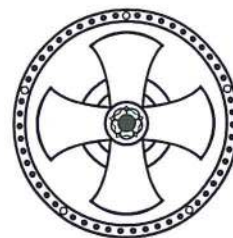




Our Lady of Lourdes

Catholic Primary School

THE DIOCESE OF ARUNDEL AND BRIGHTON



Welcome Back

A very warm welcome back and wishing you all a very Happy New Year from everyone at Our Lady of Lourdes. We are coming to the end of the Christmas season this weekend with the Baptism of the Lord and from Monday we enter Ordinary Time. On Sunday many of us will be reminded of our own baptism where we received the Holy Spirit to help us follow Christ's loving path through life. The children will learn more about the season of Ordinary Time during the Church year in their Religious Education lessons. They will find out that Ordinary does not mean 'average' in any way and is a time to think about how they can walk in the footsteps of Jesus. What can they (and we) do in their lives to give love to each other?

Parent's Evenings — see School Ping below re: booking time slots

Tuesday 12th of February 4.00—7.00

Thursday 14th February 3.30—6.00

School Ping

This is a new school texting/messaging service, please download the new app or access on line if you haven't already done so. Both Parent's/Carer's will need to download this app so unlike our old system both of you will get the info sent from school. Letters will be sent home shortly with log in details to those parent's/carers who still need to download the app to their phones. Please download as soon as possible to start receiving messages/emails and info etc. Also we will be using this app for you to make your parent evening bookings from now on. With February parent's evening being available to book on the App from Monday.

Art Therapy

We are very pleased to be able to offer Art Therapy sessions this term and in the Autumn 2019. Please see the attached letter for details, and for how to make a referral to me. Many thanks, Zoe Garbarz

Family Support

Please remember that school is always a good first point of call for issues you may need help with - be it behavioural, medical, emotional, financial or anything else! We are usually able to signpost you in the right direction, investigate what support may be available, make referrals or sometimes just listen and offer a friendly ear. To remind you all, we still work closely with our fantastic support agencies; Dialogue Counselling, Safetynet, Young Carers and the School Nurse service. Feel free to contact Miss Garbarz (or anyone of us you feel comfortable talking to) at any time. We shall always get back to you if we cannot immediately.

Assemblies

Assemblies will now be moving from mornings to afternoons from next week. As part of our ongoing school improvements to raise standards and ensure as much time as possible is given to the children to have quality uninterrupted learning time, whole school assemblies will be held at 2.30pm on Mondays and Fridays. This will not affect the provision of any part of the curriculum but will enable the teachers and children to have full morning sessions to deliver and receive Phonics, Reading, Writing, Spelling and Maths lessons. Please note that due to training there will be no Assembly on Friday 25th January.

Parent Council

Just to confirm that the parent council meeting will be on Friday 1st Feb at 1.45pm. This is now an integral part of the school improvement process. It is a voice for parents to communicate with the school Senior Leadership and Governors to support the school development. Please try to attend or speak with your class representative if you have any queries, concerns or issues you wish to share.

Newsletter
Issue 8
Friday
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Forthcoming Dates

Spring Term
2019
3rd January to
9th April 2019

Parent Council
Friday 1st Feb at
1.45pm

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

Rec- Sofia — For being a concentration chimp, carefully sounding out the sounds and super writing.
Rec- Tobiasz - For being an enjoyment elephant and a concentration chimp.
Yr1 - Evan— For a positive, engaged attitude to all aspects of learning and working really hard.
Yr1 - Pari— For showing fantastic presentation skills within all subjects and being focussed.
Yr2 - Leo—For effort and improvement in his mathematical reasoning and constructive feedback.
Yr2 - Philo- For his tremendous effort and positive towards his learning!
Yr3- Dylan— For settling back into his new class so well and so happily. We are pleased to have you back!
Yr3- Adam—For settling into his new class so well and showing a growing confidence with writing
Yr4 - Oliver — For being a 'have-a-go hippo' in his learning and improving his focus.
Yr4 - Christy — For being a ray of sunshine in the class, always enthusiastic and inquisitive.
Yr5— Alexander—For trying his best in all aspects of learning and working selflessly in groups.
Yr5 - Orla- For bringing a wonderful attitude to her learning and always trying her hardest.
Yr6- Isabelle—For settling in so well to her new class and new school - We are lucky to have you!
Yr6—Blanka— For producing an excellent piece of writing during our booster.

Masses and Liturgical Events this term

Having met with Father Benny we are pleased to share with you the dates for buddy year groups this term. Parents are welcome to attend.

5th Feb 10am Years R and 6 to mass at OLOL church
26th February 10am Year 1 and 5 mass at OLOL church
26th March 10am Years 2, 3 and 4 mass at OLOL church

6th March 10am Whole School Ash Wednesday Mass at OLOL church

Governors' Corner

As part of our drive to become a Green Flag school the Governors are excited to share with you that they are currently looking into installing solar panels on the school roof to generate our own electricity! A very exciting project that we will keep you informed about.

