

Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Primary School

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TERM DATES 2018/19

Summer Term

23rd Apr to 19th Jul 2019

Half Term

27th May to 7th Jun 2019

May Day Bank Holiday

Monday 6th May

INSET DAYS

Monday 22nd Jul 2019

Tuesday 23rd Jul 2019

TERM DATES 2019/20

Autumn Term

3rd Sept to 20th Dec 2019

Half Term

28th Oct to 1st Nov 2019

Spring Term

6th Jan to 9th Apr 2020

Half Term

17th to 21st Feb 2020

Summer Term

20th Apr to 17th Jul 2020

Half Term

25th May to 5th June 2020

May Day Bank Holiday

Monday 4th May

INSET DAYS

Mon 2nd Sept 2019

Fri 25th Oct 2019

Fri 14th Feb 2020

Fri 5th Jun 2020

Mon 20th Jul 2020

Dear Parents

We have had a really busy term as usual and the children have been working really hard in their classes. Singapore maths continues to go well and in our recent survey of children's views it was listed as one of the things they enjoy about school.

I would like also like to thanks parents for their continued support with home reading this term. Reading has been the big focus for us in school as it is a life skill that we want all of our children to succeed in. Next half term all of our literacy work will be based around a quality children's book and each child will receive their own copy of the book as a gift from the school.

We are looking forward to seeing parents on Thursday for our target report review meetings. When home and school work closely together like this we know that the children make maximum progress and therefore achieve their potential.

If you are happy with your child's report you may feel that you don't need to meet your child's class teacher however if you do, please remember to return the appointment slip that was sent home with your child's report.

I hope you all enjoy your Easter holiday and lets hope that the weather is kind to us all. We look forward to seeing the children back in school on Tuesday 23rd April 2018.

Don't forget Everton Kids Club is running an **Easter holiday club on the school premises** from 8am -6pm every day from Monday 15th April to Friday 19th April and parents can book sessions by ringing Laura on 07799062730. There are lots of fun activities planned for the children.

Mrs. Catherine Sergeant

Change of date for children's return to school Sept 2019.

The children will now return to school after the summer holidays on **Tuesday 3rd September 2019**. This change of date is so that all staff can attend a training day planned with our local network of schools on 14th February 2020. The focus will be on supporting children with ASD, ADHD and other additional needs in our classrooms. The new term dates for 2019-20 are listed on this newsletter and they have been updated on the schools website and App.

Year 2 - Infant Free School Meals (finishes soon)

Miss Chute has written to all of our Y2 parents to remind them that their entitlement to Infant Free School Meals ends at the end of the summer term. If you think that you are eligible for Free school meals, you will need to actively apply for this benefit otherwise you will be charged for your child's school dinner on return to school in September. If you would like support in applying for free school meals, please speak to Miss Chute in the school office. More information is also available on the school website and App:

<http://oliprimary.co.uk/parents-info/school-menus/free-school-meals/>

Staffing News

We would like to congratulate Mrs Hegarty and her family on the safe arrival of her beautiful baby boy, Theo. I'm sure we will get to see him very soon.

I would also like to welcome Mrs Galbraith to the Admin Team. She will be covering Mrs Hegarty's maternity leave and she will be working alongside Miss Chute throughout the summer term. I know that you will all make her very welcome.

This year five of our LSA's have begun a workplace degree through the North Liverpool Teaching School and Pengreen University. The focus of the degree is early year education and the girls are nearing the end of their first year. This is a fantastic staff development opportunity for the school as it means that the children in school continue to be taught by the highest quality staff.

PE bags and school storage

Cloakroom storage has become an increasing issue for us in school and the photo shows you the problems we are dealing with each day. Children are currently bringing PE kits and swimming kits to school in large backpacks, which result in the school cloakrooms being so full that we can't close them. Children's expensive coats and belongings also end up on the floor and are getting mislaid or very dirty. In an attempt to solve this problem we will be giving each child a **free PE bag** this week for their school PE kits and **after the Easter holiday back packs will not be allowed in school** for PE kit. We are asking parents to support us with this initiative so that the children's belongings will be stored more efficiently and incidents of lost/damaged property will be reduced.



