



Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Primary School

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'Christ at the centre, children at the heart'

24th May 2022

Dear Parent/Carers,

As we approach the end of what has been a shorter half term just a reminder we close on Thursday the 26th of May at the normal school time. On the Thursday we will be celebrating in school and in Nursery the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. All classes have lots of exciting Jubilee activities planned; we would love the children to come into school dressed in any red white and blue coloured clothing please. At lunchtime- weather permitting- we will have a school picnic on the field. If your child would like to bring in a picnic blanket please send this into school in a bag with their name clearly marked on it. If your child has a packed lunch they will also be eating their lunch "picnic style" on our school field. After lunch, children will have time to socialise together, play games and enjoy a disco on the field. We will make sure lots of photos are taken and shared on our website and on the school Facebook page.



Special Headteacher Awards

Please look out for your child bringing home a special headteacher award raffle ticket. These will be given out in recognition of your child's hard work and achievement.



A raffle will be drawn at the end of term and a prize given to one lucky winner!

Attendance

Good attendance is key to your child being able to fulfil their potential and make good progress in school. One of the most important ways a parent can support the education of their child and ensure the child's social, emotional and academic development is to ensure they attend every day and on time.



As you know, this can only be achieved if your child is attending school and has a good level of attendance. 95% attendance is regarded as the minimum acceptable level of attendance.

Currently, our school attendance is only at 92% which is a concern to us and most certainly to the DFE. After half term, we endeavour to report to you more regularly if your child has weak attendance as we need to understand why your child attendance is below the national expectation and how this can be improved. As per this year, no holidays will be authorised and any unauthorised attendance will be referred to the Local Authority who may issue a fine to parents who have parental responsibility for the child. We appreciate that there are genuine reasons for absence and we have had genuine conversations with parents in regards to this but we must also address any attendance that falls below expectations. Mrs Myhill, Miss Lawrence and the school council are looking at more rewards and incentives for good attendance individually and as a class. We plan to report the best attended class to you each week.



Contact Details

If any of your details have changed recently can we please ask that you contact the school office. This could be a change of address, or a change of phone number or perhaps a change in emergency contact details. We will then update our school records accordingly. We need a minimum of two contacts for safeguarding purposes to ensure we can make contact in an emergency. If you wish to change the names of people on the pick-up list please contact the school office.

Lunch

If your child is bringing a packed lunch please ensure it is a healthy packed lunch; crisps and chocolate bars are not permitted. Please remember that NUTELLA and all nut-based products are not allowed in school due to allergies.

Save the date!

Coffee Morning Friday 24th June from 8:45am onwards

A huge thank you to everyone who came to our coffee morning last week. Our coffee mornings are an opportunity to meet new friends or old and chat with members of staff about how we can best support our children. Our next coffee morning will be June 24th. We look forward to seeing you there!



Save the date:

Monday 13th June	Sports' Day
Friday 15th July	Leavers' Assembly Y6
Tuesday 19th July	Wizard of Oz Performance Y6

Holiday	Closing Date	Re-opening Date
Summer half term	Thursday 26th May 2022	Monday 6th June 2022
Summer Holiday	Thursday 21st July 2022	Tuesday 6th September 2022

**School will be closed for two further days this school year:
Friday 1st July and Friday 22nd July 2022.**

Times Tables Rock Stars

<https://trockstars.com/>



All pupils in years 2-6 have access to an online learning platform 'Times Tables Rock Stars'. This can be used on a computer or tablet. On a tablet you are able to download an app. Here they can revise their timetable skills in a fun and engaging way. Please contact your child's teacher if you are unable to access the app.



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 all the support you continue to provide to both your child/children and the school.

Mrs Graham Mrs Sutherland
Acting Executive Headteacher Deputy Headteacher

