



St Ursula's Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It is with great honour and a sense of excitement that I write my first Newsletter to you as the new Headteacher of St Ursula's Catholic Primary School. It is a privilege to have been appointed by the school Governors and entrusted with the job of leading such a fantastic school.

Many of you will already know me; I have worked at St Ursula's for nine years but what you may not know is that I also grew up in Harold Hill and attended St Ursula's as a pupil - this school holds a special place in my heart. Therefore, I am determined that the school builds on its legacy and continues to flourish and maintain its position at the heart of our community.

It is important now, more than ever, that we live out our Mission Statement: **"With God at the heart of our St Ursula's family, we welcome all as we learn and grow together."** From my experience of being a part of the St Ursula's family, I know that the successes of the school have depended on all pupils, parents, Staff, Governors and the Diocese working closely together. With change comes a new direction and I will be sharing further my ideas and vision for the future of the school in due course. I hope, that with support from the St Ursula's community to introduce and create traditions that will become part of our identity as a newly formed Primary School.



As Parents and Carers of our pupils I understand your important contribution to our children's achievements at school. Therefore, when social distancing allows, I will be providing you with an opportunity to meet me and discuss the building of a successful partnership.

Mr Ashburn

A message from... Fr Joseph



Due to the current circumstances I will not be issuing the usual 'Certificate of Practice' letter. If you require this for your admissions applications for Nursery, Reception and Senior school, you should email me on:

haroldhillmhr@dioceseofbrentwood.org. You will need to let me know which school you are applying for and also attach your Mass Attendance card so that I can let the relevant school know that you are a practicing Catholic family.

USEFUL INFORMATION & LINKS

Concerned about the impact of social media on your child's wellbeing? The Own it app from the BBC supports their digital wellbeing, showing them how to make smarter and better informed choices: <https://www.bbc.com/ownit/take-control/own-it-app>

Reminder...

We are a nut-free school. Nuts or food containing nuts should not be brought in to school.

Attendance TOP SEVEN

1	St Helen's	100%
2	St Luke's	100%
3	St Catherine's	100%
4	St Edward's	100%
5	St Jude's	100%
6	St Paul's	100%
7	St Philomena's	100%

Term Dates

- 29th Sept - Whole school Virtual Harvest Festival Assembly
- 16th Oct - Mid-term reports sent out (KS1 & KS2)
- 19th-21st October - Parents' Evening (Phone consultations)
- 23rd Oct - Inset day - School closed
- 26th-30th Oct - Half Term Break

BREAKFAST CLUB

Our Breakfast Club is now up and running. Your child must be registered for the session - please book online using the Schoolcomms system. If you are experiencing problems please call the KS1 office: 01708 345200

PUPIL PREMIUM

Please contact Mrs Balcombe (KS2) or Mrs Bell (EYFS/KS1) for more information on how to apply for Pupil Premium and, if you are successful in your application, you will receive £100 credit to spend at the uniform shop.