



## Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Primary School

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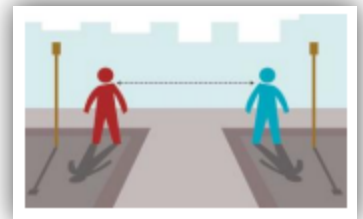


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8<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Dear Parent/Carers,

We are at the beginning of our last half term in school this year and have some great activities planned. We will continue to follow our risk assessment, in line with government guidance, and communicate any updates as they come to light. Please can we reinforce the importance of social distancing measures when entering the school site. We encourage masks to be worn at all times, socially distancing where possible and one parent to drop-off and pick-up. From next week, the caretaker will open the gates so our older children can come straight onto the yard and be ready to come into school from 8.45 – 9.00. The younger children can come onto their yard with whoever is dropping off but please do not use this time to gather with other parents and carers. With the risk of transmitting Covid 19 remaining high, it is important that we all do what we can to prevent the spread of this disease.



We would like to also remind parent/carers that if you would like your child to be collected from school by another adult, the school office must be informed on the day. This is to ensure that our safeguarding procedures are adhered to. Please also be aware that young people below the age of 16 are not allowed to collect younger children.

As a school we have always tried to build positive relationships with families of our children which helps to make your child's time here at Our Lady of the Rosary a happy and memorable one. We always treat our children and families with respect and would expect the same in return to our members of staff. We would always ask that if you have any concerns or questions raise please contact your child's class teacher via Class Dojo or contact the school office and not to raise concerns with members of staff on the school yard.

### **Holy Communion Information**

For those children who began their programme of preparation for First Holy Communion in 2019-20 we continue to prepare the children in school so they are able to make their First Holy Communion on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2021 at 10am in church (Due to COVID restrictions currently in place, spaces are unfortunately limited to immediate family only and there will not be the usual celebration back in school after Mass).



## **Sport's day- Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

There will be a carousel of activities taking place throughout the day. We are hoping, if COVID restrictions allow, to invite parents to attend at set points throughout the day. Further information will follow with regard to this.



All children will be offered a slush on the day; if your child would like a slush they can either pay on Parentpay or bring their £1 into school on the day. This will show as Sports Day on ParentPay.

A separate sports day will be held for Nursery children. Further information will be issued to parents.

### **Staffing**

Mrs Hammond is taking early retirement today. She has been a dedicated member of staff-with us for many years and has supported many of the children across school. She will be greatly missed and we wish her a long and happy retirement. Miss Bourdieu is also off to a new school and we wish her all the best with this new venture.

### **Transition**

#### **New Reception starters**

We are hosting a parent and child introduction session on Friday June 25<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. All families will receive information through the post regarding this.

### **Year Six**

Year six transition days have been announced as 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> July 2021. More information will follow as soon as we receive this from the secondary schools.

#### **Year 6 Leavers' Liturgy and assembly Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> of July at 1.30pm.**

Places will be limited to two tickets per family; the children will bring these home nearer to the date.

### **Summer Holiday Activities**

A number of exciting activities will be held during the summer holidays – please see below for further details. The sessions will take place 10 am – 2pm each day. Each day the children should bring a packed lunch, plenty of drinks to last throughout the day. Leisurewear and trainers should be worn due to the nature of the activities and sun cream should be applied before arriving at school. It is also advisable for children to bring a sun hat in case we have lovely summer weather!



#### **Week 1 (26<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> July 2021)**

Cost: £5 per day

Children sign up for any day(s) to experience a carousel of activities to include:

Cooking, arts and craft, board and team games, gardening, drama and parachute games.

## Forest school Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July and Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> July

Cost: £5 per day

Children sign up for a one day experience to take part in creative activities such as outdoor arts and develop survival skills such as shelter building and cooking on a fire. The day will give pupils the opportunity to learn key skills and concepts in a practical and meaningful way as well as increasing self-confidence and their ability to work cooperatively.

Please sign up using ParentPay by **Wednesday 23rd June** if you wish your child to take part in any of the above activities. These activities will show as Summer Schools and Forest School on ParentPay and places are limited.

## Week 2 (2<sup>nd</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> August 2021)



Cost: £40 for the full week

This week is led by Grassroots qualified coaches/teachers who deliver PE training and sessions in school. The Sports' week will involve various sports, including football, cricket, gymnastics, rounders, tennis, hockey etc and will involve fun based activities such as water games/fights, crash mat tournaments and tug of war competitions.

Please note if there are not enough children to make this viable, this club will unfortunately not be able to take place. Please sign up by following the link below if you want your child/ren to take part. **All places must be booked by Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June.**

<https://grassrootssports.co.uk/summer.php>

### Please remember, we are a 'Nut Free' School

Please note at Our Lady of the Rosary Primary School we are a Nut-Free school.

The school requests that parents and carers observe the nut-free policy and therefore do not include nuts, or any traces of nuts, in packed lunches.



As always, if you have any questions or concerns please contact the school office or your child's teacher on Class Dojo.

**Please note:**

- Gates open at 8:45am and children are able to access school from 8:45 until 9:00am when the school gates will be closed again.

**Pick up times:**

Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 are to be collected at **3:00pm**

Year 4, 5 and 6 will leave school at **3:15pm**.

***Please note: arrival time for ALL PUPILS is between 8:45 and 9:00am. If you need your child to be in school before this time, you must book a slot at breakfast club.***

- Please wear a face mask when collecting your child and **only one adult** should collect your child. Please follow the one-way system on the main yard. Adults must not congregate at the school gates. Your Y5/6 child can walk home if we have written permission.
- Pupils should only bring in essential items - lunch box/water bottle.
- Pupils should wear full school uniform or their PE uniform on PE days.

Breakfast Club takes place daily from 7.45 am and Teatime club takes place daily (3pm-4:45pm). Please book your place by emailing

[wraparound.ourladyrosary@durhamlearning.net](mailto:wraparound.ourladyrosary@durhamlearning.net) . **Places are limited and will be offered on a first come, first served basis.**

Holiday	Closing Date	Re-opening Date
Summer	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2021	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> September 2021

**School will be closed for two further Professional Development days this school year:  
Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July and Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021**

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