



To Live As Jesus Taught Us.

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School Newsletter – 15

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to our final term of the school year where we continue our Eastertide journey and, during this period, open our eyes, hearts and minds to Jesus by renewing the way we live our lives. One simple way we can all do this is by remembering to regularly ask ourselves, **“What would Jesus do?”** and then try to do the same ourselves.

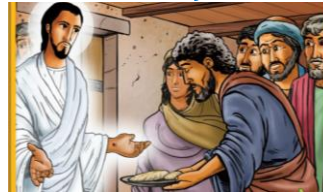
During this term we look forward to the many events and celebrations that will be taking place. We ask you all to keep our Year 3 children in your prayers over the coming weeks as they continue to prepare for their First Holy Communion.

Have a great weekend,

Mr N Emery

(Headteacher)

Wednesday Word



Believing in the resurrection adds something very special to our lives and this cannot be found anywhere else. Jesus invited the disciples to believe and he makes the same invitation to you and me.

“We can’t have full knowledge all at once. We must start by believing.”

St Thomas Aquinas –

Patron Saint of Pupils & Catholic Schools

Jesus’ resurrection – his rising in glory and victory over death – is the greatest event in history! Even though, like the disciples, you may sometimes have doubts, be assured that, when you do doubt, Jesus is still truly close to you and ready to help you to believe. As we journey through Easter, which of the following ways could best help you, as a family, to grow in your belief in Jesus? Perhaps it could be: reading about what Jesus did and said (e.g. in the Bible); being with others who believe; sitting quietly in prayer, asking God to help you grow in belief; living out Jesus’ teachings and seeing the difference it makes to your lives.

Street Tag



We are looking to take part in the initiative called Street Tag. This is an innovative, app-based physical activity program designed to motivate school families to lead more active lives. By transforming the world around them into a virtual playground, users earn points by walking, running, or cycling to virtual tags strategically placed throughout their local community. Participation is completely FREE and there will be a Solihull Schools Leaderboard from 7th May to 2nd July 2024. Watch this space!

St. George’s Day



On the 23rd April, we will be celebrating St. George’s Day at OLC. In doing so, we ask children to wear their school uniform for the day but to wear a splash of red with their uniform. This can be as simple as a pair of red socks, a red tie, red hair band and so on. We look forward to recognising the day of one of our patron Saints.

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£1 pledge



Thank you to all who contributed to the £1 pledge non-uniform day that took place on the last day of the Spring Term. We raised a whopping £174. This money will now be sent to Father Hudson’s Charity and will continue to support all their great work. If you have not had chance to contribute yet on ParentPay, you will be able to until Friday 19th April.

Dates for 2023/24

- 16.4.24 – National offer day for FS2 (2024-25)
- 16.4.24 – Swimming begins for Class 5H
- 22.4.24 – Earth Day
- 23.4.24 – St. George’s Day
- 24.4.24 – One Life Music Retreat for Year 3 @ OLC
- 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
- 13.5.24 – Y6 SATs week
- 17.5.24 – May Procession
- 19.5.24 – Pentecost
- 20.5.24 – Y6 Residential @ Alton Castle
- 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

Girl’s Netball and Football



Well done to the Girl’s Netball Team who competed against St James School on Tuesday evening, continuing on their winning streak with a resounding 14-2 victory. What an amazing team!

Well done also to the Boys Football Team who showed great sportsmanship in their matches against St Augustine’s School and Cheswick Green School. The boys gave their all and came in 4th position overall. We are so proud of your resilience and respect boys!

Talent for Writing



Well done to children in LKS2 who entered the ‘Once Upon a Dream’ writing competition. The poems were that great that they have been chosen for the publication “Once Upon A Dream – Rhymes on Fire”. What an amazing achievement!

Safe Parking



You may have seen that Greta and Charlie have joined OLC this week and have popped up on the roadside outside our school. Over the coming weeks, they will both move to different locations to highlight the areas that are not safe for parents to park. Thank you for supporting us with keeping our children safe.

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 24th April. This will take place at OLC and will be a retreat where children further develop their faith in the next part of their Sacramental journey. We are sure this will be a wonderful day for the children and staff.

Easter Winners



Thank you to all who supported the FOLC Easter Raffle. Please see the list below of the winners:

- 1st L. Silanicova
- 2nd C Rooney
- 3rd C Healy
- 4th S Chambers
- 5th S Cartwright
- 6th E Cleveland
- 7th L McCaughey
- 8th J O’Connor
- 9th S Fennelly
- 10th A Payne

A huge thank you to the FOLC for organising and supporting this great event.

Online Safety #Wake Up Wednesday

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

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about CLICKBAIT

Clickbait is a controversial online marketing strategy which uses sensationalist (and frequently misleading) headlines to encourage engagement with an article, image or video – often paying out users’ emotions and curiosity, while much of the actual content is of questionable accuracy. Clickbait is also sometimes used to disguise scams, phishing sites and malware.

HARMFUL MISINFORMATION
Clickbait leads to grossly false and misleading information being spread. This can be particularly dangerous for younger internet users, who are particularly susceptible to misinformation. Examples of harmful misinformation include: 'toxic' social media influencers, conspiracy theories and 'toxic' news stories.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT
Due to the increasing nature of many examples of clickbait, when young users find themselves clicking on a link, they may be exposed to inappropriate content, such as pornography or harmful images or videos. This can be particularly dangerous for younger internet users, who are particularly susceptible to inappropriate content.

HIDDEN MALWARE
While most clickbait is simply trying to attract attention, some clickbait is designed to deliver malware to users. This can be particularly dangerous for younger internet users, who are particularly susceptible to malware.

ADVICE FOR PARENTS & EDUCATORS

- START A CONVERSATION**
The better informed children are, the better they will be able to protect themselves from clickbait. Parents and educators should have open conversations with children about clickbait and its risks.
- PROMOTE CRITICAL THINKING**
Encouraging children to question the legitimacy of sensational headlines and the quality of the content will help them to become more discerning and less likely to be misled by clickbait.
- SPOT THE TELLTALE SIGNS**
There are certain common elements in clickbait, including headlines and images that are designed to attract attention. Parents and educators should be able to spot these signs and help children to identify them.
- TAKE CONTROL**
Helping parents to set limits on how long their children can spend online will help them to become more discerning and less likely to be misled by clickbait.

50th Anniversary

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 the link below that will lead you to the notice page on their website:
<https://www.oltonfriary.org.uk/weekly-notices/>