

# Our Lady Catholic Primary School

*A Catholic Academy*



July  
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## NEWS from the Head

### Awards Assembly

On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July the following children were awarded the Mission Statement Award in assembly:

Yr R – Aaron and Ella

Yr 1- Grace and Eva

Yr 2 – Niamh and Roxy

Yr 3- Gianluca

Yr 4 – Pepe and George

Yr 5 – Amelia and Oscar

Yr 6 – Crystal and Kieran

The award is given to children who make a special effort to live out Our Lady School Mission Statement. Very well done to our current role models.



## Events from this half term

### Alfriston trip

During w/c 25<sup>th</sup> June our Year 6 pupils visited Alfriston, East Sussex, for a 4 day residential. The children enjoyed a trip to Drusillas zoo, the beach to complete a rock pool study, and a tour of medieval buildings in and around Alfriston village. The trip was a great success and the children were fantastic ambassadors for Our Lady School. I was particularly impressed that everyone managed the 18km of walking each day-well done Year 6! Thanks to Mr Dray, Mrs Adams and Mrs Duffy who led the trip with me.

### First Holy Communions

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June, we held a prayer service in school to mark those celebrating the sacrament of First Holy Communion. The Year 3 and 4 children offered prayers for those making their First Holy Communion on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June in Hitchin and on previous weekends in Shefford. Well done Year 3.

### Moving up workshops for Year 6 children

Thanks to Phase, a local charity supporting local schools, for the sessions they completed with our Year 6 pupils in relation to transition to secondary school. They made three visits over the last half term and the children benefitted immensely from talking about the benefits and challenges they face moving school.

### Community Mass at JHN

On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July our Year 3 pupils attended a community mass at John Henry Newman School along with other feeder primary schools. It was a lovely event which our Year 3 pupils enjoyed immensely.

### Year 5 author visit to The Priory

On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June our Year 5 children were invited to The Priory School to hear from author Richard Mayers. It was lovely they had the opportunity to attend and listen to a great author in an effort to help foster a deeper love of reading.

### Year R trip to Wimpole Farm

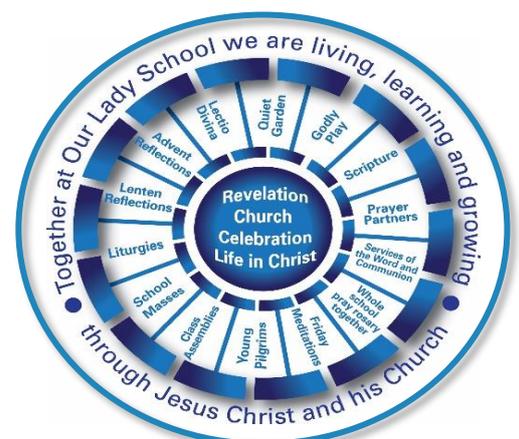
On 27<sup>th</sup> June Year Reception pupils visited Wimpole farm as part of their work on animals this term. The children had an excellent day and really enjoyed seeing the newborn piglets!

### Year 2 trip to Whipsnade Zoo

The Year 2 children got to see lots of different animals around the zoo and took part in three different workshops focusing on 'Adaptation'. The elephant relay race was a favourite part of everyone's day along with finding out lots of new facts about the animals at the zoo. Although it was a very hot day all of the children had a fantastic time on the trip.

### Year 1 trip to Shepreth Wildlife Zoo

Year 1 visited the animals including meerkats, bats and red pandas. The children got to stroke a stick insect, large snail and even a snake! It was so much fun.



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## End of term prayer

Loving Father,  
as we come to the end  
of another term  
we turn to you in confidence  
and place any difficult  
relationships  
into the healing hands of Jesus,  
your Son.

Enable us to leave behind  
any pain of the past  
and any regrets or bitterness,  
entrusting the past to your  
mercy,  
the present to your love,  
and the future to your  
providence.  
Help us appreciate more  
the need to keep a good balance  
in our lives.

May the holiday be for us  
a time of rest and recreation  
to help restore us  
and re-create us  
in your image and likeness,  
as we enjoy  
more of the love and presence  
of our families,  
on whom we ask your blessing.

Amen.



## Save the Date!

School Mass - Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2018

On Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2018, Bishop Paul McAleenan will be celebrating mass at Our Lady School at 2pm. We invite every family to attend and join this special occasion with us. Following the mass, the PTA will be organising food stalls and activities on the field. Children to wear school uniform please.



## Diary Dates

Please see list of diary dates for the next academic term. We update our website weekly and so other dates may be added as time passes, but for now, we felt it would be helpful for you as parents to have the dates as a word document to display at home.

### Key dates to be aware of for next term include:

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September: Parent Workshops 3.45-5.45pm

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October: Parent Consultations 3.30-6.30pm

Please make every effort to attend both events. Please also note the dates of your child's class assembly.

Following a very successful Enterprise Week two years ago, we will be running the event again w/c 10<sup>th</sup> December, culminating in a fayre on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December (4-7pm). In order to celebrate the cultural diversity within our school community, we would like to invite families to represent their nationality by preparing food to be shared with our community on that afternoon. If you would be willing to help support us with this, please speak to Mr Boon, our new Chair of the PTA, or myself and we will take your details to share at the next PTA meeting.

*Thank you to every member of our school community, from our youngest to our eldest, for everything you have contributed over the year. A special thank you, as well as, farewell to our Year 6 children, who have delighted us all with their play, mass and assembly this week. We wish you all the very best wishes for the future.*