Lateness

During a recent Educational Welfare Officer (EWO) audit visit to the school it was noticed that there are a high number of children arriving late at school. The school gate opens at 8.40am for the children to enter the school and start the day with some educational activities. The start of the school day is 8.50am when all children should be in school and settling down to start work and the school doors close. It is important that children are on time for school. They are composed and ready to start the school day. When a child is late they are generally stressed from the journey to arrive at school and then worry about entering a class of children that have already begun their learning. More than that, they will miss out on early interventions or class work to respond to marking. The school will be sending out letters to families of children that are consistently late for school. We have been reminded by the Local Authority and EWO that repeated lateness will entail a fixed penalty fine. Please ensure your child arrives at the correct time to avoid this.

Absences/Holiday request's

We have also been reminded by the Local Authority that if a child is absent from school for 3 or more unauthorised days the family will be issued with a fixed penalty fine by the council. Parents should refer to the Attendance and Welfare Policy of the school (on the school website) and ensure they inform the school at least 4 weeks in advance of an absence unless it is an authorised emergency. Missed education cannot be caught up on. Please see the council's Absence awareness campaign information below. Currently we are at 96.17% attendance across the school and would like to attain our target of 97% this year. Research shows that high attendance always corresponds with good progress and achievement.

School Menu change — Thursday the 17th of January

Just to inform parent/carer's there will be a slight change to Thursday's menu next week it will be Sausage and Mash and Peaches and Ice Cream. The Vegetarian option stays the same.

PTA News

We have our first PTA meeting of the year on Thursday 17th January at 6pm at the Whitehorse pub. It would be great if as many of you as possible could attend as we will be discussing the succession planning of the current PTA committee members who will be leaving at the end of the Summer term and now is the time to start thinking ahead!!

Also, we have our termly Bag2school collection this month on Tuesday 29th January, please can we ask that you do not drop off your donations before Thursday 24th - Thank you PTA

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

PTA Dates

Thursday 17th January — PTA meeting at the Whitehorse at 6pm.

Saturday 6th July — Woodingdean Carnival

Saturday 13th July — Summer Fair

Parent's Evenings

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Spring Half Term Holiday

18th — 22nd February 2019

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26th March 10am Years 2, 3 and 4 mass at OLOL church

Spring Term ends

Tuesday 9th April 2019

Summer Term begins

24th April 2019 (23rd April is an INSET day so children are not in)

May Bank Holiday

6th May 2019

Summer Half Term Holiday

27th — 31st May 2019

Thursday 6th June - Class Photos

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

Summer Term ends

Friday 26th July 2019

Autumn Term begins

INSET 4th September 2019

*** PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENTS ***



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Dear Parents,

Re: Art Therapy

We are fortunate in that we will be able to offer a small group of children 6 x Art Therapy half day sessions in the Spring and Autumn terms 2019. This will take place during school time in The Arches. All materials will be provided. They will be run by Caroline Pendray, our Schools' Primary Mental Health Worker and State Registered Art Therapist.

The sessions will offer children the opportunity to explore their thoughts and feelings in a safe, contained confidential environment. Art Therapy is usually aimed at children who are suffering from feelings of anxiety, or who have experienced significant trauma or loss. It is not beneficial, nor would it be allowed, for it to run alongside another therapeutic intervention, e.g. counselling or CAMHS support.

We will be choosing who will take part according to need, and are keen to offer you the opportunity to refer your child stating the reasons why they should take part and how you hope they would benefit from this. We plan for a TA to work alongside the children and for them to offer subsequent Art Nurture sessions for children who do not get a place with Caroline. These TA led sessions would not be discrete therapy, but address needs of self-confidence/self-esteem and social interaction.

If you would like your child to be considered for a place on this Intervention, and they are not already benefitting from an alternative therapeutic provision, I would be grateful if you could send me a letter explaining why you believe your child should be referred and how you feel they will benefit, via the school office before January 18th 2019. I shall then be in contact to request further consent via the appropriate forms.

As you can appreciate, this can only benefit a small group of children, so please think carefully about whether this is the best form of support for your child before replying. I regret that we will be unable to offer all children referred a place.

Yours sincerely

Zoe Garbarz
INCO

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Head Teacher: Paul Beverton

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

SPRING TERM 2019

COME AND SEE AT HOME

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

This term we will be studying the three themes of Local Church (Community), Eucharist (Relating) and Lent/Easter (Giving). Each class will approach the themes through different topics.

LOCAL CHURCH - COMMUNITY

Early Years	CELEBRATING - People celebrate in Church
Year 1	SPECIAL PEOPLE - People in the parish family
Year 2	BOOKS - The books used in Church
Year 3	JOURNEYS - Christian family's journey with Christ
Year 4	COMMUNITY - Life in the local Christian community and ministries in the parish
Year 5	MISSION - Continuing Jesus' mission in the diocese (ecumenism)
Year 6	SOURCES - The Bible, the special book for the Church

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Explore the Diocesan website, looking at the number of churches, and finding out about our bishop.
Read Bible stories together or encourage older children to read a child's Bible.

