



# Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back everyone to the first newsletter of the new school year. Thank you so much to all parents for supporting us in the smart appearance of the children with regard to uniform and adhering to our no extreme hair-cuts and earrings policy. The children have settled back in smoothly and happily and it is lovely to welcome some new families to our school community.

## **Response to the death of Queen Elizabeth II**

As a school community, we are deeply saddened by the death of the Queen, a remarkable, courageous woman who served our nation with dedication, love and a strong faith. We extend our love and prayers to all her family, friends and staff and especially hold King Charles III in our thoughts as he not only mourns the loss of his mother but takes on the role of sovereign. During this period of mourning, each class is talking about these events and on Monday we celebrated through liturgical prayer 'A Life Well Lived', remembering the Queen.

## **Information**

As well as sending one paper copy of this newsletter home to each family, the newsletter is also put onto our school website and Facebook. This term, we will be continuing to upload our newsletters onto our school website and Facebook as usual. If a paper copy is preferred, please let the office know and a paper copy will be given to the eldest pupil in the family to take home.

## **Important update about school attendance for the 2022/23 academic year.**

Our Lady of the Rosary is working in partnership with parents and the Local Authority to improve school attendance.

## **A big thank you to the majority of parents who make sure their children attend school regularly!**

Regular and punctual attendance is vital for your child's wellbeing and progress. Children should only be absent from school if they are feeling too unwell to attend. As far as possible, medical and dental appointments should be made for during school holidays or outside the school day. Please do not book holidays in term time – they will not be authorised. Please give your children the best opportunity to progress in their learning by ensuring they attend school every day and do not miss the start and ends of term.

Your efforts, working in partnership with the school, will ensure that your child will have the best chance to achieve their academic potential and have real opportunity in further education and the world of work.

Your child's attendance should be 97% or above in line with national Averages. If you are worried about your child/children's attendance, the first port of call is to discuss your concerns with the

school directly. The school has specialist staff who may be able to help you.

Family holidays in term time are **not allowed** in law and will not be authorised unless there are exceptional circumstances. Family emergencies also need careful consideration. It is not always appropriate or in the best interests of the child to miss school for emergencies which are being dealt with by adult family members. Notifying the school of leave due to a family emergency does not mean it will be authorised.

***Please note that where parents fail to ensure their child attends school regularly, legal action, including penalty notices, may be considered.***

### **PE Kit**

Please don't forget to make sure that your child's PE Kit is in school at all times from now on. Since COVID restrictions have been lifted, the children will be changing into their PE Kit before their PE lessons in school. As always, please NAME all items of clothing that your child brings into school so that should they misplace them we are able to return them promptly!

### **After-School Clubs**

A schedule of Clubs taking place at school during the Autumn Terms will be sent out to you all this week. If you wish your child to join one of the clubs being run in school, please sign up using Parent Pay as these will be filled on a 'first come first served' basis. Clubs will begin during week commencing Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September and will run for a period of **eight** weeks.

Thank you for your continued support.

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