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School Newsletter – 5

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To Live As Jesus Taught Us.

Dear Parents and Carers,
Welcome back to our new half term. We greatly look forward to the term ahead, as we begin to prepare our Advent journey together at the end of this month.

As November is traditionally the month of remembrance, within the Catholic Church we will have the opportunity to reflect and pray for those who are no longer with us. The children will take part in prayer services in remembrance of all our loved ones who have died. They will have opportunities to stop and say thank you for the incredible impact others have had and still have on their lives.

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.

Have a wonderful weekend,
Mr N Emery (Headteacher)

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 following this link: <https://primarysite-produced.s3.amazonaws.com/compassion/UploadedDocument/478127e1-923f-4da4-8788-819283a4d2f5/care-and-behaviour-policy-september-2023.pdf>.

Hopefully, you have heard all about the raffle tickets that children have been getting at the start of this half-term – it has certainly gone down a treat!

Wednesday Word



Wisdom is a gift from God which helps us to see things more clearly and make the right choices in life. In this Sunday's Gospel, five bridesmaids were sensible and wise. The other five were foolish – they were unprepared. The wise bridesmaids' brightly lit lamps – filled with oil – can remind us of the light the bridesmaids brought into the world through their faith and good work. The bridegroom represents Jesus and the wedding feast represents the kingdom of heaven. Because of their wisdom, the five sensible bridesmaids prepared well for the wedding and experienced all the joys of the wedding feast, that is, the joys of the kingdom of heaven.

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

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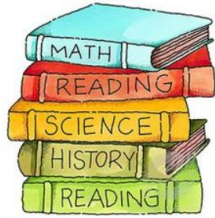
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Friary Events

Below you will find a set of exciting events that are taking place at the Olton Friary over the coming months; if you would like any further information about these, please feel free to contact Mrs Hornsey or the Friary:

- 17th November - Friary Christmas Market starts 6.30pm in the Friary Hall.
- 24th November - Wreath making at the Friary. 6-8pm, £25 per person.
- 2nd December School and Parish Christmas fayre at OLC'S Hall. Children's choir will be singing.
- 8th December - Polar Express tickets available on Fridays at school gate. This was a much-loved sell out event last year.
- 16th December Parish - Carol concert. Children welcome to join children's choir; they sing at 9.00am Mass on a Sunday.
- Christmas Day 9.00am Mass - if your child would like a part in the Nativity, please let the catechist know at 9.00am Mass.

Working Together Meetings



If you have not had chance to access the WTM PowerPoints or were unable to attend the WTM in the last half-term, you can find these using the following link: <https://www.olc.solihull.sch.uk/working-together-meetings-information/>. Please do familiarise yourselves with this information so that you can offer support to your child and keep up to date with the expectations for the school year.

RHE

Relationship, and Health Education (RHE) became a statutory subject for all schools some 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 across the school year.

Contact Details



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

Winter Uniform



As a reminder, we now ask that children wear their winter uniform. The school uniform policy can be found by following this link: <https://www.olc.solihull.sch.uk/school-uniform/>

Christmas Fayre Information

We are excited to announce the school will be hosting the Christmas Fayre on the 2nd December 12pm-3pm. We are excited to be able to enjoy this event with you, including Father Christmas, Teddy Tombola, Bottle stall, Raffle, Snowball Alley, Christmas crafts, Toy Stall, food and drinks to enjoy.

The children's Choir from the Friary will also do a special performance.

If you are having a clear out in the coming weeks, please consider donating any good quality toys, unwanted gifts, raffle prizes ect that would be suitable for the fayre. These can be taken to the school reception.

Your child should have brought home a book of raffle tickets before half term. Please can you complete the small stub with your information - you can keep the tickets. Then put the correct amount in a sealed envelope with your child's name and class on. There is a box at the gate where you can leave your tickets in the morning at drop-off and the afternoon at pick-up. If you would like any extra tickets, please ask in reception. Tickets and cash can be left there too.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Mobile Phones

As a reminder, mobile phones should only be brought into school by 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.

School App



So that you can keep up to date with events and communication from school, please make sure that if you change your contact number, you inform the office so that we have the correct details on our records. You will also need to download the School App again to your phone. We also advise that you sign up to the School App to receive full access rather than guest access so that you can also receive class information. Please contact the school office if you require support with this.

Parents' Evening Mtgs

We look forward to our Parent Meetings taking place next week, where you will have the opportunity to hear about your child's academic 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 the evenings.

Anti-Bullying Week



Anti-Bullying week will be taking place from the 13th November; the theme this year is MAKE A NOISE ABOUT BULLYING. The week will begin with the annual Odd Socks Day on Monday 13th November, when children are invited to wear odd socks to school.

Children in Need

On Friday, 17th November, children can wear non-uniform and come dressed in attire that has spots on 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 raised will be in aid of the children's hospital in Birmingham. All donations are to be paid directly to ParentPay.

Nursery Admission 2023/24

If you are interested in places for 2023/24 for your child to begin with us in Nursery, please contact the school office.

