



Our Lady's Catholic High School

A National Teaching School



Friday, 24 May 2019

Our prayer theme next week: Prayer

In the Gospel we will hear on Sunday we hear Jesus talking about prayer.

Although we pray every day in school and in other areas of our lives, do we always think about the words we use and what we say and do in prayer? Do we always give time for God to respond?

Lord, thank you for teaching us to pray and giving us the opportunity to pray each day. Show us how prayer can help us in our day to day lives. Help our prayer to increase our faith.

Amen.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Bishop Paul is coming to St Anthony's on Thursday, 4 July to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation. Any pupil who wishes to receive the sacrament of Confirmation should please contact Fr Peter on 01772 725193 or see Richard in the Chaplaincy Office for more information.

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absence for holidays or otherwise in Year 11 will result in the invitation to attend the Year 11 Prefects' Ball being withdrawn.

REWARDS TRIP 2019

Our annual rewards trip this year is to Blackpool Pleasure Beach on Friday, 12 July 2019. In order to be eligible to attend pupils must meet the following criteria:

- Excellent attendance (at LM discretion) including no unauthorised absence
- No referrals
- No days in exclusions
- No debts to school including trips
- No more than 2 stage 3s
- At least 5 rewards points earned and cashed since January 2019
- Pupils to participate in sports day if they have the ability

The criteria began on Monday, 20 May and run until Thursday, 11 July. Letters will be issued before the end date above, therefore be aware that Learning Managers can remove pupils from the trip at any time.

HAIR

Please may we make parents aware of our guidelines regarding hair and hair cuts in school. Hair must be one natural colour: no patterns or artificial colour. There must be no extremes of style or fashion and the hair must not cover the eyes. If hair clippers are used no lower than a number 2 is allowed on any part of the head and hair should be a blended cut with no ridges, lines or undercut. Thank you for your support.

HOCKEY NEWS

The Year 8 Hockey team played their first match on Wednesday which was a friendly against Broughton. They defended well against tough opposition and managed to hold Broughton to a two all draw at half time, thanks to both goals coming from Libby Earnshaw. The girls fought hard in the second half to keep themselves in the game thanks to a third goal from Libby. However, the experience of Broughton saw them win 6-3. A great start though and the team has shown lots of potential

Dates to remember

Monday, 3 June – School opens

Thursday, 27 June – New Parents' Evening

Monday, 1 July – Year 6 induction day

Tuesday, 16 July – Whole School Mass

Friday, 19 July – School closes for the end of term

Tuesday, 3 September – School opens for Year 7 pupils

Wednesday, 4 September – School opens for all pupils