

St. Joseph's Convent School

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Dear Parents / Carers,

Mission Statement

We are a Mercy School.

We live and work together as Jesus taught us,

spreading his loving friendship

to everyone we meet.

We are tasked as Parents and Carers to uphold the schools Mission Statement in the way we conduct ourselves in our daily lives and on social media platforms. Your children pick up on the way we, as adults, live and demonstrate these attributes. It is not acceptable to bring the school into disrepute by irresponsible, thoughtless and unkind words and actions. You have chosen to send your girls to St Joseph's because of its Mercy values and distinct Catholic nature. As Parents you are supporters and ambassadors of the school in the same way you would like your girls to be. I task the girls each week with going about doing good and kind deeds. Each of the girls are precious and unique and made in the image of God. Please be mindful that you remember this when speaking and writing on social media platforms. The safeguarding of all children is everyone's responsibility.

Harvest Assembly:

On Thursday we were treated to a wonderful Assembly by Infants 2 and 3. The girls astounded us all with their musical ability and rhythm. Thank you to the Parents who came and left feeling happier and uplifted following such a joyous event. Thank you to the girls and staff for working so hard and achieving such magnificent results. **If you took photographs or filmed the assembly, it is to be used for your personal use only. IT IS NOT to be uploaded onto any social media platforms. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.** Thank you.

Parent/Teacher Consultations:

We are looking forward to welcoming parents into school on either Wednesday 31st October and Thursday 1st November, and you will shortly be receiving your allocated time from your class teacher, assuming all requests have been received by today, Friday 12th October.

Please note there will be no Dance Club on Wednesday 31st October nor an Exam Revision class or Spanish Club on Thursday 1st November.

Individual Photographs:

On Wednesday we were visited by Tempest Photography and all girls were sent home with their proofs (modules). Parents have two options for ordering, either online as per the instructions given on the modules, or completing the order module and returning this to school in the envelope provided. The school will be sending off all requests on **Thursday 18th October**, so any envelopes received after this date will be returned. I hope you enjoy the photos.

World Mental Health Day: A note from the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society

World Mental Health Day took place this year on the 10th of October and is now in its 26th year. It was started by the World Federation of Mental Health as an annual activity to promote mental health awareness and to help to educate the public on relevant issues. It has become an important date for many charities and individuals to show solidarity to those who are struggling with mental health difficulties and to promote conversation. In 1994, a theme for the day was used for the first time and these themes have explored many issues of mental health and its impact on our lives. However, this year's theme could not be any closer to our hearts as the focus for 2018 is 'Young People and Mental Health in a Changing World'. The World Federation for Mental Health (WFMH) wants to bring attention to the issues our children and young adults are facing in our ever-changing world and begin the conversation around what they need to help them grow up healthy, happy and resilient. Many mental health organisations will use this year to emphasise the needs of our young people, to take a stand for them and demand more for this generation. If you follow the World Federation of Mental Health on Twitter and Facebook you will see them using the hashtag #WorldMentalHealthDay or #wmhd2018. Together we can raise awareness about mental health issues and invite people to talk about how they are feeling. Brentwood Catholic Children's Society (BCCS).

Safety:

Please continue to note that, as a school we are supporting 100% a Nut free environment. We have some children and staff with allergies and we need to ensure their safety. Please adhere to this and continue to give due consideration with regard to your daughters' packed lunch. Thank you.

Mass:

On Thursday 18th October Infants 2 and 3 will be attending Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes at 9am. They will be leading the singing.

Attendance this week:

Nursery	100%	Prep 1	99.1%
Infants 1	91.7%	Prep 2	100%
Infants 2	99.2%	Prep 3	100%
Infants 3	100%	Prep 4	93%

Many congratulations to Nursery, Infants 3, Prep 2 and Prep 3. What fantastic achievements!

Exam Preparation Club:

The girls are really enjoying this provision and are informing me that their heads hurt afterwards! It is great to see them engaging so positively and enjoying the challenges. Thank you to Mrs Ayling and Miss Dacosta.

Uniform:

All girls will transfer into winter uniform after the October half term and return to school on **Tuesday 30th October wearing full winter uniform.**

PA – Christmas Bazaar:

Thank you for all your donations - we are doing very well with our donations. This week the Parents Association are collecting sweets for the Tombola.

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society:

Charity Christmas cards are now in stock! Choose from the great selection of Christmas cards – there's something to suit everyone. All proceeds from the sale of the Christmas cards will help make a difference to the lives of the children and families who are supported. The Christmas card designs are always very popular and as supplies are limited, we would ask you to place your order as soon as possible so you can guarantee to get your first choice! Please visit their website to see their selection and order at: www.bccs.org.uk

INSET DAY

I would like to remind you that Monday 29th October 2018 will now be a staff INSET DAY and therefore school will be closed. I appreciate this was not on the calendar you received before the start of the year. Thank you for your understanding.

Non-Uniform Day

Friday 19th October is non-uniform day. Please can children bring in a bottle for the Tombola on this day. Thank you.

Jazz Band

Please note that Jazz Band will take place as normal on Friday 19th October. There will, however, be no Jazz Band on Friday 9th November.

Carol Singing at OLOL on Sunday 16th December

All Preps are invited to sing in church at 7.30pm on Sunday 16th December.

May God Bless You and Your Families



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Headteacher**