

OLA NEWS



3rd July 2020

Dear Parents, Carers, Children and Governors,

School Opening in September

The government have announced this week that schools will be open for all pupils in September. I am sure that this is good news for parents, and it will be great to have all our pupils back. I will be writing to parents before the end of term to give more details about our plans to welcome our pupils back safely.

Good Shepherd Mass

On Monday, some of the children took part in the Good Shepherd Mass which was celebrated at St Chad's Cathedral, albeit virtually. It was a lovely celebration and an opportunity to reflect on the crucial work of Father Hudson's Care.

Year 6 Family Picnic

We are all looking forward to seeing our Year 6 pupils at the Family Picnic next Friday, 10th July. More details are on the home page of the school website and the class Dojo page.

Confirmation and First Holy Communion

In the hope that Our Lady of the Assumption Church will be open for services in the Autumn term, we have booked the Bishop for Confirmation on Tuesday 10th November. Please save the date.

We will discuss a date for First Holy Communion with Father Sebastian when we return in September.

Free School Meals

The voucher scheme for children on free school meals will continue during the summer holidays. Parents will receive a voucher for £90 for each eligible child. 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 universal 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 TenTen Resources. TenTen is an award-winning Catholic educational organisation that is well-respected and very experienced in this field of work.

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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.

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.

PTA News



School Lottery

Next draw date: 4 July 2020

£25,000 JACKPOT and £6.90 Guaranteed Prize to 1 OLA supporter

Big Thanks to our latest School Lottery guaranteed prize winner who won £6.90 and then very generously donated it back to the school!

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 18th July 2020

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

Our ticket sales have gone down and now stand at 24 per week, this is still less than 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

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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.

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.

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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