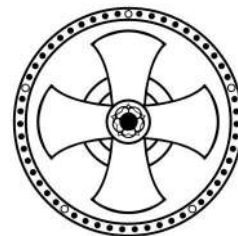




# Our Lady of Lourdes

## Catholic Primary School

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### Rottingdean and Saltdean Lions Visit to Reception

Reception class were lucky to have Andy and Ian from the Rottingdean and Saltdean Lions to visit them last Thursday week. The Lions Club had bought each child in the class a picture book called Bathroom Boogie to help foster a love of reading. We are very grateful to the Lions and whilst the children said thank you personally to Andy and Ian, I would like to also thank them again publicly for their generosity.

### Ofsted Visit

We are really pleased to share our very positive Ofsted Inspection Report with you all. We are very happy with the outcome — a real tribute to the whole staff team for having a Growth Mindset and working hard on developing strategies to ensure the children have the best possible learning experience. Thank you to all the parents/carers that completed the Ofsted Parent View survey. It was fantastic to see so many of you giving a really positive response to the questions and statements. This very much mirrored the findings of the recent Governors Parent/Carer survey. The governors, once fully analysed, look forward to sharing these with you in the very near future. The Ofsted Report has been emailed to families but can also be accessed on the school website and you can always collect a hard copy from school office.

Both surveys also show there is a very small minority of respondents who disagree or strongly disagree with all statements about the school. The school would like to think it is open to all views shared by its stakeholders: children, parents/carers and governors. We ask and urge any of those that feel this way about the school to come in and discuss your thoughts. There are a number of ways you can do this — memo, letter, email or phone call to the teacher, headteacher, Chair of Governors or Parent Council via the office. Parent Council email is [parentcouncil@lourdes.brighton-hove.sch.uk](mailto:parentcouncil@lourdes.brighton-hove.sch.uk). We cannot guarantee that we can make the changes you would like but at least we can discuss them and hear what you have to say. It is important to all of us and the continued improvements of the school.

### Children's Progress

As mentioned in 16th November issue of the Newsletter, we hope the Parent Consultation Evenings, held just before the half term holiday, helped to give you an initial understanding of the progress your child is making. If you are unsure, please remember you can always contact your child's class teacher by letter, memo, phoning or emailing the school requesting to meet. There is always the opportunity of approaching the class teacher at the end of the school day. This goes for any query or concern you may have about the wider school.

### Open day for children starting in Reception in 2019 — 9th Jan 10 — 11am, 2 — 3pm

The school continues to positively market itself, in a time of falling roll due to low birth rate (for at least the next four years) and families leaving the area to find cheaper alternatives to live outside of Brighton and Hove. It is a situation all schools in the area are facing. We hear time and again that many people do not choose our fabulous school as they feel they will not get their child in. Currently all schools in the area have vacancies and if parents/carers put down their first choice they will more than likely get in. Last year no school in the area filled its Reception classes. We really want people to know about our wonderful children, families and school as a great option to send their child to.

We do ask that you please help and spread the word and let people know of our final Open Day in the New Year. We have so much to celebrate, from our excellent results this year, recent Ofsted report, amazing resurfaced playing spaces, to our strong Sports tradition and two years Sports Champions of all the Deans schools, new library and Junior classrooms as well as the exciting new learning environment we have almost completed at the top of the school site (to share with you all in the New Year!). How lucky any new parents/carers are to have such a supportive and strong parent/carers network as you all! Thank you!

