



St Ursula's Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents & Carers,

It is important that we take time to reflect on what has been achieved in such an uncertain year. April marked the first year of our school being a primary. As I am sure you know, in April 2020, St. Ursula's Catholic Infant and St. Ursula's Catholic Junior schools amalgamated to become St. Ursula's Catholic Primary School. The two schools amalgamated to provide our pupils with a seamless transition through school, and for parents to not have to apply for a place at the Junior School.

A lot has changed over the past year and as one school, pupils are now benefiting from consistent education plans, curriculums, and policies. There are still developments taking place behind the scenes to further support the development of St. Ursula's in working as a Primary School. One of these developments is the reorganising of our two school offices. As in other Primary schools, St. Ursula's now has one main office rather than two offices. With changes to our offices there come new systems and procedures. Please make yourselves familiar with the key changes below:

- The St. Ursula's Catholic Primary School Office is located in the EYFS/KS1 block. There is no longer an office in the Key Stage 2 building.
- All communication to and from the school will go through this office. Contact details remain the same and can be found on the school website. New caller options have been created for when parents/carers call the school office to ensure they are able to talk to the required member of staff.
- Pupils will continue to enter and exit school through the usual gates; however, any pupils arriving late will now need to enter through the EYFS/KS1 gate to ensure they have been signed in at the office. Parents/carers who are late for collection must also report to this office.

To support these changes, new signs will be installed and current ones updated. If you have any questions regarding these changes please do not hesitate to contact the school.

PARENT PHONE CONSULTATIONS 12TH – 15TH JULY

End of year reports are being sent out on Thursday 8th July and we are providing parents & carers with the opportunity to discuss these reports if they wish, between 12th & 15th July. These consultations will be as they were in the autumn term where parents/carers can book a time on SchoolComms. Appointments can be booked from Monday 28th June.

VIRTUAL SPORTS DAY – 24TH JUNE

Even with Covid-19 restrictions loosening, schools are still having to think of new and innovative ways of delivering some of the things we used to take for granted, such as sports days. This year we will be hosting a virtual Sports Day on Thursday 24th June. On this day, children will take part in several activities such as the Egg and Spoon Race and other fun competitions. We want this day to be a chance for our pupils to come together in their year group bubbles to celebrate sport, fitness and health. As always, points will be earned for the school houses and the St. Ursula's Sports Day trophy will be awarded to the highest scoring house.

As there will be no spectators, videos and photos will be taken throughout the day and uploaded onto our School Facebook Page. Final scores will be shared in my newsletter, the following day.

Attendance TOP FIVE

1	St Thomas'	100%
2	St Margaret's	99.58%
3	St Matthew's	99.09%
4	St Helen's	98.71%
5	Nursery	98.31%

BREAKFAST CLUB

The Breakfast Club is 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.

SCHOOL INSET DAYS

September 1st 2021
September 2nd 2021
September 3rd 2021
November 1st 2021
February 11th 2022

KEY DATES

-  24th June Virtual Sports Day
-  8th July Reports sent out
-  8th July Class Transition Day
-  12th –15th July Parent consultations
-  9th July Year 6 Leavers' Party
-  16th July Year 6 virtual production
-  16th July Year 6 Leavers' Prayer Service
-  23rd July Last day of school 1:30 finish

CLASS TRANSITION DAY – 8TH JULY

It is always exciting for our pupils to find out who their new teacher is and though we still can't have our usual class swap day, we still want this day to be just as special! Our wonderful teachers are spending the next few weeks creating PowerPoints to say hello and to tell our pupils all about the fun learning that will take place next year. These will be shared with our pupils during the day on the 8th and will also be uploaded to the school website for you to read through with your children.

RSE consultation

On May 24th, A letter was sent to invite all parents and carers to review our updated RSE curriculum on the school website under the 'Our Curriculum' tab.

<https://stursulascatholicprimary.co.uk/learning/curriculum/rse-consultation>

As part of this consultation week, copies of the teaching materials and PowerPoints were also available from the school office for parents to review by appointment. As a school we value the views and perspectives of all those within our school community.

Thank you to those who reviewed the materials on our website and completed the short questionnaire. The consultation week finished on Friday 28th May; however, materials and information will remain on the school website. Our pupils will be taking part in their RSE lessons during the week beginning 5th July 2021.

PARKING

Thank you for your messages of support this week regarding my parking letter. Having escalated my concerns to Borough officials I'm hoping for further support in making Straight Road a safer place for our school community.

Please help the school by reporting illegal parking directly to the Borough, using the following link:

https://www.havering.gov.uk/info/20004/parking/121/parking_tickets_and_traffic_fines/8

Alternatively, you can report an illegally parked vehicle by calling **01708 432787** and choosing option 6 then option 1.

PLANS FOR OUR YEAR 6 LEAVERS

As a school, we are determined to make our Year 6's final weeks here at St. Ursula's as enjoyable as possible. Some of our Year 6 Leavers' traditions will look different; however, we have been working hard to ensure that we can say goodbye in style. Below is what we have planned.

- Leavers' T-shirt
- Leavers' Photobook
- Leavers' Goodbye Video
- Leavers' Prayer Service
- Leavers' Party
- Year 6 Production

We cannot wait to celebrate all they have achieved over their time at St. Ursula's and we hope the next few weeks are full of lots of fun, adventure and laughter as we prepare to finish the school year.

USEFUL LINKS

Click on the links below to find further information.

[Updated policies due to Covid-19](#)

[St Ursula's Covid Response](#)

[Safeguarding](#)

[Remote Learning Policy](#)

[Parent letter and timetable](#)

[Covid adjustment for reopening](#)

[Covid Risk Assessment](#)

[Wellbeing](#)

WITH God
AT THE
heart
OF OUR
St Ursula's
family
WE WELCOME
ALL AS WE
learn
AND GROW
TOGETHER