

Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

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"Loving Learning and Reaching out to All"

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Free School Meals and Pupil Premium

If you are receiving benefits or are entitled for your children to have free school meals please ensure that you have filled out a form with Knowsley's or St Helen's Council to apply for them. If you have not done this the meals are not free to the school but still must be paid for. Additionally the school will not receive the Pupil Premium funding unless this same form is sent to the appropriate council even for infant aged children. Unfortunately school is not able to request these forms for you as it must be the families themselves that do this and return them to the council.

Penalty Notices for unauthorised absences

Every year in September we write to parents to remind them that holidays are not permissible during term time (The Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2013) and will be marked as unauthorised absences. We must advise you that the local authority may be issuing penalty notices for these absences. Instead of being prosecuted, you can be given a penalty notice. The penalty is £60, rising to £120 if paid after 21 days but within 28 days. If you don't pay the fine you may be prosecuted. Please do not request any holidays during term time as we are unable to authorise them.

Help for Refugees

If you have any items, as listed overleaf, that you wish to donate to help the refugees stranded in Calais get over this forthcoming winter, please send these into school or deliver them to Vee's Place at 74 Kemble Street Prescott saying that you are families from Our Lady's School. This operation has been organised by one of our past pupils and we are very proud that he has carried on our mission statement into his young adulthood. This winter is set to be very hard and warm clothing for all ages would be gratefully received. Kai is aiming to collect as many donations of coats, blankets, fleece, hats etc. to take on a trip to Calais on the 2nd of October 2015.

Sponsored Walk

Thank you for all of the money collected so far for the sponsored walk last week- the children did ever so well and enjoyed it so much. If you still have money to come into school please try to have this in by next Friday 2nd of October so that we can give you a grand total raised.

Yours sincerely,

(Headteacher)



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