

OLA NEWS



22 October 2020

Dear Parent and Carers,

As we arrive at the end of the first half term, I would like to take the opportunity to tell you how fantastic your children have been on returning to school. Everyone was very anxious about how the children would settle back to school but I am delighted with how well they have adapted to the measures we have put in place to keep all our staff and pupils safe. I would also like to thank all parents and carers for the support you have given during this challenging time.

As you are aware, Coventry will be entering Tier 2 from midnight on Friday. This means that in most cases households will only be able to mix outdoors. It may be the case that you have made arrangements for your child to meet up with friends over half term. Please be responsible and make sure that they only do this outdoors.

Stars of the Week!	_		Attendance	
Reception	Evan	**	Reception	94.8%
Year 1	Lena & Ronnie		Year 1	95.7%
Year 2	Freddie		Year 2	100%
Year 3	Talia		Year 3	93.5%
Year 4	Sebastian	1. A. C.	Year 4	92.2%
Year 5	Elliot	*	Year 5	91.4%
Year 6	Ryan		Year 6	90.4%

Vocations

This week Deacon Owen visited school to talk to the children in Year 6 about Vocations. This is an important part of their preparation for Confirmation which will take place on 10th November. We are very grateful for Deacon Owen for giving up his time.

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Pick Up / Drop Off from Church Car Park

Please ensure parents / carers supervise their children on the car park as we have received reports some parents are concerned about children throwing stones.

Poppy Appeal

On the first week back after half term the school will be selling Poppies and Poppy Memorabilia in support of the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. The items will be on sale for 1 day only per year group.



Рорру	20p	
Zip Pull	50p	
Poppy Reflector	50p	
Silicon Wristband	£1	
Snap Band	£1.50	

If you would like to buy any of the items, please send your child in with the correct cash on their specified day.

Tuesday 3 November	Nursery and Reception
Wednesday 4 November	Years 1 & 2
Thursday 5 November	Years 3 & 4
Friday 6 November	Years 5 & 6

Proposal to Close Wraparound Provision

As you may be aware, it with some regret that we are proposing to close wraparound provision at the end of the autumn term due to sustained losses. We are currently consulting stakeholders and I would like to invite parents and carers to give their views about the proposal before the 18th November when the consultation period ends. Following the consultation period, the views of stakeholders will be presented to governors who will make a final decision about closure. You can give your views by emailing the school at <u>admin@ourlady.coventry.sch.uk</u> or online via the following <u>link</u>.

Behaviour Policy - Parent Consultation

We are currently reviewing the Behaviour Policy and are in the process of consulting with the staff and pupils. We would also like to give parents and carers the opportunity to give their views as part of the consultation process.

You can read the draft policy and leave your views by clicking on this link.

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A Message from Blue Coat School for Year 6

Please follow the link to view our school's open event https://bluecoatschool.com/virtual-open-evening/

If you have any queries regarding applications for Blue Coat School, I am more than happy to help. Kind regards Julie Curtis, Transition and Admissions Manager

A Message from West Coventry Academy for Year 6

We are really excited to launch West Coventry Academy's Virtual Open Day! Follow this link where you can find out about the huge variety of opportunities available, our extensive curriculum and meet our key staff. Should you have any questions please complete the enquiry form:

http://www.westcoventryacademy.org/joining_the_school/virtual_open_day.aspx

Our new prospectus link is below:

http://www.westcoventryacademy.org/about/school_prospectus.aspx

Remote Learning

If your child has to stay at home for reasons related to coronavirus, we will do everything we can to ensure access to quality teaching resources. We have put a number of things in place, depending on the reason why your child is not able to come into school.

The expectation is that your child will engage with the remote learning that is set for them. Please follow the link below with further details.

https://ourlady.coventry.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/Remote-Learning-Plan.pdf

Daily Mile

Congratulations to Year 6 this week's Daily Mile Champions with 79481 steps completed as a class. **Well done Year 6!**

Class Dojo

Class Dojo is the main way in which teachers communicate to parents on a day-to-day basis. It is a quick and easy way for parents to ask questions and get a quick response. Also, teachers can let you know how your child is getting on and share their work with you. If you have not already signed up, please do so. This will avoid you missing important updates that are just for your child. If you have already signed up, please make sure your notifications are turned on. Please contact your child's class teacher if you have any questions.

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After School Clubs

If your child is attending a club, they must bring their clothes to school to get changed into at the end of the day.

Monday	Football	Year 5 & 6
Wednesday	Netball	Year 5 & 6
	Movie Club	Year 1 & 2
	Football	Year 3 & 4
Thursday	Training with Teachers	
-	Year 5 & 6	
Friday	Empower Football	
	Year 1 & 2	

All clubs finish at 4:15pm and parents need to collect their children from the church car park.

PTA NEWS

Thank you to all our School Lottery supporters! Unfortunately, we have lost 3 supporters! Was it something we did?? We were so close to our 50 ticket goal, once we reach our 50 ticket goal we will achieve our target of raising **£1,040** per year!

HELP! Can you spread the word? Once ticket sales increase the guaranteed jackpot will also increase PLUS with the school closing earlier this year and with the cancellation of all our usual 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.



