



St Ursula's Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER 12.03.2021

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Dear Parents & Carers,

I was delighted to welcome the children back to school this week. The school buildings have regained their buzz, with smiling faces, eager learners and, already, great work being produced. The children have enjoyed working on creative projects and getting to know each other again. There has been a lot to talk about and catch up on.



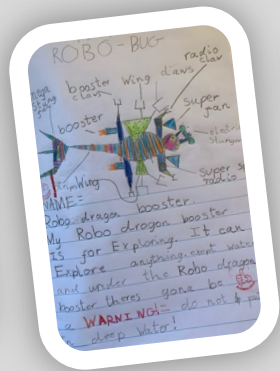
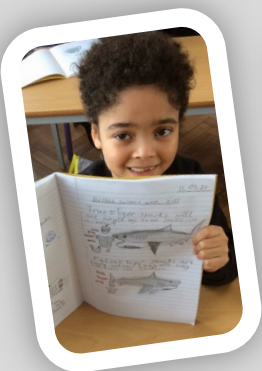
Attendance across the whole school was 98%. This shows the great importance that our families place on securing an outstanding education for their children. I am immensely proud of all of the children and they have shown great resilience over the last year, as you all have. I am looking forward to working with the children as we navigate our way safely out of lockdown. I am looking forward to a happy, hopeful and positive time during the rest of this half term.

Mr Ashburn

Attendance TOP FIVE

1	St Margaret's	100%
2	St Philomena's	100%
3	St Paul's	100%
4	St Martin's	100%
5	St Anne's	99.99%

SCIENCE WEEK 2021



During this Year's British Science Week, our pupils took part in activities linked to the theme 'Innovating for the future'. As our pupils return to school and begin to get a semblance of normality back in their lives, it's really important we continue to motivate them to pursue their dreams.

BREAKFAST CLUB

The Breakfast Club is now open. To book a place for your child/ren please use our Schoolcomms booking system. If you require any help or guidance with this booking system, please contact the school office on 01708 345200.

WONDERYEARS

Wonderyears after school club takes place between 3:00-6:00pm in the KS1 hall. For any enquiries or to book please either Email, call or WhatsApp:
Tel: 0770 777 1114
Email: enquiries@wonderyears.co.uk
Website: <https://wonderyears.co.uk/>

Useful links

Click on the links below to find further information.

- Parent letter and timetable
- Updated policies due to Covid-19
- Covid adjustment for reopening
- St Ursula's Covid Response
- Covid Risk Assessment
- Safeguarding
- Wellbeing
- Remote Learning Policy

MUSIC @ ST URSULA'S

As a school we endeavour to provide beyond what is expected, to ensure that our pupils have access to a wide, rich set of experiences which develop their range of talents and interests. Our music tutors have returned and are providing lessons again, which include: Violin, Recorder, Ukulele, Piano and Guitar.

Instrument	Contact number
Violin	Mrs Yakes: 01708 343170
Guitar and Piano	Mr Orasanu: 07968 865196
Flute, Ukulele, Recorder, Fife	Mrs Skinner: 07484 895216
Rocksteady Music Band	info@rocksteadymusicschool.com

EASTER RAFFLE

Following the success of our Christmas Raffle, we are now running an Easter Raffle for our families. To be in with a chance of winning a luxury Easter hamper, please make a donation via our Schoolcomms system. For every 50p you donate, one raffle ticket will be put into the draw with your name on. The winning tickets will be drawn on Friday 26th March and the winners advised by telephone. Arrangements will then be made for the collection of the prizes.



PARKING

I understand that Parking is difficult at present but we all have a responsibility to think about our neighbours and the community to which we live and work within. Unfortunately, I have received complaints about some of our parents & carers parking across driveways. I ask that if you are unable to walk to school, drive your car responsibly and do not overhang or park across resident's driveways.

One of our core values states: 'To show kindness to everyone through our actions'. We work with our children to show and live out this value every day whilst we are in school. I ask you to help us with showing your children that the values of our school do not stop at our school gates.



For those parents, who have previously come to speak to a member of staff over time about different parking issues, we would like to share with you the following link where you can use your smart phone to log those who are found parking illegally within the local authority. The website address is https://www.havering.gov.uk/info/20004/parking/121/parking_tickets_and_traffic_fines/8

SCHOOL CLOSURE -THURSDAY 6TH MAY

St Ursula's Catholic Primary School will be closed on Thursday 6th May 2021 as the premises is being used as a polling station. A review of Polling Stations had been undertaken due to the Covid pandemic and the impact that this has had on schools over the past year. The aim was to find alternative venues to schools where possible, and although they have been able to relocate to 16 new venues for the forthcoming election, an alternative venue for St Ursula's polling station could not be found.

ST URSULA'S SCHOOL WEBSITE

How often do you visit our school website? Content on our website is constantly updated by a wide range of staff, showing exactly how much is happening within and outside of the formal curriculum. Before calling the school office with a question, see if you can find the answer to your question on our website. Below are links to our webpages that answer your regularly asked questions:

- What extra-curricular clubs do you provide? [Click here to find out](#)
- What subject/topic is my child being taught this term? [Click here to find out](#)
- When does my child have PE/do you have a timetable? [Click here to find out](#)
- How is the school supporting the wellbeing of its pupils? [Click here to find out](#)
- Where can I find the School policies? [Click here to find out](#)
- Where can I find the School's safeguarding information? [Click here to find out](#)

Homework

Homework is being set again and must be completed each week. At the start of the academic year we developed our homework provision to support retention and understanding of skills taught in class. The impact of homework has been extensively researched and it has been found that children who are provided with greater homework opportunities perform better.

Maths	Grammar	Reading (Daily)	Times Tables	Spelling
Maths factor	Grammar Bug	Bug Club	Time Table Rock stars	Spelling Shed
https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/			https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student	https://www.edshed.com/

NEARLY NEW UNIFORM SHOP

Our Nearly New Uniform shop is opening again on Thursday 18th March, following a successful reopening on Tuesday. To book a time to visit, please click on the following link: [SHOP BOOKING](#)

Opening dates:
Thursday 18th March
Friday 19th March
Thursday 25th March
Friday 26th March
Booking required

Our shop is a perfect place to find all kinds of uniform basics, from shoes and trainers to cardigans, trousers and current sports kit.

TURN ON THE SUBTITLES!

We have been told about a campaign encouraging people to turn on their subtitles. Turning on the subtitles on your TV can double the chances of a child becoming good at reading. So the next time your child is watching TV or the tablet, there could actually be an opportunity to improve their reading skills at the same time! Use the following link to find out more. <https://turnonthesubtitles.org/>

SPRING TERM DATES

- 26th March—Easter Raffle draw
- 1st April—Whole School Virtual Easter Assembly
- 1st April—Easter Egg Hunt
- 2nd—16th April—Half Term Break

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Website: <https://stursulascatholicprimary.co.uk/>