Can I also remind parents to make sure that your child's name is still in their clothing as they often wash out as the year progresses and this makes returning lost property very difficult?

Healthy Packed Lunches Project

As parents know our school meals are cooked from fresh every day and they are heavily subsidised to keep the costs down for our families. However, we would like to support our families who prepare a packed lunch each day for their children. Not only is this time consuming for families but also the packed lunches can work out more expensive than the school meal.

Lately we have also seen several examples of very unhealthy packed lunches coming into school, which have included many items of chocolate in lunchboxes, sports drinks and even a McDonalds Burger.

Our meal provider "Food for Thought" would like to provide a healthy packed lunch option for children as part of the school dinner at a very reasonable cost to support our families and children.

We would therefore like to work with our parents to explore this option. A parents group will work with the school and "Food for Thought" to develop a packed lunch menu, which ensures variety whilst remaining a healthy option. They will also be ensuring that the packed lunch costs are affordable for our families and we will want feedback from children and families as the project progresses.

If you would like to join the parents group, please let me know or speak to one of the staff in the school office.



Congratulations

Miss Topping led the school in achieving the **History Quality Mark** this term. This is a great achievement for the school and the assessor was extremely complimentary about the children's work in history and was very impressed with all of the children who she met throughout the day. Well done everyone

Miss Boyd and the year 5/6-dance team took part in the **NLA Dance competition** a few weeks ago. The girls and Miss Boyd have been working really hard on their dance piece, which was based on Harry Potter. I received an email shortly after the event from a parent in the audience who said that *" Their performance was really impressive and stood out amongst the other schools. Their behaviour was impeccable and they were all so well-mannered, and considerate."* Well done girls as usual you were a credit to the school and your families.

Pupil Voice Questionnaire

I have been working with the school council this term to produce a children's questionnaire so that we can get children's feedback on; how we can improve their lunchtimes, what do they enjoy about school and the curriculum, do they feel safe in school and do they know how to stay safe online?

The school council and I have started to analyse the feedback and I am pleased to report that early indications show that;

- 96% of the children feel safe in school and all of the children knew who to go to for help in school if they had a problem.
- 100% of children know how to keep safe online.

Thank you to the staff and premises team who work hard to make our school feel safe for the children. Thank you also to Mrs Bowcock and the E- cadets who work hard to share the most up to date e-safety messages with all of the children in school. Parents check out our school website for lots of information on how you can make sure your child is not vulnerable to cyber bullying and is safe online. <http://oliprimary.co.uk/parents-info/child-protection/>

The children have also given lots of ideas and suggestions to help us improve their lunchtime experiences. This will be a big focus for the school council and I over the summer term as we try to implement the children's ideas.

Summer Uniform

After Easter the children can return to school in their summer uniform. I am going to take this opportunity to remind parents of the summer school uniform **as white or grey cardigans and opened toe shoes are not part of the girl's summer uniform**. If your daughter is wearing summer sandals they should have their toes covered and be robust enough for school. Last year some sandals did cause concerns for children's health and safety due to flimsy straps and higher heels/wedges.

Girls

Royal Blue Cardigan/ Jumper
Grey Pinafore Dress/ Skirt
Blue and white gingham dress (Summer term)
Blue Shirt
White/Grey Socks

Boys

Royal Blue Jumper
Grey Trousers (Shorts in Summer Term)
Blue Shirts
Grey Socks

All Children

Royal Blue and Grey striped tie
Black Footwear appropriate for school.

Foundation Stage children to wear black footwear with Velcro straps.

Coloured trainers or coloured laces are not school uniform and parents will be contacted to provide all black footwear if your child is wearing non regulation shoes/trainers.

