



St Ursula's Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you have had a wonderful week and are adapting to the new way of life at St Ursula's Catholic Primary School. Following my last newsletter many of you came to introduce yourselves (be it socially distanced) and some enquired about potential changes now that St Ursula's is a Primary School. As you will be aware, on the 23rd April 2020, St Ursula's Infant School and St Ursula's Junior School amalgamated to become one school, St Ursula's Catholic Primary School.

Being one school allows us to operate under a single staffing structure which supports the sharing of resources, expertise, knowledge and development across the phases, therefore improving the quality of education on offer. Pupils will now have a seamless transition through the school as Year 2 pupils will automatically become pupils in Year 3 without Parents/Carers having to re-apply. When communicating with parents, you would have seen that we are referring to Phases when talking about Year Groups. If you're unsure of which phase your child is in, please see the table below:



St Ursula's Catholic Primary School		
Year group	Phase	Previously known as
Nursery & Reception	Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)	Infant School
Years 1 & 2	Key Stage 1 (KS1)	Infant School
Year 3 to 6	Key Stage 2 (KS2)	Junior School

A message from... Mrs Claydon

This September I was appointed as the Acting Head of KS2 and I have had the pleasure of working at St. Ursula's for 10 years. One of my favourite subjects is Science - Last year KS2 achieved the Primary Science Quality Mark Outreach status for the outstanding work that we do in school and from supporting schools in neighbouring boroughs. Only 8 schools across the UK were given this prestigious award. This year I will be working with KS1 to develop a whole school Science curriculum.



USEFUL INFORMATION & LINKS

KS2 is no longer using ParentMail. You must download "School Gateway" which is available in the Apple App Store/Google Play. When you launch School Gateway for the first time, please select 'New User' and enter the email address and mobile telephone number you have registered with the school. The system will send a PIN code to your phone; please enter this PIN code and the app will be activated for you. Click on the following link for more information: <https://schoolgateway.co.uk/>

KS2 homework information was sent home with pupils today. KS1 to be sent on Monday. If your child was absent in KS2, please check your email.

Children should not play on the equipment in the EYFS/KS1 playground whilst they are accompanying parents at pick up / drop off.

Reminders...

Attendance TOP FIVE

1	St Edmund's	99.76%
2	St Anne's	99.74%
3	St Paul's	99.48%
4	St Philomena's	99.47%
5	St Margaret's	99.12%

WELL DONE!

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.