



St Ursula's Catholic Primary School

HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

So far, June has been an exciting month filled with lots of wonderful opportunities for your children to experience. As you read through this issue of the newsletter, please check that you have put all the dates in your diaries so that you do not miss any of the exciting events planned.

Although 5 weeks still remain, staff are hard at work preparing handovers for the next academic year. During the final weeks every child will be discussed, their provision and targets will be reviewed and a programme will put in place to ensure that when they start in their new year group in September that interventions and targets start immediately.

On Monday 11th July, children will be meeting their new teachers and visiting their new classroom for the morning. You are invited, on Thursday 14th July, to come in to school and meet your child's new teacher as part of our Curriculum Celebration Afternoon.

ATTENDANCE, ABSENCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Good attendance at school is not just valuable, it's essential. Pupils with excellent attendance have shown to make greater progress in their learning and this is why we continue to push for improvement in attendance at St Ursula's. The Attendance team at St Ursula's (Mrs Claydon, Mrs Walsh and Mrs Bell) and the EWO (Educational Welfare Officer) work daily to ensure pupil attendance is above 95%.

Recently we received an Attendance & Persistent Absence figures report for September 2021 to 31 March 2022 from Havering. Out of the 59 schools in the local authority we had the 6th best attendance. Thank you for your support!

Reminder: Term time holidays will not be authorised.

HAROLD HILL SPORTS DAY CHAMPIONS 2021-22

A massive congratulations to our St Ursula's Athletics Team who won the 2022 Harold Hill Sports Day. 84 of our athletes competed against children from 6 other Harold Hill schools. Events included the 100m sprint, Vortex throw, Tug of War and Long Jump. This is the 6th time we have won the competition out of the 6 times we have attended.

Results

Year 2 – 1st place

Year 3 – 1st Place

Year 4 – 2nd Place

Year 5 – 2nd Place

Year 6 – 3rd Place

Overall Winners – St Ursula's Catholic Primary School

YEAR 6 DANBURY OUTDOOR RESIDENTIAL

Year 6 had a very successful residential to Danbury last week. Through the week children showed self-awareness and reflection and consideration of others, as they took part in a wide variety of activities each day. Pupils tackled climbing walls, a zip line and walked along an obstacle course while suspended 35ft in the air. It was great to see the encouragement and support the pupils gave each other, and it was wonderful to see the perseverance shown by all.

NEARLY NEW UNIFORM SHOP—BOGOF—20TH -24TH JUNE

Make the most of our Buy One Get One Free offer and purchase your child's uniform for next year! Our nearly new uniform is quality controlled so that only excellent quality clothing is sold. The shop will be open all week at 8:00-9:30am and 2:30-3:30pm.

WANTED: Secondary school uniform. If you have any unwanted Secondary school blazers, please bring them in. We would like to begin providing uniform for our Year 6 pupils moving to Year 7.

Attendance TOP FIVE

1	St Jude's	100%
2	St Teresa's	99.58%
3	St John's	99.07%
4	St Matthew's	99.07%
5	St Martin's	98.75%

SUMMER TERM DATES

- 20th—23rd June: Sports Week
- 24th June: Yr 6 Citizenship trip
- 1st July: Bouncy Castle Day
- 6th July: Yr 6 Leavers' Mass
- 7th July: Yr 6 Leavers' production & Year 6 Leavers' Disco
- 11th July: Class Transition Day
- 14th July: Curriculum Celebration Afternoon and End of Year reports sent out
- 22nd July: Start of School Holidays

2022-23 INSET DAYS

September 1st 2022

September 2nd 2022

December 19th 2022

December 20th 2022

February 10th 2023

PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS!

Friday 1st July, our Bouncy Castle Day, is getting closer. Children from Nursery all the way up to Year 6 can take part.

Tickets cost £5 per pupil and can be bought through SchoolComms.

We have sold 239 tickets already. The deadline to purchase tickets is Wednesday 29th June 2022.



National
Online
Safety

7 questions to help you start a conversation with your child about online safety

#WakeUpWednesday

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Which apps/games are you using at the moment?

