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School Newsletter – 5

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To Live As Jesus Taught Us.

Dear Parents and Carers,

The month of November is traditionally the month of remembrance within the Catholic Church, where we have the opportunity to reflect and pray for those who are no longer with us. We particularly pray for all those who have lost their lives recently in the floods in Spain and ask God to comfort those who mourn the loss of their loved ones

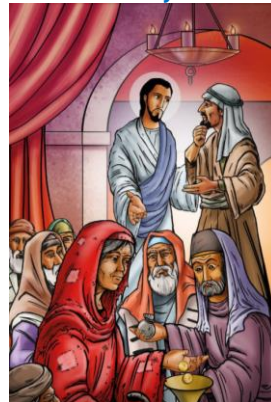
Prayer for those who mourn

Bless those who mourn, eternal God, with the comfort of your love that they may face each new day with hope and the certainty that nothing can destroy the good that has been given. May their memories become joyful, their days enriched with friendship, and their lives encircled by your love. Amen

Next week we also pray for the family of Mrs Donnelly as we say our final goodbyes to her during the school closure on Thursday 14th November at her funeral. We once again thank you all for the support you given us and her family at this time. As shared previously, the condolence book for Mrs Donnelly is now available to write in during the morning/afternoon drop off and collections and can be located in the gazebo at the front of the school. We are also asking that on Thursday 14th November, any families who wish to pay their respects line the street outside of the school as the funeral cars make their way from the Church to Widney Manor. We believe the cars will pass the school at around 12.35pm. Thank you for all the kind donations to the wreath of the school badge that we have received so far.

Mr N Emery (Headteacher)

Wednesday Word



God wants us to trust and depend on him, and to share our gifts of time, talent and money to help others. When used well, our gifts help us to find our purpose in life and to improve the lives of those around us. This Sunday's Gospel shows us that even the smallest of good deeds, done with love, does not escape Jesus' attention. The widow's gift was so little that, in some ways, it would hardly make much difference. But Jesus reminds us that the amount we give is not as important as the love with which we give as a gift.

Mobile Phones

As a reminder, mobile phones should only be brought into school for children in Y5 and Y6 who may be walking home by themselves and must be handed over to a member of staff at the school gate each morning.

RHE

Relationship, and Health Education (RHE) became a statutory subject for all schools several years ago. In recognition of this, a working group of parents, staff and governors worked together to ensure that the programme is fully in line with our Catholic ethos. You can access the RHE programme by following this link: <https://www.olc.solihull.sch.uk/rse/> to ensure you are familiar with your child's RHE programme throughout the year.

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Contact Details

As a reminder, if any of your contact details change, such as telephone numbers, emails or home addresses please let the school office know as soon as possible so that we have the correct information on our system.

Nursery Admission 2024/25

If you are interested in places to begin with us in Nursery, please contact the school office.

Dates for 2024/25

- 10.11.24 – World Science Day
- 11.11.24 – Remembrance Day
- 11.11.24 – Anti-bullying Week
- 14.11.24 – SCHOOL CLOSED – Mrs Donnelly's Funeral**
- 15.11.24 – Children in Need
- 18.11.24 – Road Safety Week
- 20.11.24 – World Children's Day
- 20.11.24 – Parents' Evening
- 21.11.24 – Parents' Evening
- 22.11.24 – Drop Everything and Read Day
- 30.11.24 – 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

Care and Behaviour Policy

To continue to support the great behaviour and attitude of the children at OLC, we have recently updated our Care and Behaviour Policy. This can be found on our website by following this link: <https://primarysite-produced.s3.amazonaws.com/compassion/UploadedDocument/1165ddb7-08a4-4b79-8608-7e4ad4d5c1d9/care-and-behaviour-policy-september-2024.pdf>

Food Promotions

If you are interested in your child having a promotional dinner, please let the school office and pay on ParentPay for this day.



Anti-Bullying Week



Anti-Bullying week will be taking place from 11th November; the theme this year is MAKE A NOISE ABOUT BULLYING. The week will begin with the annual Odd Socks Day on Monday 11th November, when children are invited to wear odd socks to school.

Vision and Values

Each year our Vision and Values are reviewed. These can be found on our website following this link: <https://www.olc.solihull.sch.uk/our-vision-and-values/>

If as parents you have any suggestions or thoughts to support and enhance these please feel free to email these to our school office at office@olc.solihull.sch.uk.

