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School Newsletter – 6

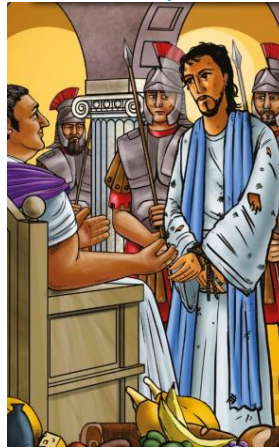
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To Live As Jesus Taught Us.

Dear Parents and Carers,

The past few weeks at OLC have been tremendously challenging as we start to come to terms with the loss of Anita Donnelly, our Office Manager. However, the support and outpouring of love from the school community have continued to ease the pain for us all. As we said our final goodbyes last Wednesday and Thursday, it was remarkable to see how children help to bring a smile to any situation. The children's presence through their singing, reading, prayers and actions were also witnessed by Anita's family who were certainly comforted and given hope at such a sad time. We cannot thank you enough for lining the streets outside the school and giving Anita a last farewell as the funeral cars passed by – a sign that reminds us all at OLC, how lucky we are to have you all. From the bottom of our hearts – Thank You. Mr N Emery (Headteacher)

Wednesday Word



This Sunday is the last in the Church's year. It is the day in which we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. This feast presents a golden opportunity for us to make a new start with Jesus – the Universal King. It is a celebration to which all are warmly invited. The Gospel reminds us that Jesus' kingship is not one of political power, crowns and splendour, but one of peace and truth. He is not an earthly king – his kingdom is heaven. Jesus stands up for God's true values of love and forgiveness and leads us into the truth. He also reveals to us the truth about ourselves.

Congratulations!



We would like to share with you the happy news of the birth of Baby Leo James Freeman – we wish Mr and Mrs Freeman heartfelt congratulations and ask the Lord to bless them and help them grow in their role as parents.

Parents' Evening

It was great to see so many parents at our Autumn Term parents' evening meetings this week, to celebrate the progress and successes of the children across the school. We know that the children particularly enjoyed finding the 'proud parent' stickers once again and the recognition it provides from you all. Thank you to all who supported the Book Fair which will help us provide more books for the children at OLC. We also hope you enjoyed sampling some of the food from Aspens, our catering provider and getting to sample the food the children enjoy. If, for any reason, you were unable to attend your appointment, please contact the school office to arrange a time to meet with the class teacher in order to support your child's learning.

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Maths Calculation Policies

To support you in helping your child with their maths calculations, please find our policies by using this link: <https://www.olc.solihull.sch.uk/maths-at-olc/>

Nursery Admission Dates for 2024/25

The deadline for applications to our Nursery for 2022/23 is 2nd December 2023. Offers will be made on 27th January 2024.

Dates for 2024/25

- 29.11.24 – St. Andrew’s Day
- 1.12.24 – Advent begins
- 4.12.24 – FS2 Nativity – 9.20am
- 7.12.24 – Christmas Fayre at OLC
- 11.12.24 – FS1 Nativity – 9.20am
- 10.12.24 – Last Swimming Session for Class 6C
- 13.12.24 – Christmas Jumper Day
- 13.12.24 – KS1 Carols – 9.30am
- 13.12.24 – LKS2 Carols – 10.30am
- 13.12.24 – UKS2 Carols – 2.30pm
- 17.12.24 – Whole School Stay and Pray Service – 2.30pm
- 18.12.24 – Christmas Dinner Day
- 19.12.24 – Party Day
- 19.12.23 – Whole School Theatre performance at School for children
- 20.12.24 – Toy Day
- 20.12.24 – Last Day of Term before Christmas Holidays

Anti-Bullying Week

Last week, during Anti-Bullying Week, we elected our new ‘Special Friends’ for FS and KS1 and our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors for KS2. These roles are there to support children in having peers that they can turn to when they have any challenges as well as helping them gain any further support should they require it. We look forward to sharing our school ambassadors with you all soon on our new school website.

“A Show Stopping Performance” - A review from Ms Moir -



More talent from two of our super children at Our Lady of Compassion... Oisín (Y6) and Hollie (Y5) were both fantastic; singing, acting and dancing with the St Augustine's Musical Theatre Group who were celebrating their 50th Anniversary with a production of Oliver! I went to watch last Friday evening. They performed enthusiastically and professionally throughout the show and their talent was clearly evident - Hollie as a workhouse child and also as one of Fagin's Gang and Oisín who played the main character, Oliver Twist, with lots of solo singing and acting. Both children excelled in their roles and made me proud to know them as children from OLC. Congratulations Oisín and Hollie on your wonderful performances - you are both superstars!

St Andrew’s Day

On the 29th November, children will be able to wear a splash of blue and/or white with their school uniform. This could be a ribbon, a scarf, socks or an item of clothing added to your child’s uniform for the day to celebrate St Andrew’s Day.

