



Our Lady of Grace RC Primary School

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NEWSLETTER – NO 3

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

GRATITUDE

We are always grateful for your continued generosity and support which contributes to our happy school. I hope you can join us for some lovely events still on our Autumn Calendar for the remainder of the term.

PROUD OF OUR CHILDREN

The Year Six children were the main participants for the whole school Mass for All Saints, led by Father Philip. All the children were well prepared with Mass responses and singing. We received many lovely comments about the children's behaviour and standards from parishioners.

OUR LADY OF GRACE PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR REMINDER

Parish Fair information has previously been sent to parents and advertised around school regarding school donations. **Raffle tickets deadline to hand into the school office is Friday 1st December at 12pm** for the Parish Fair on Saturday 2nd December.

NEXT WHOLE SCHOOL MASS – 9:30am Friday 8th December

We hope you can join us in our next whole school Mass in Our Lady of Grace Church for The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

SAFETY IN OUR COMMUNITY

Please be considerate of our school neighbours when parking cars to bring children to school. It is very congested with traffic/parked cars at peak school times. Please help us to keep our community safe by parking further away from school or walking to school if possible. As a school we are limited in our powers beyond the school gates. The vast majority of you do show great consideration but it would be wonderful if 100% did!

SPORTS NEWS!

We are having an excellent run (pardon the pun) with our sports matches in recent weeks!
Well done to all the boy and girls involved in these matches.

Netball Match vs Sunnybank. 9-1 win
Netball Match vs Whitefield 9-0 win
Netball Match vs King David 9-2 win
Football Match vs St Philips 7- 0 win
Netball Match vs All Saints 9-3

REMEMBRANCE

The children were a credit to the school in their delivery of the Year Five Remembrance Assembly on 10th November. It was wonderful to see so many parents and family members in attendance.

At 11am the whole school came together remembering those involved in war, past and present, through prayer and a period of silence. We continue to promote and pray for world peace. Thank you for your contributions to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal -we raised £286.48!

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK & WORLD KINDNESS DAY

Thank you for your support of these events. Your donations raised £328.89 towards well-being!

WELL-BEING - MINDFUL MONDAYS

Every Monday, our children have a lesson relating to 'happy minds.' These fun sessions help children to develop resilience and mental well-being now and in the future. In a series of activities, the children learn to:

1. Learn how their brain works
2. Understand and celebrate their strengths
3. Build positive relationships
4. Develop a habit of gratitude
5. Engage with the world

We have been doing this for many years now and it is of great benefit to our children's well-being.

FILM NIGHT FOR PHASE TWO – YEARS FOUR, FIVE & SIX

Information has previously been sent to parents and advertised around school regarding the Film Night.

Deadline for tickets is Tuesday 28th November for Film Night on Thursday 30th November.

FEEDBACK FORMS

Thank you for taking the time to give your responses in your feedback forms. We will continue to review feedback and see where we can make improvements to keep standards high.

- **98% Agree/Strongly agree with the statement my child is happy at school**
- **98% Agree/Strongly agree with the statement my child feels safe at school**
- **99% Agree/Strongly agree with the statement my child makes good progress at this school**
- **98% Agree/Strongly agree with the statement my child is well looked after at school**
- **100% Agree/Strongly agree with the statement my child is taught well at this school**

HOT CHOCOLATE MEETINGS

I have enjoyed my Hot Chocolate meetings with the children who were chosen for their 'Good Manners and Respect.' Photographs are now on our website in the link below.

<https://www.ourladyofgracercprimaryschool.co.uk/latest-news/>

The children are huge fans of these meetings so I will again have another one in January for children with excellent behaviour. A maximum of two pupils are selected from each class in Years One to Six. If they have been chosen they will receive a letter in the post from me to their home address in the Christmas holidays inviting them for a treat of hot chocolate and marshmallows in the Headteacher's Office to celebrate.

Parents will be informed by a letter enclosed with the invitation and allergies will of course be considered. Please make sure we have your up to date address!

ADMISSIONS TO RECEPTION CLASS SEPTEMBER 2024

We have previously published information regarding school places in Reception for September 2024. The closing date for applying, is the 15th January 2024.

Children in our Nursery DO NOT automatically go into the Reception Class here. All parents must apply for Reception 2024 to Bury Council for consideration for a school place. If you are unsure please telephone our school office for further assistance. The link below provides all the information.

<https://www.bury.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-admissions/primary-school>

OUR LADY OF GRACE CHRISTMAS CARD POSTAL SERVICE OPENS ON MONDAY 4th DECEMBER

The post box will open for the children to post their cards. Please encourage your child/ren to put the initial letter of their friends' surnames on to avoid confusion (ie John C, John E etc) *and* the class name. Otherwise this causes huge problems for Year Six post boys/girls in their sorting office!

Y6 ADVENT ASSEMBLY REMINDER – MONDAY 4th DECEMBER

Parents of Year Six pupils are invited to a special Advent assembly at 2:45pm. Please enter school via the school office entrance.

Many thanks for all your support.

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