



Our Lady's News

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'With God, all things are possible' (Mt 19.26)



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Dear parents/carers,

It has been a fabulous start to the new term and there is a real buzz of excitement around school.

On Tuesday, children from Years 1-3 attended mass which was celebrated by Fr Eamonn. The children invited their families to join them. It was beautiful to see so many of you there for the mass and I know the parishioners loved to see the church so full. The next mass will be for Years 4-6 and you are very welcome to join us. Details will be shared by the children in the coming days.

Hopefully, the children will have told you about the new behaviour incentive we have introduced where good behaviour is rewarded every day. The children receive tokens to spend at the school shop for every day they behave 'The Our Lady's Way.'

We launched the incentive at the start of the term, with an assembly where children shared their understanding of how they are expected to behave every day. This included how they treat each other, how they respond to staff, how much effort they put into their work and how they show respect for the school environment.

Every day, children have the chance to earn one token which can then be spent at the shop. There are various items which can be bought for 5, 10, 15, 25, 75 and 100 tokens!

The wonderful thing about the incentive is that no one is excluded from success... everyone can and will visit the shop to spend their token. Those who behave beautifully every day will get to spend theirs more often.

During the first week, the number of children who received all 5 tokens was wonderful - 93.5% of children earned all their tokens.

Well done to all the children!

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Oakley

Executive Headteacher



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DIARY DATES

29.01.24: Cross Country Event at Discovery Academy 3.30pm-4.45pm. Selected pupils notified
30.01.24: Parent/Carer drop in 8.45am-9.30am
06.02.24: School Mass in Church 9.15am-10.15am—Y4,Y5,Y6 Families Invited
06.02.24: Futsal Competition at Fenton Manor, selected pupils notified
06.02.24: YR National Child Monitoring, Height & Weight check in school
09.02.24: Last day of Spring term 1
12.02.24-15.02.24: Half term holiday week
19.02.24: School reopens—start of Spring Term 2
20.02.24: School Mass in Church 9.15am-10.15am—Y1,Y2,Y3 Families Invited
07.03.24: World Book Day
12.03.24: Little Library van visiting Nursery
19.03.24: Dance 2024 at Victoria Hall
22.03.24: End of Spring Term 2

All the dates of this year's school terms and holiday dates can be found on our website <https://www.ourladyasca.org.uk/parents/term-dates>

P.E Spring term 2024

Children should arrive in school wearing their P.E kits on the day of their lesson. Kit to be worn all day. Pupils should remove all

jewellery (including earrings) prior to taking part in any physical activities.



Tues 9th Jan - Fri 22nd March

Monday - Y4 & Y6

Tuesday - Reception & Nursery

Wednesday - Nursery, Y1,Y3,Y5

Thursday - Y2,Y4,Y3 & Y6

Friday - Y1 & Y2

Nursery September 2024

You can now apply for Nursery places for September 2024.

Please apply online via: www.stoke.gov.uk/admissions

The closing date for Nursery is **Wednesday 31st January**

School Attendance & Punctuality

At Our Lady's Catholic Academy, we are working hard to improve the punctuality of our pupils. It is essential that our pupils arrive in school on time, ready to begin learning. We would like to remind you that the law requires pupils to attend school regularly and on time.

The school gates open at 8.45am and close at 8.55am. Children are expected to be in class by 8.55am. All pupils are expected to arrive on time.

Children are to be collected on time at the end of the school day. End of the school day finishing time:

YN & YR	3.05pm
Y1 & Y2	3.10pm
Y3-Y6	3.15pm

Year 3 Picture News Impact Awards

We are extremely proud of the children in Year 3 who received a gold level award for their work with Picture News during this year. This child-led project included them working in our local community to share a range of news topics and discuss these matters in detail. Please see feedback from Picture News judgement panel below. This also opened up musical opportunities as we performed a range of Christmas songs to residents as well.



Well done Year 3!

WRAPAROUND CARE

£2.00 per session

Please book via clubs@olca.org.uk by 12pm each Thursday for the following week. Emails must state child's name, year group and which session (AM/PM) you require.

Payment must be provided by the end of the week at the latest. Wraparound care service will be withdrawn for any further bookings if payment is not received.

PUPILS MUST NOT BE LEFT ALONE IN THE FRONT RECEPTION

Parent/Carer drop in session

Parent/Carers are warmly invited to attend our next informal drop in session on Tuesday 30th January. The session will run from 8.45am-9.30am.

This informal drop in session will be run by Danielle Costa from the Mental Health Support team. It will be a great opportunity to discuss any concerns you have around the feelings and emotions of your children.

Attendance

w/c 22.01.2024

Class	Total Percentage
YN	92%
YR	94%
Y1	93%
Y2	96%
Y3	95%
Y4	93%
Y5	93%
Y6	99%

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