EUCCHARIST - RELATING

Early Years	GATHERING - Parish family gathers to celebrate Eucharist
Year 1	MEALS - Mass, Jesus' special meal
Year 2	THANKSGIVING - Mass, a special time to thank God
Year 3	LISTENING & SHARING - Jesus gives himself to us
Year 4	GIVING & RECEIVING - Living in communion
Year 5	MEMORIAL SACRIFICE - Eucharist as the living memorial of Christ's sacrifice
Year 6	UNITY - Eucharist enabling people to live in communion

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Look through the family photograph album to help the children remember important events and special people in their lives.
Discuss how we come together for special celebrations.

LENT/EASTER - GIVING

Early Year	GROWING - Looking forward to Easter
Year 1	CHANGE - Lent: a time for change
Year 2	OPPORTUNITIES - Lent: an opportunity to start anew
Year 3	GIVING ALL - Lent: remembering Jesus' total giving
Year 4	SELF DISCIPLINE - Celebrating growth to new life
Year 5	SACRIFICE - Lent: a time of aligning with the sacrifice made by Jesus
Year 6	DEATH & NEW LIFE - Celebrating Jesus' death and resurrection

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

As a family talk about how you are going to practice self-control and self-giving for the rest of the season of Lent. You may decide to give up biscuits or cakes and donate the money to a charity.
If you have an older child provide him/her with an opportunity to take part in The Stations of the Cross. Ask your child/ren how the school is focusing on Lent and self-giving.

IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

Lectionary Sunday Year C Weekdays Year I

MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

1 January

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

6 January

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

13 January

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

2 February

ASH WEDNESDAY

6 March

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

10 March

ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

19 March

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

25 March

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

14 April

MAUNDY THURSDAY

18 April

GOOD FRIDAY

19 April

EASTER SUNDAY

21 April

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

30 May



Our Lady of Lourdes PTA (trading as Friends of Our Lady of Lourdes)

Agenda – Thursday 17th January 2019 6pm – White Horse Pub

- 1) Events for spring term
 - Bag2school
 - Outside Classroom Launch
 - 'Troubadour' Night
 - Easter fun run?
 - Bingo and other suggestions
- 2) Finances / Expenditure update
- 3) Succession Planning
- 4) Giving Online
- 5) Classlist
- 6) A.O.B

PARENT COUNCIL MEETING

Friday, February 01, 2019
1.45 – 2.45pm
The Arches

Agenda

13:45	Welcome and apologies <ul style="list-style-type: none">Minutes of last meeting	L Carpenter
13.55	<ul style="list-style-type: none">PING text serviceStar writer / lunchtime awards	J Pokorska E Briggs
14.05	Parking petition update	EB/ S Nelson
14.15	Policy updates	E Briggs
14:25	School development Fund	M Fane
14.35	A.O.B - communication process - school catering /menu Date of next meeting - TBC	ALL S Nelson E Briggs

Please note: The Behavior, Anti-bullying and Homework policies are available to view either on the school's website <https://ourladyoflourdesprimaryschool.co.uk> or on the Parent Council Facebook Page.

To request printed copies to review, please contact the school office or email parentcouncil@lourdes.brighton-hove@sch.uk and paper copies will be put in your child's book bag.

Theatrix aUTUMN Spring term 2019



Mondays KS1:
7th Jan – 1st April
12 sessions = £48



OLIVER TWIST
Thursdays KS2:
10th Jan – 4th April
12 sessions = £48



New students warmly welcomed!

Please hand this form to me at the first lesson.

Pupil's name: _____ Year: _____

Parent/Carer's name: _____

Contact phone number: _____ Email: _____

Other pupil information (i.e. medical conditions, allergies): _____

Parental consent for first aid to be administered (please tick): ☐

Parent/Carer's signature: _____

Payment enclosed: _____

Payments welcomed by cheque payable to Helen Snow / cash / bank transfer

Bank Details:

Sort Code: 110187

Account Number: 00110377

PLEASE NOTE THE SCHOOL OFFICE IS UNABLE TO ACCEPT PAYMENT



www.bag2school.com

Do you have unwanted clothes, shoes, scarfs, ties etc. lying around taking up space?? If so bag them up for BAG2SCHOOL. A collection has been arranged for Tuesday 29th January so please return any unwanted items to the school no earlier than Thursday 24th

January

Thank You.

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Rottingdean Drama Society

Robin Hood

A Family Pantomime by Ben Nunan

18-20 and 24-26 January, 2019

Public Hall, Park Road, Rottingdean



Friday 18 January		7.45pm
Saturday 19 January	2pm	7.45pm
Sunday 20 January	2pm	
Thursday 24 January		7.45pm
Friday 25 January		7.45pm
Saturday 26 January	2pm	7.45pm

£4 per child £8 per adult £1 discount per adult on the first night

Tickets from 4 January

www.ticketsource.co.uk/RDS

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and from the Art Gallery Café on

4, 5, 11, 12, 18 and 19 January 11am till 1pm

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