



OUR LADY OF THE VISITATION CATHOLIC SCHOOL

'We Learn, Love and Grow through Christ'

Core Purpose – Mission Statement



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Prayer of the Week

Lord Our God,

You have made me in your likeness and you love all that you have made.

I thank you for all that is positive in my life.

I ask that I may learn from whatever I may find negative of hurtful in my life.

May my disabilities and weaknesses teach me how to be sensitive to individuals, that I may grow more caring and compassionate with others who experience difficulties.

May I grow in strength of character through all that happens to me, living fully each day.

Amen

Liturgical Celebrations



Friday 29th June

St Peter and Paul

Wednesday 18th July

End of Year Mass-2 pm

All Masses will be in the Church at 10am unless otherwise stated

WELCOME BACK: I hope you all had a pleasant, restful half term break and batteries are re-charged ready for the last half term of this academic year. This is an extremely busy half term as we try to fit in all the end of year events. On top of photographs, sports days, theme weeks, end of year trips, reports and end of year assessments we have also been chosen to sit the National Science Tests with a number of children in year 6 and writing in year 6 is being moderated this year. We are also busy welcoming new families to the school and thinking about how we are going to say good-bye to some of our families who will be leaving us this year.

So along with the dedicated and hard working staff I will endeavor to make the remainder of this academic year, a memorable and positive experience for you and your children.

HOLY COMMUNION: Congratulations to all the children in year 3 who made their First Holy Communion at the beginning of the half term. It was a very beautiful and prayerful service. We were all very proud of the children and I was particularly impressed by their faith. We all have a lot to learn about God's love by listening to our children.

Thank you to Henry and his team for preparing the children so well for this very special occasion.

A huge thank you goes to those children in the choir (and their parents/carers) who gave up their time on a beautifully sunny day to lead the singing at the Mass. They really do add to the occasion.

Thank you also to Miss Noone, Mr Aherne, Miss Francis and Mrs Lonergan who helped prepare the children and the choir and to all the other members of staff who were able to attend the service and support the children.

WELCOME MEETINGS: There will be meetings for the parents of the children who will be coming to our school next year. The welcome meeting for the children who will be joining the **Nursery** will be on **Tuesday 19th June at 2.45pm** and the welcome meeting for the children who will be joining **Reception** will be on **Wednesday 20th June at 2.45pm**.

BINS: On Thursday this week the area around the gate was very smelly. This is caused when the bins are emptied and fluid, mainly from the food wastage at lunchtime, seeps onto the ground. The site manager cleans this up every morning before you arrive but was unable to do this yesterday. It was cleaned promptly after the parents had left the area. We do our utmost to resolve this problem but need to recognise that in the hot weather it is likely to smell more.

I must congratulate our Site Manager on the good job he does every week clearing this away. Often we do not realise what someone is doing until it is not done.

As a very sensible parent said to me yesterday, "some people have to put up with conditions like this every day of their lives. We should be thankful that it only affects us once in a while".

SPORTS NEWS:

Six children from Y5 were selected to take part in a Sports day at St Benedict's School. The children took part in Netball, Cricket, Fitness challenge, Fencing, Tag- Rugby and Team Games.

They also enjoyed a delicious lunch. Congratulations to Julian who was given an award for outstanding achievement in Sport. All our pupils were excellent competitors.

A team of girl cricketers from Y6 competed in the Borough Finals at Popesfield Cricket Club.

They played 4 matches , winning 1 but with 2 other matches decided by just 2 and 6 runs, so really close.

The girls have been learning Quick-Cricket after school in our girls free sports club Team Up.

It's a great game and they are now keen for more competitions.

Congratulations to Karolina, our Player of the Match, who made the most progress.

Well done to the whole team on great all round play.

Go Team Visitation!

ROLE MODELS: Four children from the school took part in a general knowledge quiz this week at St Gregory's school. Mr Aherne who took them to the event writes;

"The four children who attended were a credit to the School. They were the most mature and mannered of all school groups attending, volunteered very impressive answers during the scoring parts of the event, and they were joint leaders until the last round".

Well done to the children for being such great role models.

FOTV: We have sent home several notices before half term regarding Funday Sunday. Please read these and offer help where you can. Our meeting took place today at 8.45 in the re-new room.

Events and Dates

June 2018

Thursday 21st – Infant Sports Day 1.30pm

Friday 22nd – Junior Sports Day – 1.10pm

July 2018

Tuesday 3rd – Year 6 Production – 2pm

Wednesday 4th - Year 6 Production – 6pm

Thursday 12th – Music Night – 6pm