



Our Lady's Catholic High School

A National Teaching School



Friday, 28 April 2017

Name

Form

Our Prayer theme next week is **Path of Life**.

Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, there are difficult roads we too must walk. We don't walk that road alone though - the Lord is alongside us giving us guidance and meaning to our journey. However, like the disciples, we don't always recognise Him with us which is what makes the scriptures and the "breaking of the bread" at Mass so important in order to truly understand our lives.

Lord, give us enough faith to recognise Christ alongside us on our journey. May we then become full of wonder and live out the joy of your Resurrection in our lives. Amen.

SOCIAL MEDIA

We are facing increasing problems caused by the inappropriate use of Social Media, and, although this is almost always out of school, it often encroaches on school life. In school we manage this by blocking all Social Media sites on our network. Also no pupils have permission to have a mobile device switched on during school hours. We do not, of course, monitor or manage the use of Social Media out of school as this is the responsibility of parents.

The following web site has good advice and may help parents with managing their child's use of Social Media:
<https://www.commonsemmedia.org/social-media>

There are very clear legal age restrictions on the use of Social Media. Do not allow your child to use the excuse that "Everyone else is on it." They are not.



REWARDS TRIP 2017

Our annual rewards trip this year is to Blackpool Pleasure Beach on Friday, 14 July 2017. In order to be able to attend pupils must meet the following criteria between **Tuesday, 2 May and Friday, 30 June**:

- High attendance (at LM discretion)
- No unauthorised absence
- No referrals
- No missed detentions
- No exclusions
- No debts to school including trips
- No more than 2 stage 3s
- At least 5 rewards points earned and cashed since January 2017
- Participation in sports day if they have the ability (at PE Teachers discretion/ judgement)

NEW EMAIL TO PARENTS SYSTEM

At the start of the year we asked parent/carers to update us with any new email addresses for our Email to Parents System. It is our intention to start sending out the school newsletter by email so we want to ensure we have up to date information.

Could any parents/carers who have changed their email address please send the new details to Geoff Diggles, Director of IT Systems at email address gdi@olchs.lancs.sch.uk by Friday, 5 May 2017.

NETBALL NEWS

Congratulations to the Year 8A Netball team who were runners up in the Preston Schools' Netball Tournament. They won all the matches in their section to go through and play Archbishop Temple in the semi-finals. It was a very close game but Our Lady's were victorious. They went on to play Longridge in the finals. They fought hard but were defeated by very strong opposition. The team was Molly Macuras (captain), Amalia Vlachopoulos, Emma Clayton, Emma Murray, Tessa Feeney, Janna Ellbbany, Saara Chikh and Rebecca Hind.

The Year 7A, B and Year 8B teams worked hard but did not make it through. However, Our Lady's were one of only two schools to field a B team.

DUCKLINGS

We have successfully incubated and hatched 6 Indian Runner ducklings, which were born on Friday, 21 April. They are currently living under a heat lamp in the Finance office and today had their first 'swimming lesson'. There are three yellow ducklings and three brown ducklings. The yellow ducklings have been named Daisy, Daffy and Jemima and the brown ducklings have been named Prince, Duke and Mo.

CAREER INFORMATION

Year 10 can discover their Career Destination by exploring Kudos at www.cascaid.co.uk/kudos (this can be used in school and at home). With Kudos you can learn more about the careers that interest you and discover how your skills and interests could relate to the world of work. As well as:

- Get personalised career ideas
- Explore career families
- See where subjects could lead
- Watch videos showing real life workplaces
- Find out what jobs are really like, from the people doing them
- Get ahead with action planning
- Create a CV
- Navigate post 16 choices

Log in via the link above with your allocated username and password. Speak with Paula Wroe, Careers Adviser, your form teacher or Ms Murray for your personal log in details. (Year 9 also have access to this careers programme and were given log in details earlier this year via their form teachers)

Dates to remember

Monday, 1 May – May Day, school closed

Friday, 26 May – School closes for half-term

Monday, 5 June – School opens

Thursday, 29 June – Year 6 Parents' Evening – 7.00 pm

Monday, 3 July – Year 6 Transition Day

Friday, 21 July – school closes for the end of term at 12.45 pm