



# Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School



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Isn't time shooting past? In a few weeks it will be Easter at Our Lady of Lourdes! The school continues to be a hive of activity, excitement and happiness. The new students who have joined over the last few weeks have settled in well and it's great to see our ethos of Live, Love, Learn so clearly expressed all the time; I'm really proud of how welcoming our school community is. Over the past few weeks we have continued to immerse our youngest children in our Forest School which takes place in our woodland area at the back of the school. Here there are dens, outdoor kitchens, water runs, an adventure playground, art area and that goes without mentioning the saw mill and garden room - with its own throne! Watching the children in this area, playing and learning has been one of the highpoints during my first few weeks of Headship here. Children work in this area in small groups under the direction of Miranda, our Forest School Leader and their Teaching Assistants; sometimes we're joined by parents as well, which makes for a superb atmosphere of creativity, fun and lots of mud! With the rain that we've had there has also been plenty of opportunities to get our hands dirty in our Mud Kitchen and seeing the children returning from their adventures in the woods and back to their indoor classroom has, at times, been like witnessing the return of avid explorers from some deep, dark forest. The children clearly love their time and it also allows for some really interesting enquiry based learning which staff certainly make the most of during the remainder of the week.



In the rest of the school we've been busy too, and some fantastic persuasive work has been done around the topic of The Kapoc Tree and from this, important environmental issues have been raised and discussed. In Year 5 and 6 we've also seen plenty of achievement certificates given out for really diligent maths work - one week Mr. Deacon had to give a certificate for outstanding work to the whole class! Year 6 have also been working hard, sometimes in our computer suite, preparing for their SATs, but also using IT to help them present their work in the most professional of ways.

We also had our Feast Day Mass and Ash Wednesday Mass to help lead with Fr. Benny. We walked over to the Church altogether to mark the start of Lent, dodging the rain - but the biscuits at the end were very welcome! Our attendance at church will continue during Lent - please see the Catholic Life tab of our website for details of when each year group is attending - it would be lovely to see parents and carers there too. It's been wonderful to meet so many parents and members of the community on occasions such as these. I'd particularly like to thank those parents who joined us to celebrate my Induction Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Church with Bishop Richard - it was superb to see you all and you all really helped to calm my nerves. My last piece of news to report in this edition was the success of our Year 6 Netball Team who managed to win the Dean's Partnership Netball Tournament that we hosted on Tuesday. It was an absolute delight to award the team their medals, and another trophy which can join the many others outside my office. Well done to all those involved and of course to Mr. Deacon and the parents who came to support.



## Stars of the week

Rec - Emmanuel, Marianna, Alfie & Senen

Yr1- Mia, Beatrisa, Tobiasz & Lucy

Yr2- Erin F, Maya, Reuben & Shay

Yr3- Zara, Gus, Bruno & Lily-Mai

Yr4- Charlene, Lily, Tejas & Erin

Yr5- Oliver, Imogen, Darek & Eva

Yr6- Josh L, Toby, Josh O-C & Thomas



## Parent Pay

In preparation for the school to be running a cashless system from September, during the Summer Term all new trips and activities will be available on ParentPay. Thank you to those who have already been using the system to pay and consent for trips. The office will be sending out login details over the next 2 weeks. If you already have an account but need it resetting, please email [admin@lourdes.brighton-hove.sch.uk](mailto:admin@lourdes.brighton-hove.sch.uk) with **ParentPay Login** as the subject.

\*\*\* PLEASE SEE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY \*\*\*

### After School Clubs

Mon - French - Yrs Rec 1, 2 & 3 - Theatrix Yrs R, 1 & 2

Tue - Taekwondo

Weds - Multiskills Rec-& Yr 1

Thurs - Theatrix Yrs 3, 4, 5 & 6

Fri - Multisports Yrs 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6

\*\*\* 2020 INSET DAYS 3rd April, 1st June & 22nd July \*\*\*

### Dates for Your Diary

#### MARCH

9th March - Year 5 & 6 Trip to Newhaven Fort

10th March - Let's Dance Evening performance at The Dome

19th March - Reception Class Wilderness Wood Trip

24th March - Year 3 Mass 10am

27th March - Albion in the Community Blue and White day

31st March - Year 2 Mass 10am

#### APRIL

3rd April - Inset day

6th to the 17th of April - Easter Holidays

#### PTA News

Monday 9th March - Parent Council Meeting at 2pm in the Arches at School -  
(Please see attached Agenda)

\*\*\* PLEASE NOTE THE BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY DATE CHANGE FROM  
MONDAY 4TH OF MAY TO FRIDAY THE 8TH OF MAY. \*\*\*

\*\*\* Please see attachments \*\*\*

# PARENT COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, March 09, 2020  
2.00pm – 3.00pm  
The Arches

## Agenda

14:00	Welcome and apologies <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Minutes of last meeting</li></ul>	L Carpenter Sinead
14:10	Mews Parking	E Briggs
14:15	Teachers procedure for pupil disagreements and informing parents	Sophia
14:20	Parental help for school trips	Sophia
14:30	Parking outside school / school crossing	Sophia / E Briggs
14:35	School hall hire for YR6 leavers party	Orla Andrew
14:40	School Ping	H Thistlethwaite
14:45	School start time after Let's Dance	Nessa
14:50	A.O.B - Days suitable for parent council meetings  Meeting close 15:00  Date of next meeting - TBC	ALL

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](mailto:parentcouncil@lourdes.brighton-hove@sch.uk) and paper copies will be put in your child's book bag.

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session**



Rottingdean Village FC - Offering  
Football for ALL in the Community

An F.A. Charter Standard Club

## **NEW PLAYERS WANTED**

### **to join Rottingdean Village Youth FC**

**If your child is currently in school Year 1**, we would love to welcome them along to our friendly and fun Saturday morning football training sessions with a view to them forming our Under 7 team from September. Boys and girls of all abilities are welcome!

Organised by qualified coaches who are all DBS checked.

Every Saturday 9.30am – 10.30am

At Rottingdean cricket ground on Falmer Road

First session free (then just £2 per week – pay as you go).

**No need to book in advance, just turn up!**

Rottingdean Village FC is all about getting kids active, learning new skills and teamwork, boosting confidence and of course making new friends

FOR MORE INFORMATION, please contact KEITH MEERES, Head Youth Coach:



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Rottingdeanvillagefootballclub

**We also have teams for other age groups from Reception upwards – please contact us for details.**



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SUNDAY 5th APRIL 2020**

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