



## Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carers,

This week, we continue our journey through Lent. Lent is a time when we pray, do kind things for other people, give up things and give to others, as we prepare to celebrate the great feast of Easter. For forty days, we accompany Jesus on his journey to Calvary and we see the mercy he shows towards others, despite his suffering. Just as God shows mercy towards us, like Jesus, we try to show mercy to others.

During Lent, we are also making our journey alongside families around the world. Together, we stand in solidarity with the Ukrainian people. Some of our families have been asking how we can come together as a school and help. During Lent, we fundraise for CAFOD-a charity chosen by the children themselves. For further information about how you can help please access:

<https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news/Ukraine-crisis>

The money raised from today's non-uniform and cake sale will be shared between Comic Relief and supporting Ukraine via CAFOD.

### **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March-Brain Tumour Awareness Day**

As part of brain tumour awareness month, we encourage everyone on this day to come to school wearing a hat. This day is a great way to bring people together and raise vital funds for Brain Tumour Research. Donations can be brought into school on the day.

### **Holy Communion Information**

Please pray for all our children making their first Holy Communion this year as on Wednesday this week the children received the sacrament of Reconciliation for the very first time. Next session is Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May at 5:30pm in the main hall.



### **Mother's day liturgical prayer service for EYFS parents/carers 25<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

We would like to invite all the parents/carers of our Early Years children to a Mother's Day celebration which will take place on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March in the Infant hall at 9:15am. Following the liturgical prayer, we invite you all to stay for coffee and cake with your children.

### **Phonics Café-Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 9:00am Infant Hall**

This event is open to all year 1 parents/carers. The session will begin at 9am with Mrs Howe explaining the 'Sounds-Write' programme and how you can support at home. There will be the opportunity to work with your child on some phonics activities and look at your child's books.

### **Attendance**

As a school, we are duty-bound to follow up on any pupils who are not attending school or are regularly late for school. To ensure we fulfil this duty, please continue to support us with the internal process that we have in place to monitor attendance. We are fully aware of how Covid has impacted on attendance and fully appreciate your support in ensuring that the majority of our children are attending school. We continue to ask parents/carers to keep us informed of any illness by telephoning the school office; if we are not informed non-attendance will not be authorised and could lead to a fine.

Please be reminded that holidays in term time will not be authorised except in exceptional circumstances and must be applied for. Both parents could be fined for taking children out of school for a holiday during term time. School does not benefit from fining parents and do not receive the money from the fine. We would like to avoid this route in all cases. Please talk to us if you are concerned about your child's attendance and engage with us if we do invite you into a meeting about your child's attendance.

Please note no holidays will be authorised for any reason for any of our Year 6 children during SATS week which is **9<sup>th</sup> May 2022 to 12<sup>th</sup> May 2022.**

### Absence

If your child is absent, **please ring the school office and leave a message** (0191 5862264).

**You do not need to speak to a member of staff or email your child's teacher.**

If you have a new mobile number or you have changes such as addresses, home numbers etc, please let the school office know as soon as possible.

### **Please note:**

Staff supervise children coming into school from 8:45am. Children are able to access school from 8:45 until 9:00am when the school gates will be closed again. Parents on the lower yard are welcome to stay on the yard until a member of staff comes out but must not congregate outside classrooms to speak to teachers who need to be ready to welcome the children into class each day. **Any messages may be left by contacting the office or your child's teacher via class dojo. Thank you**

***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.***

### **Parents' Meetings**

During the week beginning 4<sup>th</sup> April, there will be an opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress with their teacher. Parents/Carers will have the option of speaking to staff in person, or if preferred, by a telephone appointment.

Details about how you can book your slot will be sent out shortly.



### **Dates for your diary:**

Holiday	Closing Date	Re-opening Date
Easter holidays	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April 2022
May Day	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2022
Summer half Term	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2022
Summer Holiday	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2022	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September 2022

**School will be closed for two further Professional Development days this school year:**

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July and Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022.**

**In addition, on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022 school will be closed to all children for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Public holiday.**

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

Please note at Our Lady of the Rosary Primary School we are a Nut-Free school. We do not allow nuts or nut products in school lunch boxes.

The following items must not be brought into school:

Packs of nuts

Peanut butter or Nutella

Fruit and cereal bars that contain nuts

Chocolate bars or sweets that contain nuts

Sesame seed rolls (children allergic to nuts may also have a severe reaction to sesame)

Cakes made with nuts

Any home cooked meals for packed lunches that are made from nuts



We have a policy not to use nuts in any of our food prepared on site at our school. Our suppliers provide us with nut-free products. However, we cannot guarantee freedom from nut traces.

What types of food are nuts?

Almonds, Cashew nuts, Hazelnut, Pistachio, Walnuts, Brazil nuts, Nut oils, Peanuts

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.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Graham

Acting Executive Headteacher

Mrs Sutherland

Deputy Headteacher

### **A prayer for Ukraine**

**Loving God,  
We pray for the people of Ukraine,  
for all those suffering or afraid,  
that you will be close to them and protect them.**

**We pray for world leaders,  
for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.**

**We pray for the world  
that in this moment of crisis,  
we may reach out in solidarity  
to our brothers and sisters in need.**

**May we walk in your ways  
so that peace and justice  
become a reality for the people of Ukraine  
and for all the world.**

**Amen.**