School Lottery

Next draw date: 24 October 2020

£25,000.00 JACKPOT and £10.20 Guaranteed Prize to 1 OLA supporter

Big Thanks to our latest School Lottery guaranteed prize winner who won £11.40 and then very generously donated it back to the school!

To find out more and help support our lovely school please visit the following link:

https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/our-lady-of-theassumption-primary-school-coventry

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Future Fundraising

Bag2school Friday 6th November 2020



Please bring your bag (or bags!) to the double gates in the Church carpark where the children are greeted by teachers each morning starting Wednesday 4th November before 9:30am. Last day for drop off will be Friday 6th November no later than 9:30am as collection by Bag2School is due that day.

Please send donations in bags tied at the top and include items from the green list below. If you donate incorrect items Bag2School will not take the bag and it will be left for the PTA to dispose of which we do not have the ability to do.

They DO NOT accord

They accept the following 'good quality' items for RE-USE:

	They DO NOT accept
What they DO accept	
Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing	Duvets and blankets
Handbags	Pillows and cushions
Bags & Jewellery	Carpets, rugs and mats
Household linen and towels	(including bath, shower and
Lingerie & Socks	toilet mats)
Soft toys	Textile off cuts, yarns or
Household curtains	threaded material
Household bedding (bed sheets,	Soiled, painted, ripped or wet
pillow cases and duvet covers)	clothing
Paired shoes (tied together or elastic	Corporate clothing and
band around)	workwear
Hats, Scarves and ties	School uniforms with and
Belts and ties	without logo

PTA Facebook Group

This is a friendly group, please feel free to

join - https://www.facebook.com/groups/OurLadyOfTheAssumptionPTA/ you will be asked your child's name and year group to confirm you are eligible for membership, please answer these so that approval can be granted to the group.

Contacting the PTA; via Facebook, email - <u>pta@ourlady.coventry.sch.uk</u>.

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Wraparound

There are a few **limited** spaces available in the before and after school sessions. Please contact the school office if you are interested in a place.

Drop-off and Pick-up times

	Drop-off	Pick-up
Reception	8.40am	3pm
Year 1 & Year 2	8.55am	3pm
Year 3 & Year 4	9.05am	3.10pm
Year 5 & Year 6	9.15am	3.20pm

Siblings will continue to be dropped off and picked up at your earliest slot.

Lunch Orders

Thank you for completing the lunch orders via our texting system T2P. The text messages will be sent every Wednesday, please continue to respond with your child's lunch choice for the following week. If you select the 'packed lunch' option, it means **YOU** are providing the packed lunch as we do not provide them at school. If you do not respond it will mean, we are unable to add your child's lunch order to the system. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

School Uniform

School uniform can be purchased through Eduspot, once the order has been received by the office the uniform will be sent home with your child.

Nursery

We still have places available in Nursery. If you have any friends or family who have children that are eligible to join Nursery now or who will turn three this year, please encourage them to contact the school.

Mass Times

Saturday: 4.30pm at OLA; 6pm at SJV

Sunday: 9.30am at SJV; 11am at OLA

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<u>Parks and Walks</u> On Coventry Rocks, there are over 50 local parks, nature reserves, woodlands, and walks. Perfect for getting some fresh air and exercise.

Halloween Activities

We have gather together lots of local Halloween events and attractions - from pumpkin picking to halloween crafts.

Spooktacular Ideas for Halloween

Since this year is slightly different, with no Trick-or-Treating allowed, we have written an article which is jam-packed full of useful ideas and tips for making Halloween great this year.

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Ideas for Half Term

In our Half Term collection, we have round up local attractions, events and activities going on in and around Coventry - this means parents can spend less time searching and more time having fun! The collection can easily be filtered down by price, age, and distance.

Online Activities

We also have a collection of Online Activities and Groups, and we are poised and ready to add more online options should a lockdown take place.

Handy Guides

Finally, we have some really useful articles on our website, such as <u>Pumpkin Picking</u>, <u>Holiday Clubs</u>, <u>Family Friendly Walks</u>, and <u>Places to Feed the Ducks</u>, You can visit our Guides section <u>here</u>.

Our social pages are also really popular, as we send posts out daily with ideas for things to do in the local area. We encourage the parents to like and follow us on <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Instagram</u> so they can keep up to date with everything going on.

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Looking for before or after school care? Or holiday care?



Little Flowertots offers both!

Here at Little Flowertots we are open from 7.45am - 6pm.

We are located in the shops at Nickson Road, a short walk from the school and can take or pick your child up. We offer breakfast in the morning and a snack for tea in the evening, if staying after 4pm. All of our highly motivated staff are qualified and DBS checked. Our most recent Ofsted rating was 'Good'.

Our holiday club offers fun, age appropriate, activities that cater to the children's interests. When planning activities for the holidays we ask the children for their input to make sure it's both stimulating and fun.

For more information phone...

02476 460644

As a special offer we will match the price that you currently pay for your child's before and after school sessions.

Holiday club prices vary.

Little Flowertots Daycare, 28-30 Nickson Road, Coventry, CV4 9RU. 02476 460644.

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