



OUR LADY OF LOURDES
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

THE GREEN
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October 5th 2023

Re: General Updates – Attendance, Staffing and Harvest Celebrations

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that the term is going well. It's been wonderful to see so many of you in attendance at our curriculum evenings where we're sharing key information about how your child is taught in the central disciplines or phonics, English and maths. Working together like this is a key way we can ensure the very best learning and progress for everyone, so huge thanks for that. Don't forget that the curriculum overviews for each year group are on the website and the fortnightly pings from staff are designed to ensure you know how to support what's going on in classrooms. Those yearly overviews can be found here: [Curriculum - Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School Rottingdean](#)

Thanks too for your continued vigilance over attendance. Numbers of children 'persistently absent' (attending less than 93% of the time) has fallen dramatically over the first few weeks of this autumn term and has made a huge difference to the coherence of the children's learning. As you know, our ambitious target is 97% and at the moment we're achieving 96.4% which is significantly up on the summer term. I can't thank you enough! Let's keep going with that.

You'll have seen the PING about the collection for our Harvest Celebration later in the month. The 17th October is when we have Brighton and Hove City Mission coming in, speaking to the children and collecting what we've managed to gather. I'll be sharing some information with the children this week in our assemblies and liturgies about the increase in homelessness in our city and how we can help. If you can support us in collecting items, we'd really appreciate any support you can give. At the foot of this letter, you'll see a flyer with the information you need. Collections can be brought in with children or dropped at the School Office at any time.

Last, we've some exciting news regarding staffing. Earlier this week we appointed Mrs. Rachel Tyndel to the role of part-time Year 5 class teacher from January when Mrs. Philbrook steps into the Interim Head Teacher position. Mrs. Tyndel is a fantastic addition to our staff, is widely experienced and highly sought after! We're looking forward to working with her throughout the autumn term to ensure a smooth start in the New Year for our Year 5. Mrs. Philbrook will also be involved with the class of course, meaning we now have three excellent teachers working with that group when we consider that Mrs. Golawska will be moving up to three days per week.

As ever, thank you for your support.

Kind regards,

Paul

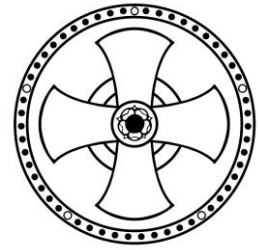
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CURRENT NEEDS LIST

TINNED MEAT - Spam, Corned beef, Meatballs, Mince, Steak, Chicken Curry, Hot dogs, Ham

TINNED FISH - Tuna, Mackerel, Sardines, Salmon

TINNED VEGETABLES - Sweetcorn, Potatoes, Carrots, Peas

TINNED TOMATOES & PASSATA

TINNED PULSES

PASTA & CURRY SAUCES

NOODLES & RICE - Including microwave options

TINNED FRUIT

TINNED DESSERTS - Custard, Evaporated milk, Rice Pudding

INSTANT COFFEE

SOMETHING TO MAKE OUR CLIENTS SMILE



Thank you so much for your amazing support.

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