



St Ursula's Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER 19.03.2021

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Dear Parents & Carers,

Having been away from some school for some time it is understandable that our pupils are still adjusting to the structure and routine of the school day. Pupil stamina needs to be developed and so our staff are building in small breaks and planning for learning which does not overload our children. Activities are interactive and repetitive in nature so that children can focus on the skills and knowledge they are being taught. Even with these changes, we are noticing there are still some tired eyes each day. I thought I would share some guidance from the NHS on recommended sleeping times.



NHS Sleep Information

Age	Recommended sleep
3 – 5 years old	10 to 13 hours sleep
6-12 years old	9 to 12 hours sleep
13-18 years old	8 to 10 hours sleep

Having the right amount of sleep is essential for the growth and development of our children. Ensuring your child has a decent night's sleep will help them to do better at school. Following the recommended sleep times will allow them to react more quickly to situations, have a more developed memory, learn more effectively and solve problems more easily.
Mr Ashburn

ONLINE SAFETY— PARENT & CARER WORKSHOP

We're pleased to announce that the Marie Collins Foundation is running a series of online workshops aimed at parents and carers to help them understand online harm and how they can better support their children. In these workshops, you will have the opportunity to explore:

- what online harm is and ways you can effectively help and support your children
- understand why and how children can become victims, and
- how your response can be vital in enabling your child to recover.

Online workshop dates and times	
12 th April	10-11:30am
19 th May	1:00 -2:30pm
17 th June	7:30-8:30pm

[CLICK HERE](#) to book a place on this training.

Easter assembly

We are currently in the holy season of Lent. This is the perfect time to reflect on our faith and to think about ways in which we can draw closer to God. Traditionally, Lent is a time of sacrifice, of giving up something that we enjoy. Sometimes, we may choose to do more of something good such as charitable giving or spending more time in prayer. The important thing is to take this special time to grow deeper in faith. This year the pupils of St Ursula's will be creating a virtual assembly using the stations of the cross. Each year group will have one of the stations of the cross. Each station will have a short reading, a prayer and a freeze frame. We will be sharing our assembly on our school website on Thursday 1st April.

Attendance TOP FIVE

1	St Matthew's	100%
2	St Edmund's	100%
3	St Martin's	100%
4	St Philomena's	98.74%
5	St Anne's	98.25%

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/>

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.

YOUNG WRITERS COMPETITION WINNERS

Some of our pupils were challenged to write a poem, a poem with roarsome rhymes, on the theme of peculiar pets. Out of 15,000 entries, 22 of our pupils have been chosen to have their work published! Every entry we submitted has been chosen.

Debbie Killingworth from Young Writers said, "Having all your pupil's work chosen is something to be proud of, it doesn't happen every day! I was impressed with their writing and it's clear that you've really inspired them with Peculiar Pets! – it's been a privilege to read and every piece will make a fantastic addition to peculiar Pets – Roarsome Rhymes!"

MESSAGE FROM OUR NEW CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

I am the newly appointed Chair of Governors at St Ursula's having been a Foundation Governor since 2019.

Before this appointment I was a Parent Governor at St Mary's, where I was Chair of their Resources Committee and served for a four-year term.

I am married with two children, Edward who is currently at Loughborough studying History and George who is at Campion. I work full-time for a top four accountancy firm as an Executive Assistant.

I became Catholic over 15 years ago as I was a regular at church with my boys, and I felt I wanted my faith to be endorsed.

Having had two boys go through primary and secondary education, I hope to bring my experience as a parent to my role, and will strive to work with the children and staff to continue to make St Ursula's the outstanding school it is.

Mrs J Noonan

EASTER 2021 SCHOOL MEAL HOLIDAY SCHEME

The government has extended the COVID Winter Grant scheme, which has enabled Havering Council to support families with meals to ensure no child goes hungry over the Easter school holidays. The Borough is continuing to provide support to families via the School Holiday Meal Scheme as it did during October, December and February holiday periods. Families who are eligible will receive £30.00 per child to support with meals to cover the Easter break.

The Easter application window will open for a short period, from Friday 26 March at 9 am, closing on Tuesday 6 April at 9 am. Families who received payment via the scheme previously do not need to reapply and will automatically receive the funds into their nominated bank account by Monday 22nd March.

[Click here for more information](#)

PFA
Coming soon...

Since being appointed Headteacher in September, I have wanted to bring back the PFA. The role of a school PFA is to promote a co-operative partnership between the governing body, staff, parents and others associated with the school. By bringing back a PFA, I hope our community will grow closer and we will be able to engage in activities to help raise money that will support the school. After Easter, I will be sharing more information about the school's PFA plans.

NEARLY NEW UNIFORM SHOP

Our Nearly New Uniform shop is reopening again on Thursday 25th and Friday 26th March. To book a time to visit, please click on the following link:

[SHOP BOOKING](#)

Opening dates:

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.

HIRE OUR PREMISES!

We have had a number of enquiries about the use of our premises for parties and events. With the potential easing of restrictions from June, we are now taking bookings for July onwards. The premises available for hire are:

- The School Hall - EYFS/KS1
- The School Field
- The School Astro Turf
- Classrooms – EYFS/KS1/KS2
- The Meetings Room – KS1/KS2

Please contact the school office for further details.

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

CONTACT DETAILS

EYFS/KS1 Tel: 01708 345200

KS2 Tel: 01708 343170

EYFS/KS1 E-mail:
head@stursulasinf.havering.sch.uk

KS2 E-mail:
office@st-ursulas-rc-jun.havering.sch.uk

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

NURSERY AND RECEPTION REVAMP UPDATE



Major works started in Autumn Term 2 and contractors made a great start with the Nursery development. All areas in the Nursery were levelled and resurfaced. The second lockdown postponed the works but a new climbing frame and sand pit will be installed next month. Development on the Reception playground will begin at the end of April.

With these changes I hope our Children's outdoor learning will be enhanced by an environment that is richly resourced. New play materials have been purchased to support and develop the needs and interests of our children.

NURSERY PLACES SEPTEMBER 2021

If your child was born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018 we have spaces available in our Nursery for September 2021.

Nursery AM Session — 8.45am - 11.45am

Nursery PM Session — 12.15pm - 15.15pm

Nursery All Day Funded — 8.45am - 15.15pm

(If you are not eligible for the 30 hour Government funding we may still be able to accommodate you)

Please call our EYFS/KS1 office for further information 01708 345200

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

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.

MUSIC @ ST URSULA'S

Instrument	Contact number
Violin	01708 343170
Guitar and Piano	07968 865196
Flute, Ukulele, Recorder, Fife	07484 895216
Rocksteady Music Band	0330 113 0330

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/>

WITH God
AT THE
heart
OF OUR
St Ursula's
family

WE WELCOME
ALL AS WE
learn
AND GROW
TOGETHER