



St Ursula's Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am extremely delighted to announce that we have several parents who have been nominated for the 2 vacant Parent Governor positions at St Ursula's Catholic Primary School. The submission deadline for nominations has now passed and the school is now preparing for the elections.

The elections for the 2 vacant positions will be held over a seven day period (16th November 2020 to 20th November 2020). Every individual parent of a child at our school is entitled to one vote per vacancy. You may, therefore, only vote for one of the candidates. Information on voting and ballot papers will be sent out on Friday 13th November.

Those elected will have a very important responsibility for the strategic direction and development of the school. I look forward to developing the partnership between parents and school - a parental perspective can make an enormous contribution to the work of the Governing Body. Mr Ashburn.



CELEBRATING MASS DURING LOCKDOWN

From Thursday 5th November, public Masses will have to be suspended once again and will only be permitted to be live-streamed. As a Catholic school it is important that we continue to provide our pupils with the opportunity to celebrate Mass. Please use the following link to access live streaming from parishes around the diocese: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/news/covid-19-can-parish/>

A message from... Miss Camilleri



In October 2019, Ofsted identified EYFS/KS1 Science as an area of development. Following this report, I was appointed as the Science Lead for EYFS/KS1, to drive improvement in our teaching and learning of this subject. Since my appointment, the number of Science lessons taught across the year in KS1 has increased, the quality of resources and planning has been reviewed and developed and there is a greater focus on professional development of staff in Science. These developments are ensuring that Science plans are well thought out and pupils are accessing a broad range of interesting topics. Our new topics are further developing the scientific skill of our pupils and our new Science curriculum map shows the science journey our pupils take in our school.

USEFUL INFORMATION & LINKS

This year, our school has been working towards achieving the Well-being Award for Schools. This award will ensure that mental health and wellbeing sit at the heart of our school life for our children, staff and parents. Thank you for sharing your views on the school's current wellbeing provision. If you have yet to share your views, you still can by scanning the QR Code on the right.



Reminder

Please contact Mrs Balcombe (KS2) or Mrs Bell (EYFS/KS1) for more information on how to apply for Pupil Premium.

Attendance

TOP FIVE

1	Nursery (AM)	100%
2	St Helen's	99.57%
3	St Margaret's	98.71%
4	St Jude's	98.15%
5	St Martin's	97.92%

WELL DONE!

Term Dates

- 11th Nov - Virtual Remembrance Day Assembly
- 16th Nov - Virtual tour for prospective Reception and Nursery parents
- 16th Dec - Christmas Jumper & Lunch day
- 17th Dec - Virtual Nativity & Carol Concert
- 21st Dec - 4th Jan Christmas Holiday
- 4th Jan - Inset day - School closed

READING

Our pupils are now bringing home reading books from school. They have been provided with a plastic wallet that they will put their Homework Diary and reading book into. Children must only bring their Homework Diary and reading book to school on their designated day.

- Reception - Designated day is written in Homework diary
- Year 1 & 2 - Monday
- Year 3 & 4 - Thursday
- Year 5 & 6 - Friday