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School Newsletter – 20

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To Live As Jesus Taught Us.

Dear Parents and Carers,

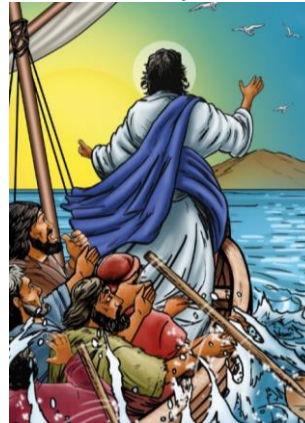


Thank you to all involved in ensuring the Summer Fayre was a great success! It was such a joyous event, with music, games and wonderful weather – what more could you want! It was made even more memorable by the amount raised of over £5000, which will be split between the Parish and School. Thank you also to the following companies which donated raffle prizes and to all the volunteers for your time and contributions – moments like these remind us of what special places Olton Friary and OLC are. We also hope that all the Grandads, Fathers, Uncles and Brothers of our school community who celebrated Father's Day last week had an amazing day; we also keep in our prayers those in our school community who find Father's day difficult and who mourn the loss of loved ones.

Have a great weekend.

Mr N Emery (Headteacher)

Wednesday Word



The more we get to know God, the more at peace and calmer we become. In this Sunday's Gospel, when the storm starts tossing the boat around, the disciples still don't seem to recognise that Jesus is in control. But, with just a few words, he shows his divine power by calming the wind and the sea. Jesus reassures us that putting our trust in him stops us from worrying about so many unnecessary things. Storms, stress and upsets can sometimes be part of our lives. Yet, when they pass and we look carefully, we can often learn something about the world, about ourselves, and about how Jesus is always there to bring peace and calm.

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Fond Farewell



It is with a heavy heart that we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Kirkland at the end of the week. Mrs Kirkland has worked at OLC for up to 27 years and supported many children during her time with us. We know that she will be sorely missed and we wish her all the best as she leaves us to spend more time with her family.

Parent Pay

Please check the balance on your 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.

Sports Days

Next week, we will be hosting our Sports Days (please see the Key Dates section of the newsletter). We are looking forward to welcoming parents and friends to these events - it would be great to see parents attending to support their children. You may even want to wear trainers yourselves in case you get the chance to take part in the parent's race. Access to the event will be through the blue gates and these will open 10 minutes before the start for each event. If you wish to bring a garden chair please feel free to do so - seating will however be available. Let the races begin!

Dates for 2023/24

22.6.24 – Don't Face it Alone Day
27.6.24 – UKS2 Sports Day – 9.15am
27.6.24 – FS Sports Day – 10.30am
27.6.24 – LKS2 Sports Day – 1.15pm
27.6.24 – KS1 Sports Day – 2.15pm
28.6.24 – FOLC Quiz Night in School Hall
2.7.24 – Y6 Family Education Session
3.7.24 – Y6 Transition Day to St. Peter's
4.7.24 – Provisional Sports Day if required due to weather
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

Euro 24 Fever

It has been wonderful to see that Euro 24 is capturing the children and staff's attention at the moment, and in support of the England – Denmark game on Thursday, we managed to turn OLC into a sea of red and white in our non-uniform day. In addition, children are also supporting and researching other countries. Please see each of the classes allocation below:

FS1/FS2 - England
Year 1 - France
Year 12 - Italy
Year 2 - Germany
Year 3 - Belgium
Year 3/4 - Portugal
Year 4 - Scotland
Year 5 - Switzerland
Year 5/6 - Spain
Year 6 - Poland

FS2/KS1 School Trips and UKS2 Tag Rugby



Children in FS2 and KS1 have thoroughly enjoyed their trips this week to Brueton Park and Avoncroft. Children had the opportunity to explore the wonders of nature and visit historical places to learn about our past. Children in UKS2 had the experience this week of taking part in a Tag Rugby competition and as always represented the school by showing many of the values associated with sport.



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.

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/>



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.

'Don't Face it Alone' Day



We look forward to our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors and Special Friends promoting the 'Don't face it alone' Day next week to help to drive our commitment to children's well-being throughout their time at OLC.

Y5 Commitment Mass



Congratulations to our Year 5 children who are now our Confirmandi and have begun their journey towards Confirmation. The children certainly excelled when they visited the Olton Friary last week as they made their commitments and promises during their Inscription Mass.