

The office is open each day from 8.30am-4pm.

Mrs Amanda Gaunt will be working in the mornings from 8.30am. Miss Alison Andrews will be working in the afternoons until 3.30pm. The School Business Manager Jill Westbury is available throughout the day.

### Inclusion Manager

Mrs Suzanne Steadman is now in post and will be working on Wednesdays and Fridays in school. In coming weeks, Mrs Steadman will be writing to meet with parents of children currently on support plans, but should anyone wish to make an appointment to see her in relation to a new concern, please do so via the school office. As an experienced SENCO, Mrs Steadman already has strong links with the external agencies we use and will be able to support families and children with a range of additional needs.

### Off Sites Visits/Workshops

As you will have seen from my December Newsletter, class teachers have been busy organising workshops, visitors to come into school and off site trips to help enrich the curriculum for the children in their class. No doubt you will appreciate much work goes on behind the scenes to ensure these events take place and in almost every case they are a huge success and the memories stay with the children for years to come. We try to ensure events are spread throughout the academic year and costs are kept to minimum. In relation to school trips, staff invest a huge amount of time completing risk assessments; necessary paperwork and making alternative arrangements for their own families in order ensure your children can partake in an off-site experience.

On a few occasions recently, we have had to consider cancelling a trip/event at the last minute, as parental payments are not being made. As a school we cannot run a trip/event on a selective basis and therefore cancelling it is our only option. We did proceed with the Christmas Panto despite a lack of payment from a number of families but we will not be in a position to do this in future.

Whilst we are aware requests for payment is voluntary, the school is unable to cover any deficit if contributions do not cover the cost. If you are in a position where you find yourself unable pay for any 'optional extras', please do contact Jill Westbury, School Business Manager, to discuss how the school can help you. If you are not paying for a trip or event for any other reason, please also contact Jill Westbury to enable us to plan for future events.