

Our Lady of Light Catholic Academy Trust

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It Didn't Quite Come Home, But It Was Still a Good Year!

Where does the year go? It's very hard to imagine, but it was a year ago to this week that I was in the playground for the first time meeting parents and carers wondering what to expect. I'm sure you too were wondering what to expect too!

A lot has happened – as it does every year. It is hard to believe in this sun-drenched period we had to close the school months ago because of the Beast from the East and its snow blizzards

I would have to describe this year as a very successful year for Christ the King, both academically and in the spirit of the school. The children and staff are very happy in this school. They work hard and there is a sense of joy and pride in the school.

I think we have tried to instil into the children a desire to be their best. In the words of someone wise than me: *Perfection is not attainable, but if we chase perfection we can catch excellence.* We want the children to have that sense of pride knowing that in no matter what they do they give it their all.

Ofsted

Ofsted visited the school recently and their report is online and it has been sent to all parents. Obviously, we are really pleased with the report and its summary of the school. Can I just say thank you to all of the parents for supporting the school through the inspection. My lasting memory is of a parent coming in to school on the evening to buy a new tie because they didn't want their child to let the school down. That, to me, just summed up the parents in this school. Thank you.

Scotland

Our Year 6 children had an amazing time in Scotland a few weeks ago. They were a credit to the school and they all had an incredible time. Hopefully, we have managed to secure this for our current Year 5 children. Details to follow.

First Holy Communion

A wonderful group of children celebrated and their families this important sacrament together. We are all very proud of these children and very grateful to all of the parents for their support and encouragement.

Catholic Cup

It nearly came home! Our children were amazing in their sporting attitude and in their grit and determination to do well. They competed well throughout the summer heat in Bridlington and the girls managed to storm all the way into the final only to have our hearts broken at the very end of the day. The boys were drawn against St Patricks in the very first game so I managed to stand on the half way line and be completely neutral throughout the game. The Pat's managed to take victory. Not to be disheartened the Boys B team were also drawn against the Pat's and they managed a great

victory. Mr Smith was so loud some of the tankers out to sea began to turn around and head for shore as they mistook his roars of encouragement as a foghorn.

A great day out.

Attendance

We do have to look carefully at attendance. In particular the children who have regular absences for very minor ailments. We will be looking very carefully at attendance in the new academic year and we will be wanting to work with parents and children to improve attendance when we have concerns.

Holidays will not be granted, unless in exceptional circumstances. Having a cheap holiday in school time is not an exceptional circumstance. We have 13 weeks a year to take the children on holiday.

If children are taken out, on holiday, without authorisation parents will have to accept that penalty notices will be issued. Currently, these are £60 per child, per parent for each week off school.

Sat Results

We are extremely pleased with the achievement of this year's children. We are a school, and academic performance and achievement is extremely important to us. We want these children to be the best they can be and that takes hard work.

This year the children in their KS2 tests achieved at the expected level:

90% Reading, 80% Writing, 97% Spelling Punctuation and Grammar, 87% Maths.

Well done children!!!

Parent Questionnaires

The recent questionnaires have been analysed and the school has an overwhelming voice of approval from the community. Parents are extremely happy with the school in almost every aspect. This is very reassuring.

We now need to look carefully at the comments to listen to you so we can try to respond to some of the suggestions you have made.

Twitter

Parents have commented that they really like the school Twitter feed as a way of keeping in touch with events in the school and to see what's been happening. If you need any help in setting up an account so you can follow just call I to school and we will help. At the moment we have around 300 followers who all get regular photos, videos and stories to keep them informed.

Staff vs Pupils Football

After a thrilling game the staff managed to cling on to victory and hold of a spirited fightback from the children. The 4-2 victory was very hard fought and if the game had been a few minutes longer then I think the outcome may have been uncertain. Mr 'goal-scrounger' Frank managed to score a hat-trick and Mr Ryan has decided to hang his boots up – not because of old age, but because of the chances he missed.

Language

It has come to my attention that there have been a few incidents of unpleasant language from adults on the playground. Can I please respectfully remind you to be mindful that children are present and we must promote the best values at all times. Thank you.

Staffing

We of course wish Mr Frank and Miss Dent our best wishes in their new schools and we will miss them. We thank them for their loyalty, hard work and dedication to the children. Good luck!!!

We welcome Miss Petre, Miss Sawdon and Mr Wake to our school in September. I am sure you make them feel very welcome. We are delighted they are joining our staff.

Grounds

A huge thank you to Mr Layton our school caretaker for all of the work he does. He goes above and beyond in his role and he works tirelessly to keep the school looking tidy and to keep it safe for the children.

Finally, can I just say thank you for the support you have given to your children and to the school. The fact that so many of you present your children each day for school so smartly, in full uniform says it all. We ask for no extreme haircuts and you work with us and support that. We ask for full uniform and every day you send them in smartly and with such good manners. If there is an incident, you work with us in the correct way to put it right. Thank you.

The children in this school behave impeccably, this is not just my opinion, but the opinion of every visitor to the school, including Ofsted. They deserve a huge amount of praise for their hard work and effort.

I hope you all have an enjoyable holiday with your families. Thank you for all of your support.

M Ryan

