



# Our Lady Catholic Primary School

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10<sup>th</sup> January, 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

## **A HAPPY, BLESSED AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL!**

My first letter of 2019 comes with my very best wishes for a wonderful new year for all of you. I trust that you have all had a chance to relax, reflect and enjoy the company and love of your families over the Christmas holiday period. On behalf of all the team at Our Lady, I would like to thank you for your generosity over Christmas – it was truly appreciated by all of us. Thank you very much!

### **Our School Community:**



We are delighted to welcome Jason Iyamu to our Year 3 class who joined our school this week. We look forward to helping Jason and his family to settle into life at Our Lady as quickly as possible. I am sure you will join me in helping to make the Iyamu family feel very welcome and part of the school community.

### **Reception Class Admissions for September 2019 (for children who reach the age of 4 between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018 to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019):**



We are delighted to say that our school is extremely popular, but we would not like any of our families to miss the deadline for applications for admission to our Reception class. If you have a child who reached or will be reaching the age of 4 between the above dates and you would like them to join our school, please ensure that your application forms are handed in before **January 15<sup>th</sup> 2019**.

### **Awards Assemblies:**



As you may be aware, each week children are presented with awards for good behaviour and good work. We also celebrate birthdays and award the weekly attendance cup. This assembly provides the school with the chance of celebrating achievements in a positive environment.

### **Class Assemblies:**



This term, we will be having special class assemblies, which will give the children the opportunity to share their work with an audience. The children are delighted when their parents attend and you are always welcome, whether it is to see your own child's class or another year group. Assemblies will begin at 2.45pm.

The dates for the assemblies this term are as follows:-

Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	–	Year 1
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	–	Year 2
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	–	Year 3
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	–	Year 4
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	–	Year 6

Year 5 will be presenting a very special Lenten Assembly based on the Stations of the Cross at **2.00pm on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2019.**

### **Closure of Gosling Sports Hall:**



As you may have heard, GLL Management have decided to shut down the Sports Hall in Gosling Sports Park in Welwyn Garden City. This was done without any prior consultation with the local residents. According to the management, the facility is commercially not viable - hence their intention to close the hall.

We all believe that our local area needs the hall for our active community and any steps possible should be taken by the management and the council to change the decision. All the schools are using it regularly for external sport activities so by closing the building these opportunities will also be lost.

If you would like to challenge this decision, you can sign the following petition to show your support of this cause:

<https://www.change.org/p/grant-shapps-save-gosling-sport-hall-from-shutting-down>

You can find more information about the topic by reading the following article and the comments related to the petition:

<https://www.whtimes.co.uk/news/gosling-sports-park-hall-closure-1-5831000>

### **Birthdays:**

We would like to wish all of the following children a very happy birthday during the month of January:

Reception	–	Preeya
Year 1	–	Chase and Gabriel
Year 2	–	Michaela
Year 3	–	Oliver, Grace and Lucas
Year 4	–	Grace and Alex
Year 5	–	Harry, Bernadette and Sarah



## Uniform:



We are really grateful to all parents for supporting our uniform code. Our school uniform can be purchased on-line from 'Your Team Sportswear' on the following website: [www.yourteamsportswear.co.uk](http://www.yourteamsportswear.co.uk)

Can I remind all parents to ensure that their child adheres to the following guidelines:

The uniform is as follows:

- Navy sweatshirt or cardigan with school logo on.
- Sky blue polo shirt with school logo on.
- Grey trousers/skirt/or pinafore dress.
- Light blue and white checked dress (summer)
- Tights should be navy or grey.
- Black school shoes; no trainers, boots, high heels, sandals.

Ideally there should be no jewellery worn at school. If jewellery is worn, please take note of the following guidelines:

- Small plain studs, one in each ear.
- Small watches (at your own risk).
- No logos or shapes in boys' hair or eyebrows.
- All girls with hair below the shoulders **must** be tied back.
- Hair bands; **white, red** or **black** scrunchies or elastic bands.
- No make-up or nail varnish.

We ask children to keep their PE kits in school during term time (apart from swimming kits). PE kits should be as follows:

- White T-shirt (ideally with our school logo).
- Plain navy school shorts (plain navy jogging trousers for the colder months).
- Black plimsolls.