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### Forthcoming Dates

**Spring Term**  
**2019**  
**3rd January**  
**to 9th April**  
**2019**

**Spring half**  
**term 2019**  
**18th February**  
**to 22nd**  
**February**  
**inclusive**

**INSET**  
**dates for**  
**2019**  
**15th February**  
**23rd April**  
**3rd June**

**Thursday**  
**6th June**  
**2019**  
**Class Photo's**

**Thurs 11th**  
**July 2019**  
**Sports Day**

**Saturday**  
**13th July**  
**2019**  
**Summer Fair**

**Please see**  
**the final**  
**page for all**  
**the dates**  
**you will need**  
**this term**  
**and more!**

### Stars of the week (This week's stars will be in the next issue on Friday 14th December)

**Rec- Beatrix-** For making a greater effort in phonics and for being a 'have a go hippo'.

**Rec- Mia -** For making super progress in writing and applying her phonic.

**Yr1- Rueben-**For fantastic maths work and having an open mindset to find more than one answer.

**Yr1- Erin-** For using all the learning characteristics within all subjects in Year One.

**Yr2- Jacob-** For consistently showing a growth mindset and an enjoyment for learning.

**Yr2- Alexander-** For showing a tremendous improvement in his writing this week!

**Yr3- Keanu-** For his outstanding behaviour on the trip to Preston Manor.

**Yr3- All of Y3 -** For their wonderful behaviour.

**Yr4- Izel-** For concentrating so well in all her lessons and working hard to improve in badminton.

**Yr4- Dominic-** For a brilliant pitch to the Rottingdean Lions, demonstrating creativity and imagination.

**Yr5- Louis-** For showing an amazing attitude to his learning so far this half term.

**Yr5- Michael-** For showing a brilliant attitude in his learning and settling in brilliantly.

**Yr5- Louie-** For showing some brilliant learning behaviours this week.

**Yr6- Jack-** For working incredibly hard on his growth mindset, Well done Jack I'm very proud of you!

**Yr6- Tiarnan-** For his excellent attitude towards all areas of his school life, Well done!

### Preston Manor trip



On Friday 23rd November, Year 3 and Year 4 spent the day at Preston Manor as Victorian servants. Before arriving, they had written letters of application for the roles of footman, oddman, fourth maid and kitchen maid in which they had to persuade Lord and Lady Stanford that they were suitable for the position. We were greeted by the very stern Mrs Storey, who put the children through their paces. During the visit they polished the bath, shoes and door handles, blacked the fireplace, made beds, beat the carpets and cleaned the windows. They also washed the gardeners socks and ironed the lace tablecloth. However, Mrs Storey, still wanted more effort from the children - they were led to the kitchen

by Miss Rose where they made jam tarts, stuffed apples, lemonade and began churning butter. What a busy day. At the end of the session, the lucky few were offered the jobs. It was a brilliant trip and the children learnt a huge amount about life in a Victorian household.



### Portsmouth Historic Dock Yard



On 15th November, Year 5 and Year 6 spent the day at Portsmouth Harbour, touring the HMS Victory and taking part in an historical workshop. This trip was inspired by our Storms and Shipwrecks topic which we have been enjoying since September. On the day the children were invited on board the HMS Victory to explore the captains quarters and to learn about his life (and death) on board. The children then descended into the heart of the ship to learn about the everyday life of a gunner, cook, marine and doctor. During the workshop the experience was then taken a step further with the children dressing up as historical characters, including Tom Hardy the legendary captain of the Victory. They were then tasked with carrying out some of these people's daily tasks including scrubbing the deck and drumming out the call to arms. It was lovely trip with the children learning much about life on board such a grand old ship and we all left with a greater appreciation of the life of a sailor.



**\*\*Please see Dates for your diary on the following page\*\***



### **Elf on the Twelfth**

Please help your child to dress as an elf on 12th December. This is an opportunity for us to raise money for the Rockinghorse Children's Charity. The charity aim to make life better for sick and disabled babies, children and teenagers across Sussex. They do this by providing cutting edge equipment that the NHS cannot cover and by making medical and respite facilities for children and young people as comfortable, friendly and accessible as possible.

### **Christmas Choir with Victoria**

The children will be performing again this year for two local nursing homes on the following dates, Gate Cottage in Bazehill Road on Friday the 7th of December at 1.45. Then again on Wednesday the 12th of December at Highbury House Steyning Road at 1.45. Also please note rehearsals are on Mondays at Our Lady of Lourdes Church Hall from 3.30—4.15 on 3/12, 10/12 and final rehearsal in Church on Thursday the 20th of December.

### **Parking / drop off and pick up**

Please continue to be mindful of children and other pedestrians in the village! Our neighbours on Olde Palace Mews ask that anyone using this to enter the school must drive slowly and cautiously. There have been a number of incidents and near misses recently where people coming in to the school, staff, parents and those using clubs via the car park have been driving too fast and dangerously. Please ensure you drive slowly, safely and carefully if using this access road! The school does remind parents/carers that they should be parking in the village when collecting their children as there are a number of pressures on the school car park at the end of the day.

### **PTA News**

Please return your forms for the Christmas Discos to the PTA box in the school lobby asap.

### **Raffle and Name the Reindeer**

The raffle will be drawn at a special assembly on Wednesday 19th December at 2.30pm in the hall. If you would like any more please see the school office. The PTA also thought it would be fun for parents/carers coming into school to take part in name the Reindeer. Please see office staff who will give you your chosen name for a 50p donation! Year 6 will also go around the classes every day from Monday for the children to also join in. Fun for everyone!

