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School Newsletter – 21

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To Live As Jesus Taught Us.

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we continue to head ever closer to the end of the school year we continue to make more memories at OLC through the many events that take part in the Summer Term. Last week, we were blessed with the weather for our annual Sports Day. Thank you to all that supported the day and in particular, to the staff for the seamless running of the day. We are also pleased to announce that the House winner this year is St Gabriel!!



Last Friday evening the FOLC organised a fundraising quiz in the school hall - we thank all of the FOLC for such a great evening and in particular Mr Hornsey, for being such a good Quiz Master. The event was such a success and raised over £1000!

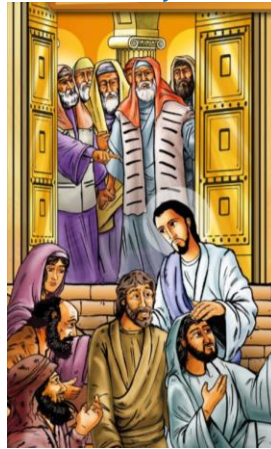
Have a great weekend – when it arrives!
Mr N Emery (Headteacher)

Parent Pay

As we approach the end of term, we would ask everyone to check the balance on their ParentPay account and clear any outstanding amounts.

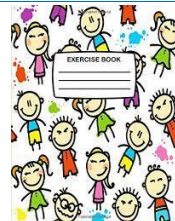
You might also find it useful to set up balance alerts on your ParentPay account. This can be done by going into communication / message alerts on your account. However, please note there is a charge of 6p for any text alerts. Email alerts are free of charge.

Wednesday Word



In this Sunday's Gospel, the people who were most familiar with Jesus welcomed him at first. They readily acknowledged his wisdom and his miracles. But they were not prepared to put their faith in him, to go further and see that God was at work in him and so, in the end, they rejected Jesus. Although it's good to admire Jesus, it's putting our faith in him which helps us to realize that he is the Son of God – the incredible presence of God on earth among us. If we recognise this and welcome Jesus into our lives, then he has a chance to work among us, to strengthen us and to guide us to do good in the world.

Children's Books



At the end of the school year we will be sending all of the children's books home with your child. As there are a lot of books to send home we will be releasing these books to you in throughout the final week.

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OLAAS Athletics



Last week, children from UKS2 took part in the annual OLAAS MAC Athletics at Tudor Grange. The children were a delight and certainly impressed with their athletic talents. A big thank you to Mr Brennan and Mrs Smith for supporting the children on the day. We hope this has inspired several of our children to continue to take part in Athletics.

Dates for 2023/24

- 9.7.24 – Last day of Swimming for Class 5H
- 10.7.24 – Year 6 Production – 10am
- 17.7.24 – Y5 Trip to Twycross Zoo
- 18.7.24 – Year 6 Leaver's Awards – 10am
- 19.7.24 – Year 6 Leaver's Mass at Friary – 10.15am
- 19.7.24 – Year 6 Leaver's Celebrations – 1.30pm
- 19.7.24 – Last Day of School Year

End of Year Reports

We are looking forward to sharing our end-of-year reports with parents which will be emailed out on Monday 15th July. Alongside the reports you will receive a cover letter. We ask that all parents respond to the online form that can be accessed through a link on the cover page to confirm receipt of the report - it is also an opportunity for comments to be shared.

Classes 2024/25

During the 'Moving Up' Day this week children had the opportunity to meet with teachers from their next year group. Please find the classes below:

- FS1 – Mrs Sandhu-White
- FS2 – Miss Bailey and Mrs Monington/ Mrs Haycock
- Y1 – Mrs Mitchell
- Y1/2 – Miss Hannah
- Y2 – Mr McEville
- Y3 – Mrs Kendrew/Miss Cottrell
- Y3/4 – Miss Sidwell
- Y4 – Mr Brennan
- Y5 – Mrs Redfern
- Y5/6 – Miss Dowling
- Y6 – Miss Chick

Online Safety #Wake Up Wednesday

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



50th Anniversary

OLC's big birthday celebration will be here before we know it, and you've guessed it, yet again, we are looking for help to make this a wonderful event. Please can you let the FOLC know if you are able to help on 13th September anytime from 12pm till 8pm. We would appreciate any help during that time and also between 8.30am until 11.30am on Monday 9th September. It looks to be a wonderful event, with live music, BBQ, lots of wonderful stalls, a selection of inflatables, and lots of garden games. You can bring a blanket/ garden chairs and enjoy the celebrations. **In addition, to this, the school will also close early at 2pm on Friday 13th September and there will be no Footsteps provision on this day.**

Mrs Kinchin and Mrs Freeman will be supporting the teaching across different classes before they begin their maternity leave early in the new academic year.

Olton Friary Link

To hear all about the wonderful events that take place at the Olton Friary please follow this link below that will lead you to their notice page on their website: <https://www.oltonfriary.org.uk/weekly-notices/>

End of School Procedures

To support our end of day procedures and the safety of the children we politely ask that once children are dismissed to their parents they do not then start to play football on the astro turf football pitch located by the KS1 playground. We also ask for your support with children leaving school on their bikes and scooters – please ensure that they do not ride these down the drive or path but walk down until they leave the school drive. We thank you as always for your support with these matters.



Staffing Updates 2024/25

We would like to share with you some changes that will be taking place at the start of the next school year. We will be saying a fond farewell to Mrs Humphris - we thank Mrs Humphris for the commitment and dedication that she has shown throughout her time at Our Lady of Compassion.



We will also be welcoming new members of staff to the team here at OLC. Mr McEville and Miss Sidwell will be joining our teaching staff – we look forward to them becoming part of the OLC family.



FunFest Holiday Club @ OLC now offers HAF sessions

Children who attend a Solihull school and are eligible for a place will have received an email and a code that can be used to check eligibility. Children who are eligible but attend school outside of Solihull can also access a place using the code provided from their local council (Coventry and Warwickshire) or school (Birmingham). We will be offering just a morning session 8am – 1pm.

All children who are attending a HAF session must have a code in order for the place to be funded by the Council.

Further information on how to book via the FunFest website will be shared soon however FunFest will take bookings via email with the code to begin with.