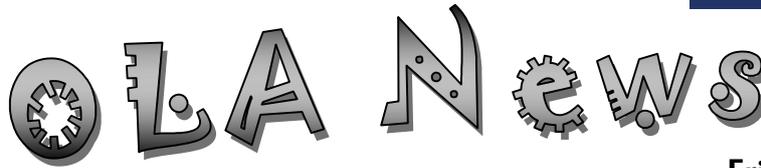




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Friday 7th September 2018

Dear Parents, Carers, Children and Governors,



We hope everyone had a great summer break.

It was lovely to see the children looking smart in their school uniform and returning with lots of stories about what they had done and where they had been during the holiday.

This week we welcomed our new Reception children into our school – they have settled in very well and we hope they have many happy years at Our Lady's.

We look forward to a fantastic year ahead for everyone associated with our school.

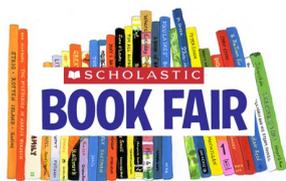
Staff Training Day - Our staff came back to work last Monday for a training day. In the morning all staff were trained for 3 hours in First Aid including how to use the defibrillator which is in the church car park, how to deal with choking and CPR. In the afternoon we had 2 hours of PE training.

New members of staff : We welcome this term four new members of staff – Miss Goodrick in Year 5, Miss McKelvie in Year 3; Mrs Davies in Year 2 and Mr Abrahart also joins us in a new post of IT Apprentice – support Computing lessons across the school and helping to maintain our website and Twitter account.

Our Lady's Birthday ~ Today we celebrated Our Lady's birthday and the start of a new school year with mass in church. It was a lovely celebration where each class made a birthday card for Mary, who is our school's patron saint.



Year 4 swimming - The Y4 class will start their swimming programme on Monday afternoons starting next week. The children need a swimming hat – these are available from the office - £1 each.



Message from PTA

Our first event of the year has been confirmed, as usual we need your help! Please let the office know if you can help or comment on the Facebook post.

Book fair from Wed 19th September until Fri 21st September, each day after school.

Please help raise money for the children to enjoy brand new books in school.

Can you spare 1 hour to help at the book fair this year? Your Children are welcome to help too! Set up of fair at 3pm each day, just inform your child's class teacher and they will arrange for your child to come to the school hall where the book fair is being held.

Without your help we cannot hold events like this.

Find us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/OurLadyOfTheAssumptionPTA>



Mass – The first mass of the school year took place today to celebrate Our Lady's Birthday. Tuesday 11th September 9.15am mass is led by Year 4.

Cash-Free Office - Those parents who have children in secondary school know that schools are moving away from accepting cash in the school office. The main reason for this is the charges involved in having secure cash collections, depositing cash and the cost of the hours for staff who process the cash within the school. We also have to pay an extra insurance premium to hold cash in our safe. In order to save money and ensure we provide the very best experience for your children whilst they are here, we have made the decision to stop taking cash payments in school. The only cash we will take is for events such as cake sales, sponsored events etc.

We are moving away from SIMS Agora – our current system to a system that is much easier for parents to use. We will keep you informed of when it goes online and when we will stop taking cash payments.

If you have any comments regarding this decision, please don't hesitate to contact Mrs McKay, our School Business Manager.



Macmillan Coffee Morning - Our annual Macmillan Coffee Morning will take place on 28th September, directly after Celebration Assembly, about 9:40.

We will also be holding our annual 'Bake Off' style competition, open to entries from all of our pupils. The event is very popular and we are always blown away by the amazing confections our pupils bring in.

The cakes will be sampled by a crack team of judges and prizes will be awarded for first, second and third places. The prizes this year include family tickets to a Blaze Ice Hockey game, an electric picnic box, and others. Once the cakes have been judged, they will then be sold at the coffee morning on 28th September. Everyone is welcome to come along and join us for coffee or tea, and a cake, for a small fee. Your generosity always amazes us, thank you all so much.

If your child does want to enter the competition, all entries have to be in school, in containers that are clearly named, by 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday 26th September.

Breakfast Bagels - From next Monday 10th September we will be offering free buttered bagels on both KS1 and KS2 playgrounds. The bagels will be prepared in the school kitchen by Sue our cook and put into thermal boxes ready for distribution at 8.40am.

Bishop Ullathorne Secondary School - Parents and children in our primary school are warmly invited to **Bishop Ullathorne Catholic Secondary School's Open Evening on Thursday 20th September from 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm**. The Headteacher will give a presentation at 6.00 pm and 7.00pm in the main hall. **The school's Open Morning is the following day on Friday 21st September from 9.15 am to 11.00 am**. Please take advantage of this opportunity to visit our partner secondary school so that you can meet students and staff and have a flavour of their work.

Year 6 / 7 Mass - Along with other Year 6 children from Catholic primary schools, our Year 6 children will be attending a special mass at St Thomas More Church next Friday morning. They will also get the chance to say hello to the Bishop Ullathorne Year 7 children who left here in July.

Y4 Romans Launch Day- Next Friday 14th September our Y4 children are invited to dress up in togas or as Roman soldiers, or anything connected with the Roman Empire.

Labelling of clothes - Please remember to put your child's name on all their school uniform - including their PE kit and pumps. Thank you

Mrs Kate Connelly
Headteacher