### **After School Clubs**

**Mon** - French - Yrs Rec 1, 2 & 3

Theatrix Yrs R, 1 & 2

**Tue** — Art Club Yrs 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6

Taekwondo

**Weds**—Multiskills Yrs 1 & 2

**Thurs** Theatrix Yrs 3, 4, 5 & 6

**Fri**— Multisports Yrs 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6

**2019 INSET DAYS** 15th February 2019 — 23rd April 2019 — 3rd June 2019

### **Dates for Your Diary**

Tuesday 11th December **Christmas Lunch for Children**

Wednesday 12th December **Dress as an Elf on the 12th**

Thursday 13th December **1.30 Junior Advent Reflection (Yr 3,4,5 & 6)**

Friday 14th December **9.30 Junior Advent Reflection (Yr 3,4,5 & 6)**

**End of Autumn Term** — Wednesday 19th December

**Spring Term begins** - Thursday 3rd January 2019

Thursday 6th June - **Class Photos**

Thursday 11th July — **Sports Day (Reception and KS1 morning/KS2 afternoon)**

### **PTA Dates**

Saturday 6th July — **Woodingdean Carnival**

Saturday 13th July — **Summer Fair**

### **Maths Tutor**

A local Maths Tutor with 20 years experience teaching in Primary and Secondary Education is available for Private Tuition. Please contact the school for more details.

Disclaimer: The school does not endorse any private tutors or suggest their use but is happy to advertise to parents where requested for parents/carers to make that choice.



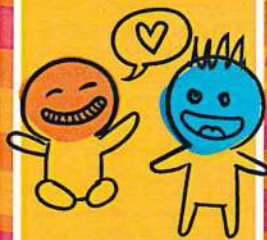
# Miss School Miss Out



If you're not going to school  
you will miss out on...



Learning  
new skills



Your  
friends



Support  
and help



School  
activities



Having  
fun

Being in school and on time is good for you.

90% attendance may look impressive but it  
means missing 19 days of education in a year.

Don't be one of the few to miss school and miss out!

If you need help with school attendance,  
please talk to your school for advice



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## Did you know?

**29,000**  
pupils

In Brighton & Hove we have 29,000 pupils in our schools

**190**

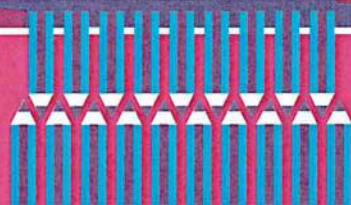
There are 190 school days in each academic year

**15** = **2 weeks**

If you're 15 minutes late every day you lose two weeks of learning by the end of the school year



Two school days missed each month during your school life adds up to one whole year of school lost



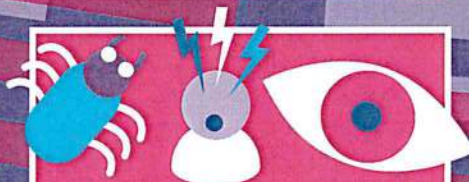
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Our data shows pupils with more than 95% attendance achieve GCSE results at least one grade higher



It's the law! Parents and carers can be fined and even sent to prison if children do not attend school\*



You can go to school with nits, conjunctivitis or a headache. Find out more: [www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/sicknessguidance](http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/sicknessguidance)



When you're older, colleges and employers can ask to see your school attendance record



If you don't want to go to school, tell someone what's wrong so you can get the help and support you need



Every school has someone to help you build your confidence to come to school and help tackle any concerns

  
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\* Since 1 September 2013, holidays during term time are not allowed in almost any circumstances



## **Low level illness**

All children get a bit ill sometimes – but it shouldn't normally be a reason to keep them off school.

Children are generally expected to attend school if they have:

- runny nose or a cold
- tummy ache
- headache
- nits
- conjunctivitis

Vomiting and diarrhoea are good reasons for staying off school. Or if they have a doctor's note saying they need to be off school.

Sometimes children say they have a physical symptom such as tummy ache when actually they may be worried about something.

Maybe they're being bullied. Or they're behind with their course work, or in trouble with their teachers. Or maybe they have problems outside school.

It's always good to make time to talk to your child, listen to them and find out what the real problem is.

If you find it difficult to talk to your child about things, speak to someone at your child's school.

This could be their form tutor, or school nurse, or head of year, or someone in the pastoral support team.

Research in Brighton & Hove shows that children who have very high attendance generally do better than children who don't.

Lower attendance often means not getting as good a grade at GCSE.