



St. Ursula's Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER

01.04.2021

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Dear Parents & Carers,

Last week signified a whole year since we entered our first lockdown. On Tuesday 23rd March, our school took part in the National Day of Reflection. Our pupils paused for a minute's silence at midday and took part in activities that allowed them to reflect on the tragic losses we have all felt over the last year. It has been an ever-changing time for our community and has shown how brilliantly our pupils, parents, carers and staff are able to respond to and overcome challenges put in their way. I want to use this week's newsletter to recognise those in our school community who may have experienced personal loss.



If there ever was a season designed to help us move through grief, after losing someone, that season would be Lent. There was an article I read recently that reminded me of how the season of Lent reminds us that joy is available even in the midst of our grief and loss. One particular line stuck with me: *"In God's hands, nothing and no one is ever lost. Separated from us for a time, yes, but not lost."*

Whether you have lost someone yourself, or you are supporting someone who has experienced a loss, I wanted to make you aware that there is a variety of support available and as a school we can provide that support or direct you to it. If you would like further information about the support we can provide, please do not hesitate to contact our Home School Support workers, who will be happy to share resources and information on Bereavement.

Wishing you all a wonderful and safe Easter, Mr Ashburn.

Attendance TOP FIVE

1	St Luke's	100%
2	St Edmund's	100%
3	St Helen's	99.44%
4	St Anne's	98.84%
5	St Matthew's	98.81%

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

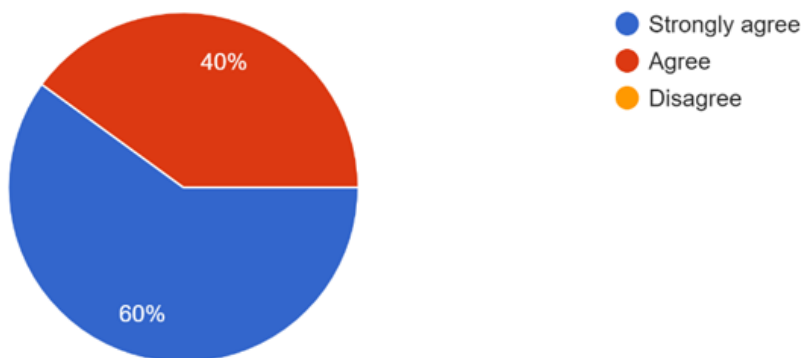
Email: enquiries@wonderyears.co.uk

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

MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING SURVEY

Thank you to all our parents and carers who took the time to complete our parent survey about the school's mental health and wellbeing provision. Your views are very important to us and we will be using your responses to develop our wellbeing support even further. The Wellbeing team will share the full survey results in their next newsletter but I wanted to share one set of results in advance. Every parent that completed this survey was entered into a prize draw to win a £15 Amazon Voucher. The Survey is now closed and the winner will be announced on Friday 23rd April.

It is clear that emotional wellbeing is valued and important across the school.



ROAD SAFETY TALK WITH PC WAYNE

PC Wayne from the Metropolitan Police visited our KS2 pupils to talk about the importance of being safe on Straight Road. During his visit, PC Wayne explained the dangers of exiting cars at traffic lights and Parents/Carers parking on Yellow lines, across drives and close to roundabouts. All of our pupils expressed that they knew these actions were wrong but some explained that their parents/carers insisted they do it because it was quicker than finding a parking space further up the road. Please put your child's safety before convenience.



EASTER RAFFLE

Thank you for taking part in this Year's Easter Raffle and congratulations to our 19 winners! We raised an eggcellent £455!

SUPPORTING PUPILS WITH LEARNING SPANISH AT HOME

Pupils from Year 3 to 6 are taught Spanish for 1 hour per week. If you want to further support this learning we recommend using a free app called **Duolingo** which is available for download on mobile devices and can be used on tablets and computers. The app offers bite-sized Spanish lessons and activities with tips about grammar, vocabulary, and pronunciation. There are also lots of other fun ways to support your child's Spanish skills such as:

- ◇ Creating a playlist of Spanish songs. Children can write down the words they recognise from their favourite songs. There are many famous singers who release their songs in Spanish.
- ◇ Watch a movie in Spanish. For support use English subtitles but if your child wants a challenge then choose Spanish subtitles.

