



Our Lady Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the end of our second full week of this spring term, I would like to take the opportunity to thank the pupils, staff, governors and parents for all of their ongoing support and commitment to our fantastic school. I am writing to you today to update you with some important news about the school.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MRS YOUNG:



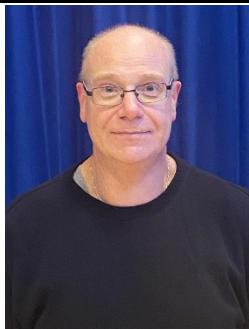
I would like to begin by offering the biggest of congratulations to Mrs Young, who recently completed the School Business Manager Level 4 Diploma course, after two years of intensive studying. As I am sure you will agree, Mrs Young (alongside Mrs Hobbs) plays such an important role in our school and her roles and responsibilities are very wide and varied. This qualification will help the school as we strategically move forward with financing, resourcing and recruitment in these challenging financial times. Congratulations Mrs Young!

GOODBYE AND THANK YOU MRS KOCHANOWSKA:



We were very sad to say goodbye to Mrs Kochanowska at the end of the autumn term. Mrs Kochanowska (aka 'Sylvia') joined the school back in 2019 and has been a highly valued member of our team –working hard to keep our school site as safe as possible. On behalf of the staff, governors and pupils of the school, I would like to thank Mrs Kochanowska for her dedicated service to Our Lady Catholic Primary School and we wish her the very best of luck in her future endeavours.

WELCOME MR VALENTINE:



We are delighted to welcome Mr Roger Valentine to our school, who has been appointed as our new site manager. Mr Valentine has already been hard at work getting to know the school premises and the children and staff at the school. I am sure you have seen him in the mornings and afternoons at the school gates. We are very lucky to have Mr Valentine as part of the Our Lady's team and I am sure you will all join me in welcoming him to the school when you see him on his daily rounds.

70th ANNIVERSARY OF THE OPENING OF OUR LADY CATHOLIC PRIMARY:



In 2023, the community of Our Lady Catholic Primary School will be celebrating the 70th anniversary of the opening of our school, which took place 24th June 1953 with His Eminence Cardinal Bernard Griffin (the Archbishop of Westminster). To mark this special occasion, we have already invited His Eminence, Cardinal Vincent Nicols to celebrate a special mass with us, which will be taking place on 20th June, 2023. We are also planning on inviting a number of ex-pupils,

staff and parents to come and celebrate this milestone in our history. We want it to very much be a community-based celebration in which lots of different people can come together to reflect upon the journey that the school has been on since it first opened its doors in 1953.

To plan for this exciting event, we are setting up a working party of parents, staff, governors and parishioners who will form a planning committee for this special anniversary. Our first meeting will be taking place in the school hall at **2.00pm** on **Thursday 2nd February**. If you would like to join the working party, please let the school office know as soon as possible. Your support is greatly appreciated.

BREAKFAST CLUB:



Just a reminder that our 'Early Birds Breakfast Club' runs from 7.45am each morning. The cost for the club is £5.00 per child per session. A choice of breakfast cereal, followed by toast, fruit and a drink is provided for each child and a range of supervised activities is set up each day for the children to participate in once they have had their breakfast. Parents and carers should drop off their children at the dining hall,

where they will be greeted by one of the 'Early Bird' supervisors. Children need to be booked on by 4pm the day before in order to get a place. Please ask at the office for more details.

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

Below is a list of dates for your diaries – please make a note of them!

JANUARY 2023	
20 th	PTA Quiz Night (7.00pm)
23 rd	'Bird Man' Assembly (9.30am)
24 th	'Mini Police' programme starts in Year 5 (2.00pm)
25 th	Burns Night
25 th	Year 1 Class Assembly (2.45pm)
27 th	Holocaust Memorial Day
31 st	'Mini Police' programme in Year 5 (2.00pm)

FEBRUARY 2023	
1 st	Year 2 Class Assembly (2.45pm)
2 nd	70 th Anniversary Working Party (2.00pm)
w/c 4 th	Children's Mental Health Week begins
7 th	Safer Internet Day
7 th	'Mini Police' programme in Year 5 (2.00pm)

8 th	Year 3 Class Assembly (2.45pm)
10 th	Our Lady of Lourdes Assembly with Fr. Norbert (10.50am)
10 th	Valentines Disco (3.30pm)
w/c 13th	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
20th	INSET DAY – School closed for children
w/c 21 st	Other Faiths Week in RE - Islam
21 st	'Mini Police' programme in Year 5 (2.00pm)
22 nd	Ash Wednesday – Fr Norbert in to distribute ashes
22 nd	Lenten Reflections begin in hall (8.40am)
28 th	'Mini Police' programme in Year 5 (2.00pm)

MARCH 2023	
1 st	National Offer Day for Secondary Schools
1 st	St. David's Day
1 st	Year 4 Class Assembly (2.45pm)
2 nd	World Book Day
7 th	'Mini Police' programme in Year 5 (2.00pm)
8 th	Year 5 Class Assembly (2.45pm)
14 th	'Mini Police' programme in Year 5 (2.00pm)
17 th	St. Patrick's Day
19 th	Mothering Sunday
21 st	World Poetry Day
21 st	Wonder Dome (observatory) arriving in school
21 st	'Mini Police' programme in Year 5 (2.00pm)
22 nd	Stations of the Cross with Fr Norbert (9.15am)
23 rd	Maths Parent Workshop in the school hall (9.15am)
30 th	Year 6 presents 'The Journey to the Cross' (2.00pm)
31 st	Reports handed out to parents
31st	END OF TERM (School closes at 1.00pm)
7th April	GOOD FRIDAY
9th April	EASTER SUNDAY

Please note that events may also be subject to change. If this happens, you will be informed as soon as possible.

As you can see, there is an awful lot to look forward to in the coming weeks and months of this summer term. Once again, I would like to thank you for your continued support for our school over this academic year. Your commitment to the school has been an essential part of our success. Thank you!

Kind regards,

Richard Curry