



Our Lady's Catholic High School



A National Teaching School

Thursday, 19 December 2019

The prayer theme for next week is Epiphany

Teresa of Calcutta (Saint Teresa):

I worry that some of you still have not really met Jesus – one to one – you and Jesus alone. We may spend time in chapel, but have you seen with the eyes of your soul how he looks at you with love? Do you really know the living Jesus, not from books but from being with him in your heart? Have you heard the loving words he speaks to you? Ask for the grace: He is longing to give it.



Until you can hear Jesus in the silence of your own heart, you will not be able to hear him saying “I thirst” in the hearts of the poor. Never give up this daily intimate contact with Jesus as the real living person – not just the idea. How can we last even one day without hearing Jesus say, “I love you”? Impossible. Our soul needs that as much as the body needs to breathe the air. If not, prayer is dead – meditation, only thinking. Jesus wants you each to hear him speaking in the silence of your heart.

St Theresa always found room for and gave welcome to those who have least. She knew that God cherishes the lives of everyone and in equal measure. As we approach Christmas may we all be aware of and open to those in our lives who face difficulty and challenges and who may be struggling to cope. Help us to share warmth and comfort so that Christmas is a truly special time of year. Amen

We wish for you and your families a blessed and peaceful Christmas break and a fulfilling New Year ahead.

Mr Ranson



OUR LADY'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL, SCHOOL BADGE

Here is the history of our school badge which is synonymous with Our Lady's. The badge is made up of three parts. One of the parts is from St Cuthbert Mayne, one from St Edmund Campion and the central part is from the new school Our Lady's. The rose symbolises the flower of Campion and also the red rose of Lancashire. The crown of martyrdom shows that both St Cuthbert Mayne and St Edmund Campion were martyrs. The castle symbolises Lancaster Castle because the school is in the Diocese of Lancaster, it also symbolises Launceston Castle in Cornwall where St Cuthbert Mayne was imprisoned. Our Lady of Fernyhalgh is in the centre of the badge and she is the patron saint of our school. There is a scroll underneath saying Our Lady's.

CHANGE OF CATERING SYSTEM

A reminder to all parents/carers that we will be switching to our new catering system with effect from Monday 6 January 2020. We ask that from this date all payments to school are made via your child's account using the online SCOPay system. The facility for your child to put cash on in the Restaurant will no longer be available. However, in urgent cases cash/cheques may be brought into school but must be in an envelope, clearly marked **dinner money** with your child's name and form written on it and placed in the post box near Reception. Thank you.

HEAD-LICE

It has come to our attention that some pupils have been affected recently by cases of head-lice. Please could we ask that you check your child's hair thoroughly and treat accordingly. For advice on how to do this effectively and which treatments to use, it is worth having a look at the NHS website: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

WELL-GOOD MATHS PROJECT

Year 7 are taking part through the year on a project which involves them answering a number of short maths questions. These questions in turn are sponsored and will equate to wells being built in the developing world. The winning form for November were 7O, very closely followed by 7R. The pupil competition for November was won by Zuzanna Stanko, in 2nd place was RJ Oca followed by Finlay Walsh in 3rd place. Well done everyone for taking part. The next challenge month is February.

YEAR 7 CHRISTMAS PARTY

Year 7 pupils took part in a festive bonanza of games in celebration of the excellent start they have made at Our Lady's. Activities included a challenging limbo competition, giant space hopper races, the Macarena and dancing to Christmas songs. A great time was had by all?

NETBALL NEWS

Year 9 and Year 10 played Archbishop Temple school. It was a very competitive game for Year 10 with the final score was 11-10. Year 9 were completely out played by a very strong Archbishop defence. Their final score finished 12-8.

Dates to remember

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