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NEWSLETTER – NO 5 22nd January 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian,

NEW TERM 2024!

I hope your families have settled into the new term. Thank you to everybody for making 2024 start well at school.

GENEROSITY

Thank you for the many Advent charity donations for Red Door, Bury. They were greatly appreciated. Please see their message of thanks below.

Thank you so much for your school's generous donation of toiletries to Bury Red Door. We really appreciate your kindness.

The cost-of-living crisis continues to affect people in our local communities, forcing people into situations they never imagined would happen. Like us, you believe everyone deserves a chance at fulfilling their dreams, especially if they are about fundamental things. Dreams like having a safe, secure place to call home, food on the table, freedom from discrimination, danger or isolation. The things we all take for granted.

Please continue to tell others how their support for Caritas could make such a difference during these difficult times. [Read more about the impact of your donations here.](#)

Thank you once again for sharing what you have with those in need.

HEALTH & SAFETY

Ice & Snow Reminder

To help keep everyone safe in the event of ice/snow we may sometimes have to close the gates around school. If this happens entrance will only be through the main pedestrian gate next to the car park barrier. B49A3 club would also use this gate (next to the barrier) and children will enter via the main office reception.

In the event that we ever have to close the school we would always try our best to send a text message and/or place a message on the school website. Hopefully all will be well.

(We did try opening an extra gate in last week's ice and snow but we won't be able to do this next time for various health and safety reasons.)

Dogs not allowed

Dogs (even tiny dogs) are not allowed on the school premises.

Contact details update

If your contact details have changed please inform the school office straight away. We need to have up to date information for emergency situations in addition to ordinary school business.

CELEBRATING EXCELLENT BEHAVIOUR

I enjoyed my Hot Chocolate meetings with the children who were chosen for their excellent behaviour. Well done to all the children who received a letter in the post and attended the meeting in my office. They had their drinks on a cold winter's day which was very fitting, creating a special memory. The meetings return again in the next academic year. Photographs of the special day are at <https://www.ourladyofgracercprimaryschool.co.uk/latest-news/>

WHOLE SCHOOL THEME 2024

Our whole school theme for 2024 has been launched in my assembly which is 'Count our blessings.' Throughout the year, we will be thinking about how we can count our blessings, leading to a happier state of mind.

The children have created some wonderful poems on our 2023 theme, "Reach for the Stars," which I have had framed to display in school. We will all endeavour together to "Count our blessings" in all we do.

'WOW' ASSEMBLY

Our WOW assembly will be back soon. The assembly celebrates children's achievements from Reception to Year Six. For each assembly there is a different focus – **Work Of the Week/ Worship Of the Week/ Witness Of the Week!** Children's names and the reason for their nomination are recorded in our 'Golden Book.' Their achievements will be announced in our whole school assembly.

Those that have been into our school will have seen our Mission Statement Trees. Each tree has a different 'leaf' to represent the specific award. The child's name is then put on a leaf which is placed upon the tree.

Work = Star Shape, Worship = Shamrock Shape and Witness = Heart Shape

Children will bring home a certificate detailing the reason for their nomination to share with family members at home.

CONSENT TO WALK HOME

If your child is in Year Six and you have decided they are to walk home from school we must have consent from the parent/guardian. The office team will be sending out a Google Form to all Year Six parents to complete. If you have consented for your child to walk home, you will receive a confirmation email that your consent has been passed onto the Class Teacher. Your child will not be allowed to walk home until this process is complete or this has already been agreed with school.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

A paper copy of the Calendar of Events for the Spring Term will be sent home with your child today on green paper! Any new dates arising will be communicated in writing. Events are also on our website.

CURRICULUM OVERVIEWS

Your child's Curriculum Overview for the Spring Term is on the Class Pages section on the school website at <https://www.ourladyofgracercprimaryschool.co.uk/curriculum-overviews/>

HOLIDAY DATES 2024-25

The holiday dates for the **FOLLOWING** academic year (2024-2025) *not* our current academic year are on our website at <https://www.ourladyofgracercprimaryschool.co.uk/school-holiday-pattern/>

I hope you enjoy the Spring Term – hopefully lighter, brighter days will soon be on the way!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A K Casey



"Our Lady of Grace is an outstanding Catholic Primary School" - RE Inspection - June 2017

"Pupils enjoy belonging to this school community" - Ofsted Inspection - March 2023