## Dates for the Diary:

Below is a list of dates for your diaries – further information will be given later in the term with regards to upcoming class trips.

JANUARY 2019	
6 <sup>th</sup>	Epiphany
10 <sup>th</sup>	CAFOD Assembly for whole school
10 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 and Year 6 Athletics training (in school)
11 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 PE lesson (led by Stanborough school)
14 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 swimming lessons begin
15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Athletics (at Gosling)
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 6 Athletics (at Gosling)
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 2 Target Tennis (at Gosling)
25 <sup>th</sup>	Burns Night
27 <sup>th</sup>	Holocaust Memorial Day
w/c 28 <sup>th</sup>	Bikeability for Year 5

<b>FEBRUARY 2019</b>	
8 <sup>th</sup>	Valentines Disco (4pm)
14 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 Class Assembly (2.45pm)
15 <sup>th</sup>	Athlete visit and Growth Mindset Workshops
w/c 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY</b>
25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>INSET DAY – School closed for children</b>
28 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 Class Assembly (2.45pm)
27 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 Target Tennis (at Gosling)
<b>MARCH 2019</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup>	St. David's Day
6 <sup>th</sup>	Ash Wednesday
6 <sup>th</sup>	Daily Lenten Reflections begin in the hall each morning (8.40am)
7 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day
14 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day Author Visit at Our Lady (Billy Bob Buttons)
14 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Class Assembly (2.45pm)
15 <sup>th</sup>	Comic Relief Fundraising Day
17 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's Day
w/c 18 <sup>th</sup>	Art/DT Week at Our Lady
21 <sup>st</sup>	Year 4 Class Assembly (2.45pm)
21 <sup>st</sup>	World Poetry Day
22 <sup>nd</sup>	PTA Quiz Night
28 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Class Assembly (2.45pm)
31 <sup>st</sup>	Mothering Sunday
<b>APRIL 2019</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Fr. Norbert to lead the Stations of the Cross for the children (10.30am)
1 <sup>st</sup>	Reports to be handed out to parents
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Photographer in for class group photos
2 <sup>nd</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup>	Art/DT Exhibition in school
4 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5's Easter Assembly (2.00pm)
5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>END OF TERM (School closes at 1.30pm)</b>
19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>
21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>

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

Please remember that our summer term begins on **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2019.**

Once again, I would like to thank you for your continued support for our school over this academic year. Working in partnership with our parents and carers will ensure that our children receive the very best education that they can at Our Lady Catholic Primary School.

With very best wishes for 2019 - this promises to be a very fruitful and successful year.

Kind regards,

Richard Curry

# **SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS 2018/2019**

## **AUTUMN TERM 2018**

	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>
<b>FIRST HALF</b>	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2018	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> October 2018
<b>HALF TERM</b>	<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2018</b>	<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2018</b>
<b>SECOND HALF</b>	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2018
<b>Occasional Day</b>	<i>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2018 (School closed)</i>	

## **SPRING TERM 2019**

	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>
<b>FIRST HALF</b>	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2019
<b>HALF TERM</b>	<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2019</b>	<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019</b>
<b>SECOND HALF</b>	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> February 2019	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April 2019

*(Good Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April/ Easter Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2019)*

## **SUMMER TERM 2019**

	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>
<b>FIRST HALF</b>	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2019	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2019
<b>HALF TERM</b>	<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2019</b>	<b>Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019</b>
<b>SECOND HALF</b>	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2019	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2019

### **N.B. TEACHER TRAINING DAYS - SCHOOL CLOSED ON THESE DAYS PLEASE MAKE A NOTE IN YOUR DIARIES**

**MONDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2018**

**TUESDAY 4<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2018**

**MONDAY 25<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2019**

**MONDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> JULY, 2019**

**TUESDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> JULY, 2019**

**SCHOOL CLOSING AT 1.30pm: 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018, 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019 and 19<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

**Bank Holidays – SCHOOL CLOSED ON THESE DAYS**

**6<sup>th</sup> MAY, 2019**

**27<sup>th</sup> MAY, 2019 (during half term)**