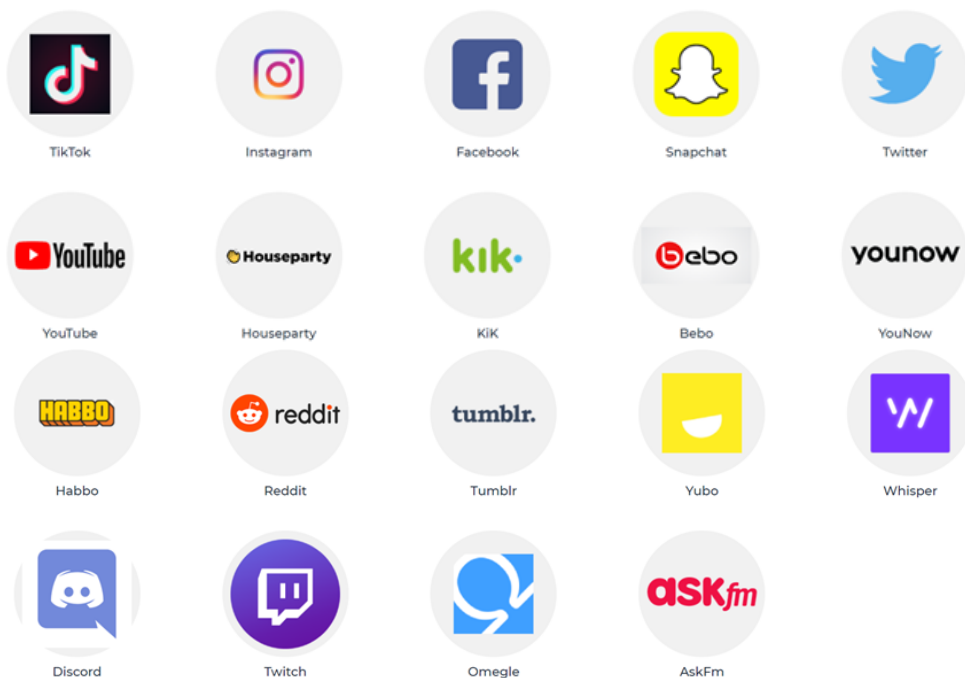
SCHOOL WEBSITE - EASTER EGG HUNT

We have been adding lots to our school website and would like to encourage you to visit. Therefore, we have hidden some Easter eggs across our school website. If you find all the eggs and spell the secret word, you will be entered into a prize draw and could **win an Amazon voucher!** All you need to do is follow the clues on our school website and fill out the form that was sent out to parents yesterday. You can get your children involved too! The competition will run over the Easter break so all entries must be returned by **Wednesday 21st April**. Good luck!

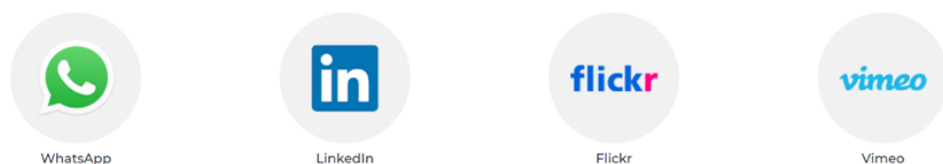
ONLINE SAFETY—AGE RESTRICTIONS

Our pupil's online safety is of paramount importance to us and with an increasing number of pupils using social media, discussions regarding age restrictions are becoming more frequent with parents, carers and pupils. As a parent or carer it is important that you are aware that **all** social networking platforms have age limits and these are in place to protect your children. It is not just about ensuring your child is behaving correctly online but also protecting them from others who don't act appropriately.

13 year olds and upwards



16 year olds and upwards



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.

SCHOOL CLOSED

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

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://stursulacatholicprimary.co.uk/>

USEFUL LINKS

Click on the links below to find further information.

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| 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 |

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

Worry Monsters...



Encouraging children to share their worries is important in supporting their mental health and wellbeing. Today, each class at St Ursula's welcomed a new member in to their class and these new members are Worry Monsters.

Every class has a worry monster where children can write down or draw their worries and post it into the mouth of the colourful creature. Teachers will check the worry monster each day and will speak to individual children about their worries or if there is a common theme there may be a class discussion. Children often find it easier to initially share their concern with an inanimate object, then as trusted adults, staff will choose the right time to bring up the worry and talk about it in a reassuring way. We hope that our new additions will encourage our children to share what is on their mind.

Easter assembly

This year the pupils of St Ursula's have created a virtual assembly using the Stations of the Cross.

Each year group were given a station of the cross and will be sharing a short reading, prayer and a freeze frame. The assembly will be viewable on our school website from today.

[WATCH HERE](#)



FREE SCHOOL MEALS

HOLIDAY SCHEME

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.

[Click here for more information](#)

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Children to be wearing their Summer uniform when returning after the Easter break. Please refer to the Whole School Uniform policy: Click [HERE](#).

Reminder: Children from Reception to Year 6 should only wear trainers on PE days.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

School lunches are now £2.30. After Easter children will have the choice of three meal options. Please visit our 'School life' website page to see the menu.

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

WE WELCOME
ALL AS WE
learn
AND GROW
TOGETHER