



Our Lady's Catholic High School



A National Teaching School

Friday, 14 October 2016

Name Form

Our Prayer theme next week is **Perseverance**

VISIT FROM JEWISH SPEAKER

On Wednesday, 5 October 2016 all Year 8 pupils were involved in an assembly and workshop with a Jewish speaker. Jeremy talked to pupils about the Jewish faith and belief; traditions, practices and rituals of worship. Pupils enjoyed being volunteers to wear Jewish worship garments and asking questions about Jeremy's life as a Jew in 2016. Well done Year 8 for being so involved in the sessions and learning lots from the experience to support your RE study of Judaism this half term.

CAFOD FAST DAY

On Friday, 7 October CAFOD held their annual Family Fast Day. As a school we are acknowledging this day on Friday, 28 October, raising money to donate to CAFOD. Throughout the week all forms will be organising fundraising activities to contribute towards stopping world hunger and poverty. On Friday, 28 October there will be an option in the restaurant for our staff and pupils to donate to CAFOD using their dinner cards. The pupils will be asked when purchasing items from the restaurant if they would like to include a donation which will be set to a price of 20p. Please encourage your son/daughter to use this method of donation and to consider those in the world who do not have access to fresh food and water when doing so.

PRESENTATION EVENING/ASSEMBLIES

The Presentation Evening for the Class of 2016 takes place on Thursday, 17 November at 7.00 pm in the Sports Hall, here at school. During the evening pupils will receive their GCSE certificates and a number of awards will be presented. Our guest speaker this year is former pupil Mark Fitzgibbon, who is now Headteacher of a local primary school. Pupils should have received their invitations by now and need to contact Miss Beig at school to reserve places. Contact details are pbe@olchs.lancs.sch.uk or telephone 01772 326900 extension 6942. On Friday, 18 November pupils in Years 8-11 will have Presentation Assemblies where chosen pupils will receive curriculum awards for their achievements last year. On this day, as is our practice, **school will close at 12.45 pm.**

NETBALL NEWS

Well done to the Year 11 Netball team captained by Olivia Clayton. The girls won their first two fixtures of the season making a fantastic start to the league. They had a slightly nervous start against Broughton but pulled away in the second half to win 12 goals to 5. They then put on an impressive performance against Fulwood thanks to some excellent shooting from Allanya Davies and Olivia Clayton. The final score was 22-3. The rest of the squad included Fiza Ayyub, Lucy Stanworth, Annie Worswick, Beth Lishman, Anna Smith, Emma Shakeshaft and Amelia Moran.

HEADLICE

It has come to our attention that several pupils have been affected recently by cases of head lice. Please could we ask that you check your child's hair thoroughly and treat accordingly. For advice on how to do this effectively and which treatments to use, it is worth having a look at the NHS website: <http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Head-lice/Pages/Treatment.aspx>

CHOCOLATE BINGO

Our annual Chocolate Bingo Night will take place in the Arts Theatre at 7.00 pm on Friday, 21 October. This is a fantastic and very popular family event and we hope that you will be able to join us. If you are not able to join us we would greatly appreciate any donations of chocolate to be used as prizes. Please send donations to reception as soon as possible. Many thanks for your support.

DRAMA TRIP - BILLY ELLIOT

There are still tickets available for the trip to see Billy Elliot at The Palace Theatre, Manchester on Thursday, 1 December. Travel to the theatre is by coach which will leave school at 1.00 pm and return at approximately 6.00 pm. Tickets, including coach travel are £26.00. Pupils should collect a form from Mrs Morris and return it to school along with a completed Medical Form, Code of Conduct and full payment as soon as possible.

DRAMA TRIP - LONDON

London Theatre Experience will take place on Friday, 31 March to Sunday, 2 April 2017 for 40 pupils. The trip will allow your child to experience two West End shows, 'Aladdin' and 'School of Rock' and an opportunity to take part in an acting workshop with the professionals.

The cost of the trip is £344.00. Included in this price is:

- Return executive coach travel from school, departing Friday morning and returning on Sunday evening
- Two nights' accommodation in a hotel
- Continental breakfast at the hotel
- Tickets for the evening performance of "Aladdin" on Friday, 31 March 2017
- Tickets for the matinee performance of "School of Rock" on Saturday, 1 April 2017
- An acting introductory workshop with the West End professionals
- A Saturday night evening meal at Pizza Express
- A personalised hoodie
- Guided sightseeing tour of London
- Cover for comprehensive travel insurance

For enquires or to book a place, pupils should please contact Miss Gregson in the Drama Studio.

STREET DANCE GROUP

A new Street Dance Group is starting on Wednesday, 19 October with an external teacher. The class will take place in the Arts Theatre from 3.35 pm until 4.45 pm. Pupils will need to bring their Drama Kit to take part. Although there is no charge, pupils will be expected to commit to each session as they will be working towards a performance at Dance Diva.

REQUEST FROM MRS MORRIS

Please could all parents ensure that pupils have a named Drama Kit. There is a large amount of kit in the Drama Studio with no means of identifying who it belongs to. If kit is labelled it is easy for pupils to find and for it to be returned if found by staff.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Thank you to everyone who supported the scholastic book fair we held in school last week, we sold books to the total of £319 and therefore receive £80 in free books for our library.

Dates to remember

Friday, 21 October – Chocolate Bingo – 7.00 pm

Friday, 28 October – School closes for half-term at 3.30 pm

Monday, 7 November – School opens

Thursday, 18 November – Certificate Evening at 7.00 pm

Friday, 18 November – Presentation Assemblies – Years 8-11, school closes at 12.45 pm

Thursday, 22 December – School closes for Christmas holidays at 12.45 pm

Monday, 9 January – School opens for Spring Term