



## **Our Lady of Grace RC Primary School**

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### *NEWSLETTER – NO 2 20 October 2023*

Dear Parent/Guardian,

#### **THANK YOU**

It was lovely to see a high number of parents attending parents evening last night. Thank you for all the lovely comments about our school! We always appreciate recognition of our hard work. I hope that you have had a positive first half-term. The children have yet again had a great start with many celebrations.

#### **CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY**

Many thanks for your donations for Family Fast Day/Harvest Assembly. We have raised £261.81 for CAFOD via the envelopes. Thank you! We really do appreciate your generosity during these challenging times.

Some of your donated gifts also went to local care homes, Oak Lodge and Nazareth House. Additionally, we organised gifts in support of Caritas Red Door, Bury, which is a part of Caritas, Diocese of Salford. Red Door is dedicated to helping young people and families in addition to vulnerable adults with such difficulties as homelessness, poverty, social isolation, poor mental health and addictions. Caritas wrote to us stating,

*"Your generosity means that the service can continue to offer a much-needed response to individuals and families experiencing food poverty, discrimination and disadvantage across Greater Manchester and Lancashire. Please pass on our gratitude to your pupils, staff and whole school community for their continued support and generosity, we really do appreciate it."*

#### **STAY & PRAY**

There was a fantastic turn-out from parents and grandparents for the Reception children's stay and pray session focusing on Mary, our Mother. Lovely to see you!

#### **SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME**

Important Sacramental Programme dates are on our school website at <https://www.ourladyofgracercprimaryschool.co.uk/holy-communion/>

#### **HOLY MASSES WITH SCHOOL**

We warmly welcome parents / guardians and grandparents to attend church with us. On occasions our plans may be cancelled due to a funeral. If you are not sure then please check with your child's class teacher. Please drop your child/ren off at school at the usual time unless advised otherwise. Details are on the Calendar of Events and our school website. Please ensure children are dressed for the weather.

## **HOLY MASS – ALL SAINTS**

We hope you can join us for our whole school Mass for All Saints at 9:30am on 1<sup>st</sup> November.

## **RESPECT IN THE COMMUNITY**

Please avoid parking outside school – this is causing upset for our neighbours. Additionally, blocking their driveways is highly inconsiderate and causing stress in our community. Neighbours are reporting incidents to Bury Council and the police and taking car registration numbers.

## **SPORTS REPORT FROM ONE OF OUR YEAR SIX BOYS.**

Our Lady of Grace Vs King David

We started the match as King David put on the pressure, both teams were playing brilliant as King David had a few shots to test Number 1. The ball was pumped up the pitch and landed right at Number 20 who had a shot and the keeper made a brilliant save to push it out for a corner.

The ball was crossed in and Number 3 smashed it over the bar for a goal kick. King David was on the attack and they put a wonderful pass through and got the first goal.

King David were dominating the game because they had taken the lead. We were still playing well but they were playing better.

Half Time King David 1 Our Lady of Grace 0

The second half started with us moving and passing the ball about as we had a few good shots. We were on the attack, Number 3 passed to Number 15 who passed to Number 2 who smashed it against the post and went out for a throw in. The ball was in play and it was bouncing around until King David cleared it for a corner Number 15 crossed it and Number 18 headed it onto Number 9...GOAL. There was 10 minutes left our keeper came up for a corner but the whistle called full time.

Full Time - King David 1 Our Lady of Grace 1

## **OPEN DAY – MONDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

We have an open day for those considering applying for a September 2024 Nursery or Reception place. For more details see website link <https://www.ourladyofgracerprimaryschool.co.uk/open-day/>

If you wish to book a place, please telephone the school office with your details on 0161 796 7254 to reserve your morning or afternoon place.

## **PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY**

Please note that there is no supervision on the playground until 8:50am. Before that time the children are the responsibility of the parent/guardian.

## **UNIFORM**

We pride ourselves on our children maintaining high standards, including with their uniform. Thank you for your support with this. There appears to be some minor confusion with school skirt colours and summer wear. We would not want families to go to the expense of purchasing the wrong item.

If unsure please see the website link below

<https://www.ourladyofgracerprimaryschool.co.uk/school-uniform-school-day/>

## **MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS**

Please inform school if your child has a medical appointment. We also require evidence e.g. a hospital letter regarding the appointment for our register records which are monitored by the Education Welfare Officer.

## **WEAR BLUE DAY – 16<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER - ANTI-BULLYING WEEK & KINDNESS DAY**

On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November we are asking children to swap an item of their uniform for something in the colour blue. This could be something like a blue pair of jeans, a blue t-shirt, a blue jumper or blue hair accessories. It will mark Anti-Bullying week and World Kindness Day here at school where the children will be learning all about how we can continue to protect each other from bullying and the importance of kindness.

*We are asking for a £2 donation to contribute towards our costs of promoting well-being in school – e.g Happy Minds Resources, Art Therapy sessions.*

## **SCRABBLE LUNCHTIME CLUB**

I run a weekly lunchtime scrabble club throughout the winter. If your child expresses an interest in joining the club they will receive a letter. Letters are given in the first instance to Year Six. If there are any places left I open this to Year Five, then Four. Please sign the permission slip for your child to take part.

## **HALF TERM HOLIDAY**

We finish today, Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October at 3:30pm and re-open Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October. Enjoy the lighter evenings whilst we still have them!

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**