New School Website

Towards the end of November, we will be launching our new school website. The website will come will several of the similar communications tools that we currently use, however the School App will 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.

Drop Everything and Read (DEAR) Day

DEAR has been developed to instil a love of reading. At a certain time in the day, the whole school will put down their pens, pencils, paintbrushes or balls and pick up their reading books, where they will engage in individual reading. This will take place on Friday 22nd November.

Parents' Evening

We look forward to our Parents' Evenings taking place in a couple of weeks, where you will have the opportunity to hear about your child's progress. If you have not yet booked your slot or are having trouble booking this, please contact the school office. Please note that there is no parking on site during either of these evenings.

Children in Need

On Friday, 15th November, children can wear non-uniform and come dressed in attire that has spots so that we can all look SPOTACULAR for the day. We are asking for a £1 donation from every child (or whatever they wish to donate) – donations will be raised in aid of the children's hospital in Birmingham. All donations are to be paid directly to ParentPay.

Online Safety #Wake Up Wednesday

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

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators ENCOURAGING CHILDREN TO CHOOSE RESPECT

- 1 LEAD BY EXAMPLE**
As adults, we play a crucial role in modelling respectful behaviour for children. They observe and learn from our actions every day. Be mindful of the very you interact with, often in front of children. Keep an eye out for disrespectful and unkind words and behaviours. Don't use sarcasm or name-calling. Showing respect to others, even when you disagree, can help children learn to resolve conflicts in a healthy way.
- 2 AGREE TO DISAGREE**
Most kids know that it's fine to have differing opinions – and that disagreeing with someone doesn't mean you can't get along or respect each other. Encourage your child to express their own views and feelings. Listen to their views and feelings. Encourage them to express their views and feelings. Encourage them to express their views and feelings.
- 3 PROMOTE ACTIVE LISTENING**
Teach children about the importance of active listening. It's not just about hearing the words, it's about understanding the meaning behind them. Encourage them to ask questions and clarify when they don't understand. Encourage them to listen to others without interrupting.
- 4 ENCOURAGE THE USE OF "I" STATEMENTS**
If a child finds themselves in a disagreement with someone, it can be useful to encourage them to use "I" statements. "I feel sad when you say that" or "I feel angry when you do that" can help them express their feelings and encourages them to take responsibility for their own actions.
- 5 FOCUS ON BEHAVIOUR, NOT CHARACTER**
When disagreements happen, encourage children to focus on actions and behaviours, not on labelling the person. Instead of saying "You're a bully" or "You're a brat", focus on the specific actions or behaviours that caused the upset. Encourage them to use "I" statements to express their feelings. Encourage them to use "I" statements to express their feelings.
- 6 STAY CALM AND TAKE BREAKS**
It's perfectly normal to feel upset during a disagreement – especially if it's getting heated. Encourage children that if they feel overwhelmed, they should take a break. Encourage them to take a break to help them stay composed. If a conversation becomes tense, it's okay to pause for a moment. Encourage them to take a break to help them stay composed. Encourage them to take a break to help them stay composed.
- 7 START CONVERSATIONS ABOUT RESPECT**
Talk openly to children about what respect means to you and to them. Discuss how they might show respect to each other. Encourage them to show respect to each other. Encourage them to show respect to each other. Encourage them to show respect to each other.
- 8 SEEK COMMON GROUND**
When a disagreement has occurred between children, they may find it hard to move past it. You can help them by looking for things that they both agree on. Encourage them to find common ground. Encourage them to find common ground. Encourage them to find common ground.
- 9 AVOID MAKING THINGS PERSONAL**
It's important that we make it clear to children that disagreements are about the situation and not about who they are. Encourage them to focus on the situation and not on who they are. Encourage them to focus on the situation and not on who they are.
- 10 REFLECT AND LEARN**
After a child has had a disagreement, encourage them to reflect on the experience and think about what they can learn from it. What did they handle well? What did they struggle with? Encourage them to reflect on the experience and think about what they can learn from it.

Meet Our Expert
The Anti-Bullying Alliance (ABA) is a national anti-bullying think tank. ABA is a unique coalition of organisations and individuals, working together to achieve their vision of a safe, happy and well-being for all children and young people. ABA is a unique coalition of organisations and individuals, working together to achieve their vision of a safe, happy and well-being for all children and young people.

Wake Up Wednesday
The National College

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Olton Friary Christmas Market

Proceeds go to Olton Friary Fundraising Funds



Saturday 16th November

FROM 11am-2pm

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