



St Ursula's Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been another eventful week at St Ursula's Catholic Primary School for both staff and pupils. In my newsletter this week I wanted to focus on parents' evenings, parent workshops and our online learning provision.

Today, our pupils should have returned home with their mid-term reports. You will notice that the template is slightly different from previous years. Returning to school after 6 months away is likely to be one of the greatest challenges our pupils will face and we wanted to ensure we provided a report that not only focuses on academic achievement but also highlights their social and personal development.

Teachers are looking forward to discussing these reports during your parents' evening telephone calls next week. I hope you found the new online appointment booking system easy to use and if you did not, I am sure that the Office staff were able to provide support. Should you wish to make any changes to your appointment after today please contact the school.

Our support for our pupils goes beyond the four walls of a classroom. Over the years the school has provided workshops and training opportunities in school for our parents. Although face-to-face workshops can not go ahead, we are continuing to seek online opportunities for all our parents and carers. This week our Wellbeing Team shared information on online Zoom parent workshops on the 3 following areas: Sleep Hygiene, Anxiety Management & Physical and Emotional Wellbeing. These workshops are being run by Havering CAMHS Primary Mental Health Team. If you did not receive this information, please contact the School Office.

Since the start of term, our school community has worked hard to ensure our site is a COVID-19 safe environment. Even with our risk assessment and Health and Safety provisions, we still have to ensure we are prepared in the event a school closure. From 22nd October all schools are required to provide remote education in the event of a bubble closure or local lockdown. A remote learning policy can be found on the school website and information about Google Classroom was sent out on Tuesday. Have a wonderful weekend!



A message from... Mr FIELDER

Next week is International Week! As the Primary Language Lead, I have decided that to celebrate this week, we are going to create a recipe book. Children will be sent home with a recipe template. Using this template, children can cook, take photos and write down their recipes for dishes that celebrate their culture. We will then put these recipe templates together to make a St Ursula's Catholic Primary School recipe book. Once this has been completed, it will be published on our School website



USEFUL INFORMATION & LINKS

October is Black History Month in the UK, that has been celebrated for more than 30 years. The link below will take you to the CBBC Newsround website that is dedicated to providing children with information on the history and importance of Black History Month.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/49883230>

Reminder... We are a Healthy Eating School and are trying to educate our pupils on the importance of a healthy diet. Sweets for birthdays and celebrations are allowed but please do not send your children in with packs of sweets for lunch.

Attendance TOP SEVEN

1	St Margaret's	100%
2	St Teresa's	100%
3	St Paul's	100%
4	Nursery (am)	100%
5	St Catherine's	99.62%

Term Dates

- 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.