THIS WILL GIVE YOU A GOOD OVERVIEW OF THE TYPES OF THINGS YOUR CHILDREN ARE DOING ON THEIR DEVICES, ALONG WITH THEIR INTERESTS. REMEMBER THAT THEY MIGHT NOT TELL YOU EVERYTHING THEY ARE USING, SO IT IS A GOOD IDEA TO ASK THEM TO SHOW YOU THEIR DEVICE, BECAUSE NEW APPS AND GAMES ARE RELEASED REGULARLY, IT IS IMPORTANT TO HAVE THIS CONVERSATION OFTEN TO ENSURE YOU ARE UP TO DATE WITH WHAT THEY ARE DOING.

Which websites do you enjoy using and why?

AS IN THE TIP ABOVE, ASKING THIS QUESTION WILL ALLOW YOU TO FIND OUT WHAT YOUR CHILD IS DOING ONLINE, AND ENCOURAGE POSITIVE CONVERSATIONS ABOUT THEIR ONLINE ACTIVITY. ASK THEM HOW THEY USE THE WEBSITES, AND TAKE AN INTEREST IN HOW THEY CAN USE THEM IN A POSITIVE WAY, ALSO ASKING THEM TO SHOW YOU IF POSSIBLE.



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PLAY AGAIN?
YES NO

How does this game/app work?
Can I play?

SHOW A GENUINE INTEREST IN WHAT THEY ARE DOING. WHILST YOU ARE PLAYING A GAME OR USING AN APP WITH THEM, IT MIGHT HIGHLIGHT SOMETHING THAT THEY DON'T NECESSARILY THINK IS A DANGER TO THEM. IF THEY ACT LIKE THEY DON'T WANT TO SHARE THEIR ACTIVITIES WITH YOU, QUESTION WHY.



Do you have any online friends?

CHILDREN CAN FORM POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH PEOPLE ONLINE, AND THIS HAS BECOME MORE COMMON THANKS TO ONLINE MULTI-PLAYER OPTIONS, BUT THEY MAY NOT FULLY UNDERSTAND THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A FRIEND AND A STRANGER. YOU COULD MAKE THE QUESTION MORE SPECIFIC TO YOUR CHILD. FOR EXAMPLE: "HAVE YOU MET ANYONE ONLINE THAT YOU LIKE TO PLAY GAMES WITH?" THEY MAY NOT WANT TO SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH YOU, SO ENSURE YOU TEACH THEM ABOUT HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS.



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Do you know where to go for help?

ALTHOUGH YOU MAY BE THE ADULT THEY TRUST THE MOST, SOME CHILDREN STRUGGLE TO TALK ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS ONLINE DUE TO CONFUSION OR EMBARRASSMENT. BECAUSE OF THIS THEY MAY STRUGGLE TO APPROACH THE NORMAL PEOPLE WHO WOULD HELP, SUCH AS YOURSELF OR A TEACHER. HAVE A CHAT TO YOUR CHILD ABOUT EXACTLY WHERE THEY CAN GO FOR HELP, AND HOW THEY CAN REPORT ANY ACTIVITY THAT THEY BELIEVE IS INAPPROPRIATE ONLINE.

YOUR CHILD MAY ALREADY KNOW WHAT THEIR PERSONAL INFORMATION IS BUT THEY MIGHT NOT THINK ABOUT HOW IT CAN BE SHARED. HAVE A CONVERSATION ABOUT WHAT PERSONAL INFORMATION IS AND HOW THIS CAN AFFECT THEM IF IT IS SHARED BEYOND THE INTENDED RECIPIENT. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOUR CHILD UNDERSTANDS THE DANGERS OF SHARING CONTACT DETAILS OR PHOTOS, AS INFORMATION SUCH AS THIS CAN SPREAD QUICKLY ONLINE.

Do you know what your personal information is?



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Do you know your limits?

CHILDREN MAY NOT UNDERSTAND THE NEGATIVE IMPACTS OF DEVICE OR GAME ADDICTION. TALK TO THEM OPENLY ABOUT HEALTHY HABITS AND ASK WHETHER OR NOT THEM SPENDING TIME ONLINE OR PLAYING A GAME IS AFFECTING THEIR SLEEP, PERFORMANCE AT SCHOOL OR IF THEY ARE GENERALLY LOSING INTEREST IN OTHER ACTIVITIES. YOU MAY LEAD ON TO ENCOURAGING ALTERNATIVE ACTIVITIES AND DISCUSSING THE INTRODUCTION OF TIME LIMITS WHEN AT HOME.