Dates for 2023/24

11.11.23 – Remembrance Day
12.11.23 – Diwali
13.11.23 – Anti-bullying Week
15.11.23 – Parents' Evening
16.11.23 – Parents' Evening
16.11.23 – Drop Everything and Read Day
17.11.23 – Children in Need
17.11.23 – Sweets and Chocolate Donations for Christmas Fayre
20.11.23 – Road Safety Week
20.11.23 – World Children's Day
24.11.23 – World Science Day
24.11.23 – Bottle Donations for Christmas Fayre
30.11.23 – St. Andrew's Day
1.12.23 – Cake donations for Christmas Fayre
1.12.23 – FS1 Nursery Application deadline for 2024/25
1.12.23 – FS2 Nativity – 9.20am
2.12.23 – Christmas Fayre at OLC
3.12.23 – Advent begins
4.12.23 – Stay and Pray (FS) Reception @ 9.15am
5.12.23 – Stay and Pray (KS1) - Years 1 and 2 @ 9.15am
6.12.23 – Stay and Pray (LKS2) - Years 3 and 4 @ 9.15am
7.12.23 – Stay and Pray (UKS2) Years 5 and 6 @ 9.15am
8.12.23 – FS1 Nativity – 9.20am
13.12.23 – Last Swimming Session for Class 6B
15.12.23 – Christmas Jumper Day
15.12.23 – KS1 Carols – 9.30am
15.12.23 – LKS2 Carols – 10.30am
15.12.23 – UKS2 Carols – 2.30pm
20.12.23 – Christmas Dinner Day
21.12.23 – Party Day
21.12.23 – Whole School Theatre performance at School
22.12.23 – Toy Day
22.12.23 – School open for last day of term

Samaritan's Purse Appeal



Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Samaritan's Purse, Operation Christmas Child (Shoe box appeal). Your kind donations will certainly support those who are in need at Christmas.

OLTON FRIARY Friends of OLC

Christmas Fayre

Come to See Me!
Ho! Ho! Ho!
SANTA'S GROTTO

ENTRANCE
£1
ADULTS

RAFFLE
BOTTLE TOMBOLA
GAMES
CHRISTMAS CRAFTS
TOYS
CAKES
FOOD
FANCY GOODS

COME AND JOIN US AT OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FAYRE. EVERYONE WELCOME!
SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER
12PM - 3PM AT OLC SCHOOL



FOLC News The Giving Machine

The FOLC are excited to announce a wonderful fundraising opportunity in continuing to raise money for several projects across the school. To get involved all it requires you to do is to set up a Giver account on The Giving Machine and click on the retailer link you want to shop at. The purchases you make then generate a donation which will show on your account summary once processed by The Giving Machine. For further information, please visit: https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/causes/our-lady-of-compassion-rc-primary-school-friends-of-olc/?ct=t%28EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_school_newsletter_2021_04_29%29

These free donations to school, work by online shops who pay millions in sales commissions to other websites that direct shoppers to them (eg search engines and voucher code websites). At The Giving Machine they turn these commissions into donations for schools and charitable causes, at no extra cost to you.

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one issue of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

ONLINE FAIR PLAY

The Dos and Don'ts of Online Conduct

Alongside individual skill, impressive teamwork and some truly epic matches, one of the most enjoyable things about this summer's European football championships has been the sense of sportsmanship and fair play. Players have competed fiercely, but they've (mostly) remembered that they're representing their country – and that bad behaviour, dangerous play or outright cheating tends to last in people's memories for a long time after tournaments are over. The same is true of how we act online – one error of judgement or loss of control might only take a second, but can have results that are difficult to forget. Instead, just like the heroes of the Euros, we should aim for people to see us and feel proud and inspired. So, in a five-a-side line-up (with five "dos" and five "don'ts"), here are our top tips for playing fair online.



FAIR PLAY



1 Organise your defence

Use strong passwords to protect your personal information, accounts and data. A trusted adult, like a teacher or a relative, can help you choose one that's easy for you to remember but hard for anyone else to guess.



2 Keep possession

Only share personal information online with people you know well, like friends and family. A trusted adult will be able to help you change your online privacy settings so strangers can't find things out about you.



3 Use teamwork

Before you use a device for the first time or download a new app, always check with a trusted adult. They'll be able to check if it's safe for you to use and make sure the privacy settings are right for you.



4 Be respectful

Treat people online like you would treat them in real life. Remember your manners and be polite and kind in your posts, comments and messages.



5 Catch attackers offside

If someone is trying to bully you online, a trusted adult can help you to gather evidence and report that person to the authorities. You should also tell a trusted adult if you see anything online that makes you feel worried, upset, frightened or sad.



FOUL PLAY



1 Don't ignore possible danger

Never accept a friend request from a stranger. If somebody you don't know tries to contact you online, tell a trusted adult straight away.



2 Don't lose control & retaliate

Although it can be tempting, it's best not to respond if someone attempts to bully you online or sends you hurtful messages. Tell a trusted adult what happened, and then block the person from contacting you again in future.



3 Don't hurt people deliberately

It's important to behave online just like you would in real life. Don't post anything that can make you look like a bad person, because the things we put online can stay there for a long time.



4 Don't cheat your way to victory

Don't copy another person's work that you found online or pretend that it's yours. This is called plagiarism and can get you into a lot of trouble.



5 Don't play for extra time

It can be easy to spend too much time online. Instead, take a break to go outside for some fresh air and exercise. Not using your device just before bed will also help you get a good night's sleep so you can be fresh and focused the next day.

