

**OLA NEWS** 



19<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Dear Parents, Carers, Children and Governors,

This week we have welcomed back some of our Year 1 children as well as our Nursery, Reception children who came back last week. It has been great to have them in school.

Things have gone very smoothly, and I would like to thank parents for their co-operation at drop off and pick up times. Can I ask that after the children have been dropped off and picked up, that parents avoid congregating in the church carpark so that we can ensure that families are able to socially distance.

If you are not currently sending your Nursery, Reception or Year 1 child into school, but change your mind over the coming days or weeks, please contact the school.

# **Class Teachers for September**

Next year we will be saying goodbye to some of our staff. As you may already know Mrs Whewell is retiring at the end of term. Miss McKelvie will also be leaving along with Mr Shale and Mr Clarke. We will be very sad to see them go.

We will be welcoming back Mrs Dooley from maternity leave at the end of the Summer term ready for September.

Year group	Teacher	Teaching Assistant
Nursery	Mrs Finch	Mrs Webb
Reception	Mrs Nailor	Mrs Lucas
Year 1	Miss Punch	Mrs Sloan
Year 2	Mrs Muntoni	Mrs Wing
Year 3	Mrs Evans	Mrs Kelleher
Year 4	Mrs Dooley and Mrs Mayes	Mrs Pardo
Year 5	Mrs Walker	Mr Higginson
Year 6	Miss Matthews	Mrs Dixon

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#### **Free School Meals**

The voucher scheme for children on free school meals will continue during the summer holidays. If you think your child may be entitled to a free school meal please visit Coventry.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals and apply online.

You can claim free school meals even if you do not intend to use them or if your child receives free school meals because they are in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2. This will provide extra funding for the school.

### **Relationship and Health Education Parent Consultation**

In the academic year 2020/21, Relationships Education and Health Education will become statutory in all primary schools in England. At Our Lady's, we have decided to adopt a programme called Life to the Full by Ten Ten Resources. Ten Ten is an award-winning Catholic educational organisation that is well-respected and very experienced in this field of work.

Schools are required by law to consult with parents about programme content and choice of resources. We are now inviting parents to view the programme and give feedback.

Information about how to view Life to the Full and a link to an online parent questionnaire is available on the school website. The page can be viewed using this <u>link</u>.

The closing date for the consultation is Friday, 17th July.

#### E-safety

If your child plays computer games, please make sure that they only play age-appropriate games. We are aware that some of the children are have been playing games which have an age rating of 18. Although your child might enjoy playing these games, they are too young and we would urge you to check that they aren't playing them without your knowledge.

#### **Nursery and Reception New Starters**

If you have a child who will be starting in Nursery or Reception in September, there is now a 'New Starters' page on the school website which has a welcome message and information that you might find useful. You can access the page using the following <u>link</u>.

We still have places available in Nursery. If you have any friends or family who have children that will be eligible for join Nursery in September, please encourage them to take a look at our New Starters page too.

#### **The Church**

The Church will be open each week on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday from 10:30am – 12:30pm for private prayer. Anybody attending must wear a face mask.

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#### **PTA News**



# **School Lottery**

Next draw date: 20 June 2020

£25,000 JACKPOT and £7.20 Guaranteed Prize to 1 OLA supporter

Congratulations to our latest School Lottery guaranteed prize winner who won £7.20

# WIN £150 to Spend on PE Kit!

**READY, SET, WIN!** If you are shopping for PE Kit, don't let it put a dent in your budget. Support your school this term and you could win 1 of 3 £150 JD Sports gift cards.

\*Offer ends 18<sup>th</sup> July 2020

https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/our-lady-of-the-assumption-primary-schoolcoventry

# Our ticket sales have gone up by 1 and now stand at 25 per week, this is still only 50% of our weekly sales target.

Can you help spread the word? Once ticket sales increase the guaranteed jackpot will also increase PLUS with the school closing and the cancellation of all our forthcoming fundraising events this is our only way of raising much needed funds for the PTA and ultimately for the pupils of OLA! During this challenging time, we hope that you can continue to help us raise funds.

# **PTA Facebook Group**

You will have received a link to join the Facebook group – this is a friendly group where you will find information on PTA events plus helpful tips on entertaining our children whilst at home. Here is the link again - <u>https://www.facebook.com/groups/OurLadyOfTheAssumptionPTA</u>/ you will be asked your child's name and year group to confirm you are eligible for membership, please answer these or else approval cannot be granted to the group.

# **Digital Update**

Information about the latest resources from the library service is on Coventry Council website at the following link

https://www.coventry.gov.uk/info/229/schools library and resource service/3573/primary digital upd ate/9

# Singing Workshops

Armonico Consort have recently introduced some **interactive**, fun singing session for children which take place every Wednesday at 2pm.

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*Sing 'n' Shine* are weekly singing workshops with songs aimed at the KS2/3 age range, although of course anyone can join in and sing along! The sessions last for 30 minutes and are interactive via the comments box in the side bar. They typically involve some fun physical and practical warm-ups, some fun songs and a bit of interactive chat. The words are posted in the description bar below the video. Here is a video to explain a bit more: <u>https://youtu.be/w7u5bLTPWXA</u>

The sessions are open to anyone - just click on the Armonico Consort YouTube channel on Wednesdays at 2pm to view them - the word 'live' will pop up when the session starts: <a href="http://www.youtube.com/user/ArmonicoConsort">www.youtube.com/user/ArmonicoConsort</a>

#### Mass

Even though you can't attend mass in the usual way, services are being streamed on the parish YouTube channel: <u>Our Lady of The Assumption and St John Vianney livestream</u>

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