



Our Lady's Catholic High School



A National Teaching School

Friday, 13 September 2019

Name Form

Our Prayer theme next week is **The Prodigal Son**

In this week's Gospel, we hear three stories – The Lost Sheep, The Lost Coin and The Prodigal Son. They are all a reassurance from Jesus that we can be 'found' again and that there is nothing but joy when that happens. To be 'found' in this way means to return to God. He is not angry, but full of love and compassion for those who return.

Lord, help us to open our hearts and show compassion to all those we encounter; whether at school, at home, or in the wider community. This can be challenging at times and it can be difficult to forgive those who hurt us. Give us the strength to persevere in love. Amen.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING



- The 2019 annual Macmillan Coffee morning takes place this year on Friday, 27 September 2019. Family members are most welcome to join us in the staff room from 12 noon for cake, coffee and a chat and hopefully we will raise lots of money for this worthwhile cause. Please contact Pam Bilsborrow (326913) if you would like to come along.

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

We currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor to join to Governing Body of this school. A document containing the schedule of dates, an information sheet and a nomination form is attached with this Newsletter. All parents who are eligible are welcome to apply for this post and should complete the nomination form, including the Biographical Details section. Completed forms should be addressed to Mr Ranson, who is the Returning Officer in this election, and return to school by the deadline of Monday, 23 September 2019 at 12 noon. For any enquiries or further details please contact Pam Bilsborrow on pbi@olchs.lancs.sch.uk

MUSICAL THEATRE CLUB

Any pupil interested in joining the Musical Theatre club should be aware that the first session will take place on Thursday, 19 September from 3.30-4.30pm in the Arts Theatre. All years are welcome and try and bring your Drama kit!

CHARITY DAY

Our Charity Day which took place in July raised the grand total of £1025. The money will be shared equally between the four charities chosen by each year group:

- Year 7 – Blood Bikes
- Year 8 – MIND
- Year 9 – Young Epilepsy
- Year 10 – Heads Together

WELLBEING

During the school year we will have a series of Wellbeing Awareness Weeks which will help our pupils know how to support themselves and others with wellbeing. There is also some information and useful links on our website which you may want to familiarise yourself with. This can be found in the School section.

VACANCY

We currently have a vacancy for an Attendance Improvement Worker to join our staff. The hours of work are Monday to Friday 8.30 to 2.45 pm, term time only. We are looking for an immediate start for the successful candidate. The closing date is 27 September 2019 at 12 noon with interviews taking place on Wednesday, 2 October. Further details and application forms are available from the website.

ALLERGIES

Please would all parents/carers be aware that several of our pupils and staff have severe nut allergies. With this in mind we kindly request that snacks which contain any form of nut are not brought into school. Thank you for your support.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If your circumstances have changed and you are in receipt of benefits you may be eligible to claim free school meals for your child. In addition, extra funding will be given to your school which may be accessed to provide additional financial support for trips and resources. Further details can be found on the website <http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/free-school-meals.aspx> or you can ring your local area education office on 01772 531809.

CYCLING TO SCHOOL

Please would all parents be reminded that any pupil riding to school must:

- a. Have parental permission
- b. Have signed a cycling contract
- c. Wear a cycle helmet

Pupils who are seen leaving school without a helmet or have not completed a signed contract will be instructed to leave their bicycles in school; until we are in possession of the correct paper work and they have a cycle helmet. Cycling contracts are available from Mrs Bilsborrow.

Dates to remember

Thursday, 3 October – Open Evening, school closes for pupils at 12.45 pm

Friday, 4 October – INSET day school closed for all pupils

Friday, 18 October – School closes for half-term

Monday, 28 October – School opens

Thursday, 7 November – GCSE Certificate Presentation Evening

Friday, 8 November – Presentation Assemblies – school closes at 12.45 pm

Thursday, 19 December – School closes for Christmas at 12.45 pm

Monday, 6 January – School opens for the Spring Term