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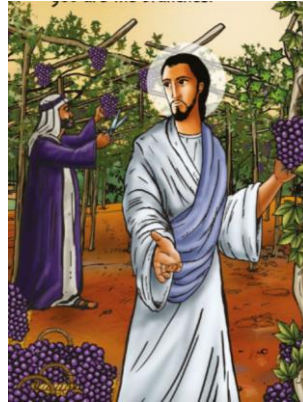
To Live As Jesus Taught Us.

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, OLC was visited by an inspection team for the Ofsted. These inspections take place around every 4 to 5 years and focus upon the Quality of Education, Behaviour and Attitudes, Leadership and Management, Early Years and Personal Development in Schools. Thank you for all the support and well wishes that we received during the week. At present we are unable to share the exact gradings that we received as these are provisional and are subject to Quality Assurance. However, I can share that we are pleased with the outcome and we look forward to receiving the report and sharing it with you all. Hopefully, this will be with us within 15 days of the inspection.

Have a great weekend,
Mr N Emery (Headteacher)

Wednesday Word



All parents want to help their children to grow into the best people that they can be. Growing in goodness is for parents and children alike. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus uses an image that would have been familiar to people of his time and he reminds us that we all depend on God for life. We all make mistakes, but God is loving and patient and gives us time to grow into the people we were created to be. God loves us, and wants us to live and grow in him – just like a branch grows on a vine – to be full of God's own energy. Keeping lively contact with Jesus helps us to grow in goodness and to live fruitful family lives, filled with peace, kindness and love.

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Year 6 KS2 SATs



Our Year 6 children have been preparing tremendously for their end of KS2 tests which will take place during the week of 13th May. In supporting our children through the week we ask that they arrive at school for 8.15am - they will be provided with toast and juice each day in school and take part in a daily 'wake up, shake up' session before starting their SATs paper. During the week the children can also bring a little mascot with them to school.

Water/Snacks

As a reminder, children can bring to school with them a piece of fruit or a healthy snack to eat during playtime, rather than chocolate or crisps from their lunchbox. They are also encouraged to have water in their water bottle rather than squash or juice. We have noticed that some children are bringing in bottles that have a 'mist' spray attached to them. Although these may be exciting for the children to have, we ask that these are not brought into school to avoid any distractions to the children's learning. Please support with these reminders.

KIRFs

Please click on the following link to find our maths KIRFs (Key Instant Recall Facts): <https://www.olc.solihull.sch.uk/maths-at-olc/>

There are key maths facts which have been carefully structured to build upon each other term by term, year by year. They are designed to support the development of mental maths skills that underpin the maths curriculum. Each half term the children will focus on one area of the KIRFs.

Dates for 2023/24

4.5.24 – First Holy Communion – Group 1 @ 11am
6.5.24 – May Bank Holiday – School Closed
7.5.24 – Y5 Bikeability Week
11.5.24 – First Holy Communion – Group 2 @ 11am
12.5.24 – First Holy Communion Going Forth at Olton Friary
13.5.24 – Y6 SATs week
14.5.24 – Year 4 Sparks Fire Safety Session
15.5.24 – FS2 Vision Screening Programme
17.5.24 – Non-Uniform Day in exchange for bottle donation for Summer Fayre
17.5.24 – May Procession
19.5.24 – Pentecost
20.5.24 – Y6 Residential @ Alton Castle
24.5.24 – Sweets and Chocolate donation for Summer Fayre
24.5.24 – Last day of Half-Term
3.6.24 – School reopens to all pupils after half-term break
5.6.24 – World Environment Day
12.6.24 – Class Photographs
16.6.24 – Father's Day
20.6.24 – World Refugee 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
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
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

Year 5 Bikeability



During the week commencing 7th May, children in Year 5 will be taking part in Bikeability. This is a great opportunity for children to become even more skilled with riding a bike safely. If you have not returned the forms to the office, please do so as soon as possible. Children may wish to bring their bikes to school on the Monday and leave them in school throughout the week - we are more than happy for them this to happen, however we are unable to take responsibility should the bike get damaged or lost.

Safe Parking



Parking by schools can always be a challenge during the morning rush hour or the afternoon collection. Parking is monitored by Parking Control Wardens who regularly visit schools. However, we ask that parents continue to be aware of the restrictions around our school, are respectful of all and do not park on the yellow zigzag lines, blocking the school drive or pavements, **even when these patrols are not taking place**. This is to help with the safety of all and, in particular, our children. Thank you to all who continue to follow the parking signs around our school and neighbouring area.



One Life Music Retreat for Year 3

As part of Year 3's preparation for their First Holy Communion the children will be joined by Dan and Emily from One Life Music on the **Friday 3rd May** – **please note this is the new date following the postponed retreat this week**. This will take place at OLC and will be a retreat where children further develop and understand the next part of their Sacramental journey. We are sure this will be a wonderful day for the children and staff.

First Holy Communion



We ask you all to keep our Year 3 children in your prayers over the coming weeks as they prepare to receive the sacrament of First Holy Communion (FHC). The FHCs will take place on Saturday 4th May for Group 1 and Saturday 11th May for Group 2. We thank all who have helped to support and prepare our children for their special day.

St Peter's 50th Anniversary



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Our 50th anniversary plans are gathering pace. Make sure you save the date below:



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/>