



CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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July 2022 Newsletter

Dear Parents

Welcome to our final newsletter of the academic year. This has been a very busy year and we have enjoyed the summer weather.

Transition Day went really well and we have welcomed all of our new teachers into school for a full transition week ahead of their start. We plan this each year so that all new members of our teaching community can really get to know our partnership and systems. The children have all now had the opportunity to visit their new class and a great deal of work has been put into ensuring this changeover is as easy for the children as possible.

This newsletter contains dates and information for the next academic year so please make a note of the dates and keep the newsletter somewhere safe.

Farewell and Welcome

Summer term is a real mix of pride, happiness and a little sadness. It is the time when we celebrate a year of achievement and personal successes for our children and staff community and a time where some teachers move on to pastures new.



Thank you to our School Governors

I would like to extend on behalf of the whole school our sincere thanks to the Our Lady and St Joseph Catholic Primary Board of Governors, who generously give their time and support in ensuring we provide a good quality education for all our pupils and promoting effective ways of teaching and learning.



House Competitions

The children have continued this half term to work hard on their house competitions. They have competed in a knowledge, sport and charity competition.

History quiz competition

After four weeks of delving into the past, recalling numerous historical events and understanding the impact on today, a winner for the history quiz competition was finalised:

1st-St Mark

2nd-St Matthew

3rd-St John

4th-St Luke

Sports Day

Sports day was a huge success this year with intense races, fantastic support and lots of excitement. The children's athletic ability was tested in various formats such as the obstacle race, egg and spoon, fancy dress, sprints and long distance.

The eventual winners were St Mark, who performed brilliantly and ran away with the victory!!!

Charity

Firstly, many thanks to all the Our Lady and St Joseph community for collecting an ENORMOUS number of plastic lids and bottle tops for our piece of recycled art . . . it does seem somewhat ironic that we have constructed a collaborative piece of wall-art celebrating the beauty 'Under the Oceans' with single-use, plastic lids! However, every little helps and our charity project this term has helped reduce plastic rubbish amassing in our natural world, whilst highlighting the need for systemic change for environmental survival. Collecting and re-purposing the variety of shapes, sizes and colours has provided pupils with an invaluable mission: a mission that has been accompanied by assemblies and in-class education about strategies for reducing, reusing and recycling.

Well done everyone and keep up the hard work!



Rounders Round Up!

OLSJ pupils have been busy playing rounders this week - Year 3/4 went off to Priestlands to play in a tournament against other New Forest Schools... and finished third overall! Children were delighted with their medals. Well done to all involved!

Year 1/2 have also been in action, playing their first competitive rounders match for the school against Springhill Catholic Primary School in Southampton.

The children did very well to learn the rules of the game and the match finished as a draw!

Year 5/6 also took part in sporting activities at Priestlands - using the secondary's school athletics facilities as part of a track and field tournament. The long jump and sprints were very popular! The team did a fantastic job and finished second overall! Take a look at the gallery to see a snapshot of all of our sporting endeavours.

Queen Books and Bookmarks

The Department for Education have commissioned a special book in commemoration of the Platinum Jubilee for all pupils at state funded primary schools. The book tells the story of a young girl, Isabella, visiting her Great Granny Joyce who tells her about the Queen and this year's Jubilee.

In the story, Isabella sifts through Great Granny Joyce's treasure box of souvenirs, which act as introductions to the contents of the book. These include recent and historical events across the United Kingdom and Commonwealth, inspirational people, landmark innovations and inventions, and a selection of the best art, design, and culture.

The book includes famous quotes from the Queen, facts on the coronation ceremony, content on the lives of famous Commonwealth figures such as Nelson Mandela, notable kings and queens and a timeline of Queen Elizabeth's life.

Additionally, the OLSJ PTA have also very kindly purchased all children a commemorative Platinum Jubilee leather bookmark to accompany their story book. We hope this, along with our own Jubilee Mug, Mayor's Mug, The Queen's Green Canopy medal, tea-towels and 'own made' coasters will serve as a joyful reminder of our celebrations to mark this momentous occasion!



Discover Arts Award

Pupils in Year 6 at OLSJ all received a certificate this week from Trinity College London for their participation in the Discover Arts Award.

With the help of Verity at St Barbe Museum in Lymington, the children collated evidence of their experience of participating in arts activities, their research on artists and their work, as well as their individual discoveries around the arts. Children had to complete 20 guided hours of learning to achieve this award.

A big well done to Year 6 and a big thank you to St Barbe Museum for facilitating it.



Mayor of Lymington Visit

We were delighted today to meet Cllr James Hoare, Mayor of Lymington & Pennington and members of the Rotary Club.

The Mayor presented all children at Lymington and Pennington schools with a commemorative mug for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee - continuing a tradition from the Queen's Golden Jubilee in 2002 and Diamond Jubilee 2012.

Perhaps older siblings or parents may have a commemorative mug of their own at home!

This assembly is the final event in our Jubilee Celebrations - we hope you will enjoy and treasure the keepsakes from this very special occasion for years to come.

Priestlands Tennis

Mr Clark took a number of Year 3-4 pupils to play tennis at Priestlands Secondary School this week.

The children had a wonderful time, practising their serving skills and developing their hand-eye coordination.

They finished 3rd overall in the tournament!

It was fantastic as always to use the excellent sporting facilities at our local secondary school.

Priestlands Mathematics Challenge

A big well done to Tristan, Scott, Zoe and Jason who took part in a Year 5 Maths Challenge for able mathematicians.

