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School Newsletter – 4

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To Live As Jesus Taught Us.

Dear Parents and Carers,



Every day at OLC brings much joy to us all. Last week I was greeted with a surprise visit from some of our children from FS1 (Nursery) who were keen to share with me their learning about the Rosary. To my delight, they were able to tell me how they can use the Rosary to say their prayers. They then proceeded to show me the wonderful beads that they had used to create their Rosary beads. Thank you children for making the day so special and thank you also to all our children who continue to fill our school with happiness and love.

We would like to remind you all that our last day of the term is next Thursday 26th October - school is closed on Friday 27th October for a teacher training day.

Have a wonderful weekend,
Mr N Emery (Headteacher)

Wednesday Word



“The heart that knows how to say ‘thank you’ is a good heart, it is a heart that is content.”

Pope Francis

This Sunday’s Gospel reminds us how we can live happier lives by giving God what is due to him - our gratitude! Being grateful to God puts us in the right frame of mind. It is good for our well-being and helps us to be happy in life.

“In all created things recognise the care and wisdom of God, and give him thanks.”

Teresa of Avila

Saying ‘thank you’ to God (at anytime throughout the day) is a great way for us to show our gratitude. It is good for us to be grateful to God for the blessings of his love, for our lives, our talents, our families, our school and for the love of those around us. How do we show God that we are grateful? Who else will you remember to show gratitude to in these coming weeks? Perhaps a parent or carer, a family member, a teacher or a friend. How will you do this (e.g. with kind words, a thank you note, a prayer, a gift, or by offering help)?

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Year 6 Retreat



Thank you to Emily from OneLife Music for joining us on Thursday and leading our Year 6 Retreat as they prepare for their Confirmation in February 2024.

Buddies

Thank you to the FS and UKS2 team for the wonderful Buddies Service that took place today, Friday 20th October, in the School Hall. The Buddies’ journey has certainly begun and will flourish across our school year as the friendships grow and they support each other on the faith journey.



Christmas Fayre



The Parish and School Christmas Fayre will take place on Saturday 2nd December. In preparation for the Fayre, please let the school office know if you would like to donate any prizes or hampers for the Raffle so that they can inform the FOLC. Further information regarding donations for the fayre will be sent through the next newsletters and School App.

Cost of Living



Lk 16:19-31 Jesus said to the Pharisees:

"There was a rich man who dressed in purple garments and fine linen and dined sumptuously each day. And lying at his door was a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores who would gladly have eaten his fill of the scraps that fell from the rich man's table..." In this bible reading we are asked to think about the inequalities of life. Some families are struggling with the cost of living increases - it is now more than ever that we should look in our cupboards to see what we can spare. If you are struggling at this moment and you would like a food parcel or support with uniform, or you know someone who would appreciate a food parcel or support with uniform, please speak in confidence to Mr Emery or Mrs Vella.

ParentPay



As we come to end of a half-term we ask that any arrears on your ParentPay account are addressed so that your accounts do not fall into deficit. However, if for some a reason you are unable to settle your deficit, please do inform us so that we can support you.

Online Safety #Wake Up Wednesday

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

12 Top Tips for USING GENERATIVE AI IN THE CLASSROOM

Since the launch of ChatGPT in late 2022, the education community has already begun to see the enormous potential of generative AI as a tool for planning, organising, content creation and learning support. The problem? The technology is accelerating so fast that many teachers have no idea how to begin making the most of it. Our guide to 12-ChatGPT tips could help you to start integrating AI into your classroom for the coming academic year.

ASK WHAT IT NEEDS
With ChatGPT, you could begin by asking yourself a range of history queries to provide the best response. To generate the best results, you need to act as a history teacher. Ask to provide the relevant period and provide the relevant year and year level. First of all, tell me what you need to know from the material. Then, generate a differentiated scheme of work.

WHAT IS GENERATIVE AI?
Generative AI encompasses the family of artificial intelligence which are capable of creating content. This includes image-generation models such as ChatGPT and Google Bard, text-to-image diffusion models including Midjourney and DALL-E 2, audio, and video, and music-focused software such as Google's MusicLM.

THINK BEYOND 'THE NORM'
ChatGPT is an app which uses AI to generate responses, which helps to tone and might of text, some options are available. However, it is important to remember, both would be worthwhile resources for your school. However, both would be worthwhile resources for your school. However, both would be worthwhile resources for your school.

