



Our Lady's Catholic High School



A National Teaching School

Friday, 25 May 2018

Our Prayer theme next week is **The Eucharist**

Hunger is one of our greatest drives and eating and drinking is one of most basic of instincts and acts. Without food, we die. The same dynamics work in the spiritual realm as well: just as our body needs bodily food, our soul needs spiritual food. The feast of Corpus Christi (the Body of Christ) reminds us of the importance of feeding our soul with the food that God provides us: Holy Communion. Just like any meal, it is a social act (the Mass), with our (spiritual) hunger is satisfied and we have the energy for our next act (to change the world).



Lord, give me the generosity to become more eucharistic, to be more thanksgiving, for the good of the world. Help me to share in your feast to become the person of Christ that your Body and Blood inspires me to be. Amen.

ADVANCED NOTICE - YEAR 6 TRANSITION DAY – MONDAY, 2 JULY 2018

Our next year's Year 7 pupils will be joining us for a day in school on Monday, 2 July 2018. As is our practice, **Year 8** pupils are to remain home on that day. This will enable us to release teachers to work with the Year 6 pupils.

FAIRTRADE AWARD

OLCHS has been awarded the FairAware award, recognising our awareness and use of Fairtrade in the school community. Fairtrade is an organisation which works with farmers around the world to ensure that the products we use have been produced fairly, by paying a fair living wage and by not using child labour. The Award recognises the hard work of our Fairtrade pupil group who presented to staff back in January on why they wanted to make the school FairAware. Since then, we now use Fairtrade tea and coffee in our staffroom, following a tasting session by staff to decide on which products they prefer. We also celebrated Fairtrade Fortnight across the curriculum, with pupils learning about different aspects of Fairtrade in different subjects. Thanks should go to the staff Fairtrade Representatives who organised lively and engaging lessons about Fairtrade. Finally, we are also launching half termly Fairtrade stalls, selling a variety of Fairtrade products to pupils and staff at the end of each half term. We look forward to continuing to raise awareness about Fairtrade in our school.

CRY CHARITY – HEART SCREENING EVENT

On Saturday, 7 and Sunday, 8 July the CRY charity are running a free heart screening event for ages 14-35 at CPC Plc, Faraday Drive, Fulwood, Preston, PR2 9PP. Simply go to www.testmyheart.org or call 0203 691 0000 to book an appointment. These screenings are funded in memory of Jordan Grant our Deputy Head Boy 2010-2011.

NETBALL SUCCESS

Congratulations to the year 7A and B netball teams who were named Preston Schools' Champions. The girls have made a great start to their playing career at Our Lady's as both teams were undefeated all season! Well done to the year 9A and 10B Netball teams who both finished third in the Preston Schools League, having faced some tough opposition.

CASTLERIGG MANOR NEEDS OUR HELP!

Further to Mr Ranson's request for support please follow the link below to donate whatever you feel appropriate:

<https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/nigelranson1>

It would be wonderful if we could reach our target and that our pupils will continue to benefit from their time at Castlerigg Manor for many years to come. With thanks for your support and to all those who have donated already.

HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME - REMINDER

Our Attendance policy states that any absence attached to either side of a school holiday will be assumed to be a holiday taken in term time and such absences will be classified as 'unauthorised' unless evidence is provided which proves otherwise. We ask for this evidence to be fair and consistent with all families. In addition we will expect to meet with parents whose children have taken such absences and the child will be taught separately until the meeting takes place. We will always meet with parents at the earliest possible opportunity. Should your child be ill on a day attached to a school holiday we ask that you provide evidence of this; an appointment card from a doctor or a dated and named prescription would suffice. Please contact us on a landline or briefly call in to school for us to see you. The principle is that attendance at school is a legal requirement and duty and we must do all that we reasonably can to support this. Finally, may I remind all families that any unauthorised absence for holidays or otherwise in Year 11 will result in the invitation to attend the Year 11 Prefects' Ball being withdrawn.

Dates to remember

Monday, 4 June – School opens
Wednesday, 6 June – Year 7 Cadbury World
Thursday, 14 June – Sports Day
Thursday, 28 June – New Parents Evening
Monday, 2 July – Year 6 Induction Day
Tuesday, 3 July – Prefects' Ball
Friday, 13 July – Rewards Trip to Blackpool Pleasure Beach
Friday, 20 July – School closes for the end of term
Tuesday, 4 September – school opens for Year 7 only
Wednesday, 5 September – school opens for all pupils