



Our Lady of Grace RC Primary School

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NEWSLETTER – NO 1 8 September 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian,

WELCOME

Our wonderful children have returned to school looking so smart – many thanks for all your efforts. If you have not done so already please ensure all items of uniform are clearly marked with your child's name. We welcome new children, families and staff this year. We wish them all many happy and successful days at Our Lady of Grace.

YEAR SEVEN PUPILS

We have been thinking of our past pupils as they begin high school! Wishing them a smooth start. It was lovely to see some of them pop-in to say hello after school this week. Keeping them in our thoughts and prayers.

HOLY MASS – FRIDAY 8th SEPTEMBER

Year Six children will join the parishioners at Our Lady of Grace Church at 12 noon Mass for the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The rest of the school will have a separate focus in class on Our Lady.

WORLD PEACE

We are very grateful for our safe, happy school which we do not take for granted. We will continue to pray for World Peace as a school community.

SAFEGUARDING & REPORTING ABSENCE

If your child is not in school it is essential that you inform the school office of their absence by 9am each day. Once registration has taken place, if no message has been received, the office team are instructed to send text messages and make telephone calls so that we can be sure our children are safe.

RAAC CONCRETE

You may have seen recent news regarding Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) and the use in school buildings. Our school has been checked for this already. The surveyors confirmed that RAAC was not identified and therefore presents no issue for our school.

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

Poor attendance and punctuality is being monitored very closely by our Education Welfare Officer. If there is cause for concern you will be contacted by school or the Education Welfare Officer.

MEET THE TEACHER REMINDER – Wednesday 20th September

As stated in my July newsletter parents with children in Y1-Y6 are invited to a 'Meet the teacher' session at 4pm for approximately half an hour.

It is important to note that this meeting is purely for information and time constraints will not allow staff to engage in dialogue about individual children.

The format of the session will provide the opportunity: -

- To go into your child's classroom environment
- To meet with your child's class teacher
- To gain an overview of your child's curriculum this term
- To receive further information including homework timetable

If you have more than one child, please attend your youngest child's 'Meet the Team' session. To assist you, the presentation power point will also be placed on the school website *after* the presentations have taken place in the 'Class Pages' section.

Entrance to school will be via the various classroom doors the children enter to access their classroom in the morning.

SENIOR LEADERS

Our Senior Leadership Team is organised as follows:

Mrs Casey	Headteacher
Mr Collins	Deputy Headteacher
Mrs Harrington	Senior Leader (Nursery and Reception)
Mrs Collins	Senior Leader (Years 1 & 2)
Miss Gray	Senior Leader (Years 3 & 4)
Mrs Smith	Senior Leader (Years 5 & 6)
Mr Barker	Senior Leader (SENCO - Special Needs - all year groups)

Senior Leaders are responsible for the leadership and management of the year groups as above. If you need to speak to someone about your child/ren you should contact the class teacher. In the event that this does not feel suitable then please contact the appropriate leader who will help you. If you are unsure who to speak to please contact the school office and you will be advised who can best help you.

CURRICULUM OVERVIEWS

Your child's Curriculum Overview for the Autumn Term is on the Class Pages section on the school website. Click below.

<https://www.ourladyofgracercprimaryschool.co.uk/curriculum-overviews/>

HOMEWORK FOR Y1-Y6

Homework timetables will be placed on the school website on Class Pages by Class teachers this week. Click below.

<https://www.ourladyofgracercprimaryschool.co.uk/class-pages/>

GARDENING

As mentioned previously our children were very busy gardening building evidence for our RHS Level Four Gardening Award. Alongside being educational, the projects support well-being and patience! The RHS Campaign for School Gardening have now informed us that we have achieved our Level Four Award! Additionally, we have been gifted with a rainbow of flower, herb, and vegetable seeds with something to plant every month of the year. We are delighted and will display our certificate with pride.

HOT CHOCOLATE MEETINGS

The ever-popular hot chocolate meetings are back again! This half term I am looking for pupils who are doing their best to show 'Good Manners and Respect.' A maximum of two pupils will be selected from each class in Year One to Six. If they have been chosen they will receive a letter in the post from me to their home address inviting them for a treat of hot chocolate and marshmallows in the Headteacher's Office to celebrate their wonderful achievement. Parents will be informed by a letter enclosed with the invitation and allergies will of course be considered.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

A paper copy of the Calendar of Event for the Autumn Term will be sent home with your child next Friday on orange paper. Any new dates arising will be communicated in writing. We also add events to our school website.

THE HOLY ROSARY

Throughout October, each Monday, Wednesday and Friday, (weather permitting) in the school day, different year groups gather around the statues of Our Lady to pray a decade of the Rosary and/or other prayer intentions. If they have their own Rosary beads please encourage your child to bring into school to help them to join in.

Wishing you and your families a Happy Autumn Term.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs R 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