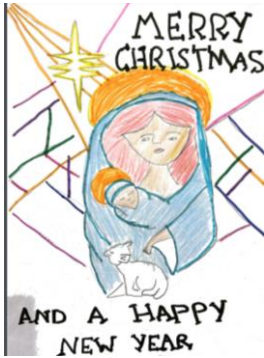
Samaritan’s Purse Appeal



Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Samaritan’s Purse, Operation Christmas Child (Shoe box appeal). Your kind donations will certainly support those who are in need at Christmas.

Christmas Card Winners

Well done to Fatimah in Y3 whose design has been selected to be the Churches together Christmas Card



The card chosen for Olton Friary’s 2024 Christmas card is Amaia’s, in FS1 of the Holy Family.



New School Website

Towards the end of November, we will be launching our new school website. The website will come with several of the similar communications tools that we currently use; the School App will however change to a new App called School News. As we get closer to the switch over, we will update you further with how to use this new system.

Online Safety #Wake Up Wednesday

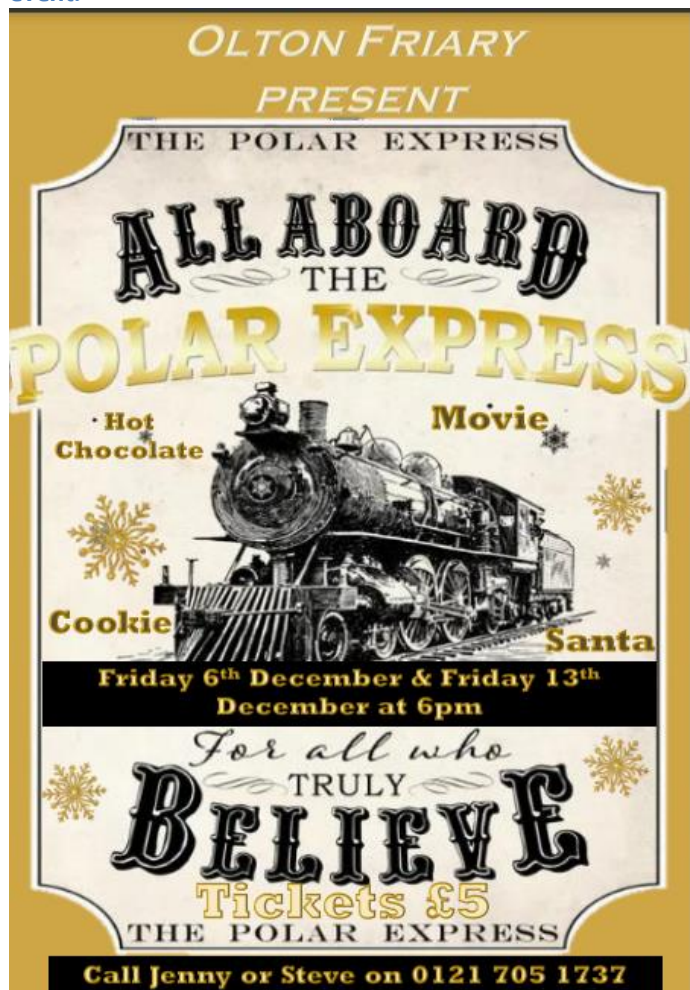
For further information, please visit the National Online Safety website.

The infographic provides ten tips for parents and educators to help children understand money and spending habits. The tips are:

- PROVIDE POCKET MONEY**: Giving children money helps them learn to make their own choices and understand the value of money.
- USE A PREPAID CARD**: Being able to pay by card is essential these days, with some children not accepting cash.
- PRACTISE BORROWING**: Although official borrowing is only available to over 18s, kids can be introduced to the concept of borrowing.
- ENCOURAGE OPEN CONVERSATION**: Talking about money and how things cost will teach children that finance is a part of everyday life.
- DISCUSS THE PRESSURE TO SPEND**: Children are often under a lot of pressure to spend money.
- TELLING 'NEED' FROM 'WANT'**: Helping children to distinguish between what they need and what they want.
- ENCOURAGE SAVING**: Setting children saving goals can help them understand the value of saving.
- SPARK INTEREST IN INVESTING**: Motivate children by talking them about how money can grow over time.
- PAYING FOR CHORES**: This is a common debate with no right or wrong answer.
- PROTECT CHILDREN FROM SCAMS**: Scams are a terrifying way to lose money, and children are often targeted by scammers.

Source: See full reference list on guide page of <https://nationalcollege.org.uk/guides/online-safety>

Don't miss out on getting your Polar Express tickets which will be sold on the 29th November on the gate for the Friary's event.



You need to be in it, to win it! Tickets are still available! Any completed tickets are to be handed in to the red box on the gate daily.



Road Safety Week

Thank you to all the parents/carers who ensure the safety of our children by parking responsibly when dropping their children off and collecting them from school, crossing the road safely and considering our neighbours. As always it is important that we work together with our neighbouring area. We therefore ask the following:

- Please park in the areas around the school that are safe to do so.
- When crossing the road, it is important to set the right example to our children by crossing with Jo, our crossing patrol warden. It is important that you do not walk behind, or cut across the railings at the front of school.
- Please respect our neighbours' driveways by not allowing children to go up and down the drive.
- As children enter or leave the school site, we ask that they do not ride their bikes or scooters on the drive and that they walk along the pathway or drive.

