



# St Ursula's Catholic Primary School

## NEWSLETTER 22.10.2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the end of the first half term I would like to thank you for your continued support and to say a huge well done to our pupils for showing great determination and resilience as they settled back into the school environment.

Congratulations to the pupils, who today, received my Headteacher's Certificate of Achievement. These pupils were nominated by staff members for consistently demonstrating the core values that drive our school. Our values are: Faith, Respect, Kindness, Honesty and Resilience. Our school values focus on high expectations for all learners, developing skills for life, encouraging good self-esteem and developing a set of core moral values.

As a school we endeavour to provide beyond what is expected, to ensure that our pupils have access to a wide, rich set of experiences which develop their range of talents and interests. Over the past few weeks our music tutors have begun providing lessons again, which include: Violin, Recorder, Ukulele, Piano and Guitar. In addition, Rocksteady Music School is back teaching in-school rock and pop band lessons. If your child is interested in becoming a drummer, guitarist, keyboard player or singer please look at the Useful information & Links box below. I'm pleased to announce that after the half-term break, Super Star Sport will be running a 5 week football programme. All music and sport clubs are being delivered in-line with Government guidance and our own school Risk Assessment.



Have a wonderful half term holiday,

Mr Ashburn

### USEFUL INFORMATION & LINKS

Rock Steady places are offered to KS2 on a first come, first served basis. If you would like to secure your child's place, sign up as soon as you can. Selecting different instrument options will also give you the best chance of getting a place in a band. Find out more and book your child's place online at [rocksteadymusicschool.com](http://rocksteadymusicschool.com) or call 0330 113 0330.

To book the Super Star Sport football programme please visit: [www.superstarsportessex.org](http://www.superstarsportessex.org). Due to Covid-19 Super Star Sport have put policies and procedures in place following the Government Guidelines. Groups will be small and consistent so spaces are limited.

To book Groove Attack drumming Lessons for KS2 please visit: <https://grooveattack.co.uk/>

To book our other music tutors, please visit the school website to find further information: <https://stursulascatholicprimary.co.uk/activities>

### FUNDRAISING

**During Autumn Term 1 we raised a total of £528 for the Harold Hill Foodbank. Thank you all for your support! In Autumn Term 2 we will be raising money for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. Information on how we will be raising money will be shared in due course.**

### Attendance TOP FIVE

1	St Luke's	99.02%
2	St Helen's	98.49%
3	St Anne's	98.31%
4	St Philomena's	98.05%
5	St Teresa's	97.47%

The results above are for the whole of Autumn Term 1. Congratulations to St Luke's who have won the class attendance prize of £20. Children will be voting in class on how they will spend this prize money. In previous years, classes have voted to buy new reading books while others have purchased play equipment for wet breaks.

### Term Dates

- 23rd Oct—Inset day—School closed
- 26th—30th Oct—Half Term Break

### READING RECORDS

After half term our pupils will be returning home with new Reading Records (some schools call them homework diaries) and a folder to keep them in. This will be used to record when your child has read at home. These new reading records also contain the Gospel that is read at Church each week. It is written in a way that is easy for children to understand and there is a short activity for them to complete, if they wish to do so. The Catholic ethos of St. Ursula's Catholic Primary School is important to our success and these new books will allow pupils to focus on our core value of 'Faith' at home.