



OLA NEWS



26th June 2020

Dear Parents, Carers, Children and Governors,

Year 6 Family Picnic

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

Fingers crossed for good weather!

Good Shepherd Mass

Normally at this time of year, Year 6 would be taking part in the Good Shepherd Mass. This year the mass is being shared virtually and will take place on Monday 29th June at 10.00 am. The Mass is easy to access from the St Chad's Cathedral website via this link <https://www.stchadscathedral.org.uk/>. It is anticipated that there will be a reasonable level of demand so it may be worth setting up your computer a little before the start time to ensure that you are able to start from the beginning of Mass.

As part of the Mass, Andy Quinn CEO of Father Hudson's Care will be speaking about the incredible work that the charity has continued to deliver throughout the pandemic. If you would like to donate to the Good Shepherd Appeal this year there is a special just giving page. You can visit the appeal page and make a donation if you wish via this link <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/2020GSA>

Confirmation and First Holy Communion

In 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.

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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.

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 [link](#).

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 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 [link](#).

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

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_update/9

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PTA News



School Lottery

Next draw date: 27 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 18th July 2020

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

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 - <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 or else approval cannot be granted to the group.

Singing Workshops

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

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: <https://youtu.be/w7u5bLTPWXA>

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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: www.youtube.com/user/ArmonicoConsort

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: [Our Lady of The Assumption and St John Vianney livestream](#)

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