



Our Lady's Catholic High School



A National Teaching School

Friday, 22 November 2019

The Prayer Theme for next week is CHRIST THE KING (National Youth Sunday, 24 Nov 2019)

Today you will be with me in paradise

In Sunday's Gospel (Luke 23: 35 - 43) we are reassured by God that we are not insignificant. We matter, we are loved. We hear about the thief on the cross. He shows sadness and remorse, but Jesus doesn't ask him to list his sins, He just promises him a place in heaven.

'For Him, you have worth; you are not insignificant. You are important to Him, for you are the work of His hands'. *Christus Vivit 115*

Amen

(Christus Vivit 'Christ is alive' written for young people from Pope Francis 2018)

DATA COLLECTION SHEETS

To keep in line with safeguarding guidelines we are required to have completed and up to date data collection sheets for all pupils. Thank you to all parents who have already returned the forms, for those who haven't as yet, please return by Friday, 29 November. Form tutors have notified pupils who have yet to return their forms. Duplicates can be requested by pupils via their form tutors or a request sheet at reception. Even if no changes have occurred the form needs to be signed and returned. Thank you for your support.

CHANGE OF CASHLESS CATERING SYSTEM

We will be switching to a new Cashless Catering System with effect from Monday, 6 January 2020 and all parents/carers have been asked for their consent to enable us to enrol their child/children onto the system. If you have not already done so, please could we kindly ask you to do this as soon as possible.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Christmas lunch will take place on Thursday, 12 December. The price is £2.30 and includes roast turkey, mashed potatoes, roast potatoes, pigs in blankets, stuffing balls, sprouts, carrots and swede, roasted parsnips and gravy. There is the option to add a dessert of chocolate sponge and custard, Christmas fruit loaf or mince pie and cream and the price would be £3.00. There will be a vegetarian option available and it is possible to add a drink for 45p extra at the point of sale. On that day the pasta bar will be closed but the deli bar and kiosk will be open as usual.

VACANCY

We currently have a vacancy for a Cleaner to join our Site Team. The post is paid on the Foundation Living Wage and is for 12 hours per week, term time only plus 3 cleaning weeks, either mornings Monday to Thursday 6.00 am until 8.30 am and Friday 6.00 am until 8.00 am or afternoons Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 3.30 pm until 6.00 pm, Tuesday 2.30 pm until 5.00 pm and Friday 3.30 pm until 5.30 pm. The closing date for all applications is Friday, 6 December at 12 noon. For more information, please contact Mr Grundy on 01772 326915.

MARAFIKI GARDEN RAFFLE

Congratulations to Mrs Elliott who won the raffle for the beautiful Malteser cake. The raffle raised £86 and this money will go towards the Marafiki Arbour Project.

LOST PROPERTY

We have a large amount of lost property, named and unnamed. If parents/carers would like to come and look for any items in particular, please could they call reception first to make sure a member of staff is available to go with them to the storage area. Please note that all items of lost property will be disposed at the end of this term.

YEAR 7 RUGBY SUCCESS

The Year 7 rugby team competed in their first games for school at Preston Grasshoppers on Monday, 18 November. Their opponents were Archbishop Temple and Ashton Science Community Science College. The team comprised of 15 eager young men who had a range of experience levels in the game. For most of the team it was their first ever set of games. The first game resulted in a 5-5 draw (1 try each) with both ourselves, and Archbishop Temple retaining possession for long periods of time putting pressure on their opposition's defence. Our Lady's were first to score after a winding run from Henry Latham saw him cross the try line, only for a powerful try scoring attack from an Archbishop Temple forward to leave the game a draw. The second game was much more one-sided. Our Lady's maintained pressure on an Ashton side that struggled to deal with our constant attack. Dylan Jackson's effective kicking put our opponents on the back foot and forced them into making errors to allow Hector Draper (2), Henry Latham and Dylan Jackson all to score tries. The final result was 20-5 in the favour of Our Lady's. The whole team was thrilled with their performance and look forward to the next round of games in three weeks.

Dates to remember

Wednesday, 4 December – CAFOD Advent service, St Anthony's Church at 6.00 pm

Thursday, 12 December – Christmas Lunch

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

Monday, 6 January – School opens for the Spring Term

Friday, 14 February – School closes for half term

Monday, 24 February – INSET day pupils at home

Tuesday, 25 February – school opens

Friday, 3 April – School closes for the Easter holidays at 12.45 pm

Monday, 20 April – school opens for the Summer Term