Priestlands Secondary School hosted the event, attended by many local schools in the Lymington area. Our

pupils took part in a range of problem solving activities, where they had to work together as a team and use their arithmetic and reasoning skills!

The team finished 8th in the competition overall and all received a certificate for their participation. It was a fabulous morning out - a big thank you to all the pupils and staff at Priestlands Secondary School who made the event possible.



Superstar Sports Play schemes

Superstar Sports will once again be holding their holiday activity club during the summer holidays. These will be on the following dates and if you would like your child to attend any of these sessions please book by visiting www.superstarsports.com.

25th – 29th July

1st – 5th August

8th – 12th August

Current News

Year R

During our last term in Year R, we have focused on the idea of change. During Writing, we have spent time reflecting on our year and deciding what we will need to focus on during Year 1. We have written letters to our new teacher as well as identifying what has made our first year at school so special. During Maths, we have been revisiting previous skills such as number bonds and division to ensure these are embedded ready to build upon in Year 1. We have spent lots of time focusing on our personal, social and emotional skills and how we can express how we are feeling about the change into Year 1. We have created worry jars, an Elmer display and named our emotions through The Colour Monster. We have spent time within our beautiful Year R gardens harvesting even more vegetables! Now, we are ready for a peaceful break before starting our new adventure in Year 1.

Year 1

What a fantastic end to this academic year! Year 1 have worked so hard these past few weeks. We have been learning about the following: Writing: In writing, we have taken our created character descriptions and made

fascinating adventure stories! The children have worked really hard to include lots of language features, making them all fantastic to read. History: In history, we have continued learning about different explorers. We have been comparing their adventures and explaining why they are all remarkable. Art: The children have loved art this half term. We have been combining all of the skills we've learned throughout this year to create a tile of different animal prints.

Year 2

Year 2 has been having the best time learning about the Faraway Tree, we have written our very own chapters all about our magical lands and characters! We've been to the Land of Candy, the Land Breakfast and the Land of Sports! We've also enjoyed being super scientists this half term and have found out fascinating facts about minibeasts and learnt all about how important they are for our environment. It's been amazing to find out all their tricks for survival! We've also been travelling back in time to research the significance of the Titanic! We've found out all about how they failed their safety regulations and that it definitely was sinkable! We've redesigned the Titanic to improve on their mistakes!

Year 3

Year 3 have had a fantastic end to the term and have especially enjoyed learning all about capacity. Within this unit, the children absolutely loved adding up different capacities in order to find out the perfect amount of water needed to create their own foot spas during the heat wave! As well as this, the children have completed their clay pots and have successfully implemented a range of techniques, including 'coiling' and using a 'slip' to join on handles. In writing, the children have finished off their dragon fact files, of which the children created a brilliant expert voice throughout.

Year 4

We are all looking forward to a nice, long and well deserved rest in year 4. The children have been coping with the heat incredibly well. We are so close to finishing all of the learning for year 4. To conclude our Science learning about light and shadow, we observed how shadows change over time in specific areas of the school. After gathering results we presented this as a line graph. In History/Geography we will conclude our learning by looking at the fashion industry and the sheer volume of water needed to create fast fashion. This will complete our learning about water sustainability. In English we are finishing our dragon non-chronological report. We are showing that we are an expert about a dragon of our creation to meet the non-fiction purpose. These are all looking brilliant. This will be published as a leaflet, with diagrams and pictures alongside their paragraphs and sections. As its the last piece we all want to make sure that it is the best we can do and a great finale to year 4 English, before stepping up to year 5.

Year 5

Year 5 have been re visiting fractions in maths and tackling problem solving skills on shape, area and perimeter and algebra. In English the pupils have been creating a narrative with fear and tension. They have demonstrated the sentence techniques and punctuation skills that they have learnt this year.

Year 6

Last week Year 6 had the best time in Devon! Surfing, kayaking, abseiling, climbing... you name it... we did it! As well as the activities being super fun, the scenery was breathtaking and the food was delicious! When we

came back, we had our leaver's mass which was beautiful and we sang our hearts out. However, it was really sad to say goodbye to the time we've had at Our Lady and St Joseph.

Lost Property

We have a substantial amount of unclaimed lost property. Please do pop in and take a look if your child has misplaced an item of clothing, book bag etc. All remaining items will be disposed of or taken to a local charity shop on the last day of term. Many thanks

Pick up and Drop off

Please ensure that written permission is given ahead of a playdate or change in pick up organisation. Teachers will not release to anyone other than named adults on a contact list. Do not be offended if a teacher refuses to hand a child over to a friend or nominated adult other than parent without express written permission.

Medication kept in school



Please do not forget to collect **all medication**, including inhalers & epipens, by 2pm on Friday, 22nd July. Prescribed medicines needed by pupils next term will need to be dropped off at the office on 2nd September please, and a new form completed by parent.

Dates for your Diary

- Thursday, 1st September – Inset Day
- Friday, 2nd September – Children return to school
- Wednesday, 19th October - School Photographer
- Thursday, 20th and Friday, 21st October – Inset Days
- Thursday, 25th and Friday, 26th May 2023 – Inset Days



STAFF TRAINING DAYS
Thursday, 1st September 2022
Thursday, 20th October 2022 Disaggregated
Friday, 21st October 2022 Disaggregated
Thursday, 25th May 2023 Disaggregated
Friday, 26th May 2023 Disaggregated

Please check the school website for up-to-date information
<http://www.OLSjschool.co.uk>

And finally.....

Do have a safe and joyful Summer break, we are working hard to focus on a great year ahead. Thank you for choosing our school.....