



St Ursula's Catholic Primary School

HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to you all! I hope you all had a joyous Christmas, spent with family and friends. A huge 'Well done!' to all our pupils for their wonderful singing, acting and reading in our Christmas performances last week. It was a pleasure to watch and a wonderful way to start the new calendar year.

As we look ahead to the new term, the school calendar is full with assemblies, trips and Easter activities. Please see some key dates below:

- Monday 16th January – Young Voices Concert @ the O2
- Wednesday 25th January – Year 4 Viking Workshop
- Friday 27th January – Coffee Morning
- Friday 3rd February – Reception Vision & Hearing Screening
- Monday 6th February – Wednesday 9th February – Key Stage 1 & 2 Parents' Evenings
- Tuesday 7th February – Year 1 trip to Discovery Centre
- Friday 10th February – School Inset – School Closed
- Monday 13th February – Friday 17th February – Half Term
- Wednesday 22nd February – Ash Wednesday Mass
- Wednesday 22nd February – New uniform shop
- Thursday 2nd March – Year 1 trip to Harold Hill Library
- Friday 3rd March – Year 5 & 6 C.S.I Road Safety Workshop
- Friday 17th March Science Dress-up Day
- Tuesday 28th March – Easter Production
- Thursday 30th March – End of Term reports sent out (KS1 & KS2)
- Thursday 30th March – Curriculum Celebration Afternoon (KS1 & KS2)
- Friday 31st March – Whole School Mass & Easter Egg Hunt

Please continue to check the calendar on our school website which is updated regularly by our Website Officer, Mrs Carragher.

SPRING TERM PARENTS' EVENING

As mentioned in September, we are reintroducing face to face parents' evenings this Spring Term. These meetings will take place in classrooms and parents will have a 10 minute slot to speak with their child's class teacher and will have an opportunity to look through books before or after the meeting. This will be an opportunity to discuss your child's progress towards the targets shared in their Autumn Term reports. Appointments will be bookable via our usual system and this will go live on Monday 23rd January.

PUNCTUALITY—LATE ARRIVALS

Please remember that the school gates open at 8:45am and lessons start promptly at 9.00am. It is not acceptable to have frequent arrivals after 9.00am as this disrupts the learning of the whole class, as well as placing the late child at the disadvantage of missing the start of the day.

If your child is late for school, it is your parental responsibility to come to the office with your child to ensure they are handed over to our care. This is a very important safeguarding and health & safety protocol as your child would have been marked as absent in the school registers. Please do not leave your children at the gate.

It is vital that we work together to ensure that your child arrives on time every day so they can achieve their very best and do not miss their learning. Those who are persistently late will be referred to the London Borough of Havering Education Welfare Officer.

Attendance

TOP FIVE - AUTUMN TERM

1	St Luke's	100%
2	St Jude's	99.58%
3	St Philomena's	99.58%
4	St Anne's	99.58%
5	St John's	99.17%
5	St Edmund's	98.75%

COFFEE MORNING

We will be hosting a coffee morning on Friday, 27th January from 9.15 to 10:15am. Parents can bring their toddlers and babies. There is lots of time to ask questions, share experiences and find out first-hand what is happening in school. Mums, Dads and extended family are ALL welcome.

EXTRACURRICULAR CLUBS

We have a variety of clubs on offer at St Ursula's Catholic Primary School. Please use the link below to find out more:

<https://stursulascatholicprimary.co.uk/activities>

HAIRSTYLES & ACCESSORIES

At St Ursula's Catholic Primary School, we have high expectations in everything we do. This includes personal appearance.

Hairstyles should be sensible for school, no colour or additives are permitted.

Long hair should be tied back and accessories should be red, white, black or grey.

Full co-operation with our dress code enables staff to concentrate their time and effort on teaching and learning.

Thank you for your continued support!

STAY SAFE ON NEW DEVICES

Whether you're an internet newbie or a pro at surfing the web, it's always important to keep online safety in mind. We've pulled together a list of top tips to make it easier for you to protect yourself and your devices in the digital world - helping you steer clear of hazards like misleading information and vicious viruses. There's never a bad time to refresh your internet safety knowledge, but it's an especially smart thing to do before you start using any shiny new devices!

Be suspicious of new information

SHOW RESPECT TO OTHERS

TELL A TRUSTED ADULT IF SOMETHING UPSETS YOU

DON'T CHAT WITH STRANGERS

BE HONEST WITH PARENTS & CARERS

TAKE BREAKS FROM BEING ONLINE

ASK PERMISSION before downloading anything

AVOID SHARING PRIVATE PHOTOS

Stick to trusted apps

TAKE NOTICE OF AGE RESTRICTIONS

DOUBLE CHECK YOUR NEWS SOURCES

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