



# Our Lady's Catholic High School

A National Teaching School



Friday, 19 May 2017

Name .....

Form .....

Our Prayer theme next week is **Love**.

If you could describe Jesus in one word, what would you choose? He helps us to decide in this week's short but powerful Gospel where he talks about **love**. It is one of 57 occasions when He talks about love (not including his mentions of friendship) - it is the ultimate message He left us. He also tells us how to love; we have to follow Him and His commandments and then everything else will fall into place for us by the power of God's love.

**Lord, help us to remember the strong love that grows between us. Help us to work that love into practical things so nothing can divide us. We ask for words, both kind and loving, and for hearts always ready to love others. Amen.**

## EMAIL TO PARENTS SYSTEM

As you will have read in previous school newsletters, we are in the process of setting up an "email to parents" system. After the half term break school newsletters will be sent to parents/carers using this method. In order to ensure everyone receives the newsletter, can any parent/carer who has not notified us of any changes to email addresses please do so as soon as possible. To notify any changes, or if you have any problems with receiving the newsletter via this method, please contact **Mr Diggles, Director of IT Systems on 01772-326926 or via email at [gdi@olchs.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:gdi@olchs.lancs.sch.uk)**

## DEEPPDALE FOOTBALL FINALS – SATURDAY, 6 MAY 2017

It was a truly fantastic day and a wonderful experience for all involved! From start to finish, the players were enthusiastic, committed and played with their hearts on their sleeve. The staff of Preston North End were very welcoming and allowed the players to soak up their surroundings and the atmosphere.

### Year 8

Unfortunately Year 8 lost to Ashton 1-3. The first half was a very close affair with both sides having chances to take the lead. However, after Sam Moncrief was fouled in the area, Aaron Hewitt calmly slotted away a penalty. Half time: 1-0 to OLCHS. However Ashton came out stronger and were the much better team in the second half. They scored three goals and in fairness, deserved the win over the 60 minutes. The players were gutted but I am sure it will make them more determined to be successful in year 9.

### Year 9

The Year 9 team went into their final against Longridge High School with high hopes of success after defeating teams with ease in previous rounds. The game began well with both teams battling strongly for the ball in the centre of the field but neither team was creating scoring chances. A long ball forward from Longridge finally found their centre forward and a fortunate bounce gave him room to slot the ball past goalkeeper Ben Pomfret, to give Longridge a 1-0 lead. From then on Our Lady's pressed forwards, putting dangerous crosses into the box and driving forwards with the ball well. We struggled to convert any direct chances on goal and began to get frustrated. Time was slipping away. Even Matthew Farrell's winding run from centre half could not penetrate the Longridge defence who stayed solid throughout. The final result was 1-0 to Longridge. The team worked incredibly hard throughout the year and can be proud of themselves for finishing runners up in the league **and** cup.

### Year 10

Year 10 had to share the prize with Corpus Christi after a 1-1 draw. There weren't too many clear cut chances in the first half and both teams cancelled each other out. Our Lady's took the lead in the second half after Paddy O'Flaherty provided a great cross for Dave Marley. The centre forward found himself in some space and he calmly controlled the ball and found the corner of the net. 1-0 with 20 minutes left. Unfortunately Corpus came out stronger at the restart and forced some good chances. They eventually found themselves an equaliser and the tie ended 1-1.

### **LANCASHIRE SCHOOLS CRICKET COMPETITION**

The U15 team played their second game of the competition against Broughton High School on Wednesday, 10 May. On another lovely afternoon the opposition decided to bat first and struck a magnificent 170 runs, mainly through their two opening batsmen. They took advantage of short boundaries and hit plenty of fours and sixes. Our batsmen had a large target to chase but knew that the only way to gain success was to bat sensibly. The Broughton bowlers were accurate, bowling a good line and length to make it difficult for our batsmen to find gaps in the field. They restricted us to only 70 runs. Broughton winning the game comfortably by 100 runs. Stand out performances from Our Lady's included Ewen Mansford and Lewis Wellings. The team have been eliminated from the Lancashire competition however the Preston Schools' competition will begin soon and they will be keen to do well.

### **PE REQUEST**

The PE DEPT would greatly appreciate any unwanted PE kit of the new style from Year 11 pupils as they approach their final lessons in school. Donations of any sort will be warmly received and rewarded with points.

### **YEAR 11 ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY WINNERS**

The Year 11 attendance and punctuality initiative resulted in a large number of pupils having 100% attendance with no late marks from 27 March to 12 May. This can only have been beneficial in preparation for Year 11 examinations. The pupils drawn in each form and winning a £10 Love2shop voucher were; Alexandra Mansford 11R, Robert Stone 11O, Mitchell Lawton 11U, Emma Hughes 11D, Olivia Ashworth 11A and Alex Southern 11L. The winner of a second draw for the Year Group prize of a £20 Love2shop voucher was Amy- Jo Newman. Well done everybody, Mrs A Hey, Attendance Improvement Officer.

### **GIFT AID**

Many of our parents/carers kindly make regular donations to school for the benefit of our pupils which we are able to increase by claiming tax relief through a system called Gift Aid (currently 25p for every £1 donated). Because of this continued generosity, which is greatly appreciated, we have been able to provide additional support to our STEM related activities which have consisted of a Gifted & Talented event allowing pupils to work on a variety of interactive tasks which focused on robotics and team work, a 3 year subscription for our 3D printer which will ensure pupils are aware of modern technologies and will enable them to design products that can be manufactured by the D&T departments and staff training for the 3D printer. If you currently donate and your details have changed, i.e. name or address or if you are no longer a tax payer/have paid insufficient tax during 2016/17 to cover the tax that will be reclaimed on all your donations please contact Mrs Y Reeves in the Finance Office or email [yre@olchs.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:yre@olchs.lancs.sch.uk). Alternatively if you would like to make a new donation please let us know. Thank you.

### **CAREERS ADVISER**

A reminder that Paula Wroe, the independent Careers Adviser who comes in to school one day a week, is available for 'drop in' (no invite time required) at break, lunchtime and half an hour after school. Come along to the office just off Year 11 common room in the Maths block.

### **ACCELERATED READER RAFFLE WINNER**

Well done to Aziz Ali 7L who has won a £5 Amazon Voucher in the Accelerated Reader Raffle prize. This is awarded every two weeks and is drawn from all pupils who have achieved 100% in an Accelerated Reader quiz the previous fortnight.

#### **Dates to remember**

Friday, 26 May – School closes for half-term  
Monday, 5 June – School opens  
Thursday, 15 June – Sports Day  
Thursday, 29 June – Year 6 Parents' Evening – 7.00 pm  
Monday, 3 July – Year 6 Transition Day  
Tuesday, 18 July – Whole School Mass  
Thursday, 20 July – Charity Day  
Friday, 21 July – school closes for the end of term at 12.45 pm