START BROAD AND ZOOM IN
If you ask ChatGPT to give you a fully differentiated set of lessons, you will receive a list of lessons from just one perspective. You need to be more specific. Start broad and zoom in. For example, you could ask for a lesson plan for a specific topic, then ask for a lesson plan for a specific topic, then ask for a lesson plan for a specific topic.

ROLES HELP TO TACKLE TASKS
Because language models like ChatGPT can't handle pictures, they're good at organising. Asking it to describe a picture, such as a painting, will likely make its output easier to read. You can use this to help you to create a lesson plan for a specific topic. You will take the role of an expert. You will take the role of an expert. You will take the role of an expert.

CREATE 'CHARACTER BOTS'
You can create your own chat bots for your classroom. You can create your own chat bots for your classroom. You can create your own chat bots for your classroom.

AVOID PLAGIARISM DETECTORS
When looking to using AI-generated content as they own's, it's important to check for plagiarism. When looking to using AI-generated content as they own's, it's important to check for plagiarism.

TRY THE OPEN AI PLAYGROUND
On platforms like OpenAI, you can try the OpenAI Playground. On platforms like OpenAI, you can try the OpenAI Playground.

DIFFERENT TOOLS FOR DIFFERENT JOBS
ChatGPT is impressive, but it's not the only tool in the box. When looking to using AI-generated content as they own's, it's important to check for plagiarism.

TAILOR YOUR RESOURCES
When exploring a topic with ChatGPT, you can tailor your resources. When exploring a topic with ChatGPT, you can tailor your resources.

Meet Our Expert
National Online Safety #WakeUpWednesday

School Photographs



On Thursday 26th October, we will be having individual photographs of the children. All children are to wear their school uniform on the day; any classes that would usually have PE are to bring their PE kit to change into before their PE lesson.

Pupil Voice

Following on from their elections, our school representatives are now all in place. To viwe our pupil voice, please follow this link: <https://www.olc.solihull.sch.uk/topic/children>. Children from each group will be meeting with Mr Brennan next week to discuss how OLC can become an even better place for our children.

Winter Uniform



After the October half-term break, we 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/>



We are looking forward to our Open Day in November where we will have the opportunity to meet prospective parents who are looking for a school place for their child for September 2024. We will be holding the Open Day on 7th November at 5pm, in the school hall.

Secondary Applications

The closing date for secondary school 2024 applications is 31st October. Solihull residents should apply using the online portal at www.solihull.gov.uk/pp. Applications received after the closing date will not be processed until after the offers are made in March. Applying late will affect the offer you can expect to receive. For residents outside of the borough, please contact your home authority to submit an application.

Dates for 2023/24



26.10.23 – School open for last day of the October half-term
26.10.23 – School Photographs
27.10.23 – INSET Day – School Closed to pupils
31.10.23 – Closing date for Secondary Applications
1.11.23 – All Saints’ Day – Holy Day of Obligation
6.11.23 – School reopens for Autumn Term 2
7.11.23 – FS1/FS2 Open Day – 5pm
9.11.23 – Y6 Trip to St Chad’s
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
20.11.23 – Road Safety Week
20.11.23 – World Children’s Day
24.11.23 – World Science Day
30.11.23 – St. Andrew’s Day
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 closes for Christmas Holidays

Nursery Admission 2023/24

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

Parking

Thank you to all the parents/carers who ensure the safety of our children by parking responsibly when dropping their children off and collecting them from school. As a reminder, the road outside school (Kineton Green Road) has parking restrictions as have many roads in the area; these restrictions are that no cars are able to park on this road between 8.30am to 9.30am in the morning and 3pm to 4pm in the afternoon, Monday to Friday.



This is to ensure that the traffic can flow smoothly, pedestrians can use the pavement safely, and the crossing patrol warden (Lucy) has a clear view of the road.



We ask you to keep the pathways clear between these times so that they are fully accessible to pedestrians and parents with buggies are not obstructed by cars parking on the pathway.



As a reminder there should be no stopping or parking on the yellow zig zag lines. If a parking officer is present, this is an automatic fine.



Parking opposite Gunn’s Way also restricts pedestrians walking by and prevents the flow of traffic coming out of Gunn’s Way.

Once again, we thank everyone who already abides by all of the above and puts the safety of their children first rather than saving a few minutes in the morning. We are sure we can all play our part and make a few changes to our parking habits and set an example to our children.

We ask that this information is also shared with any relatives or friends who may also help with the drop off and collecting of your child(ren).



After many years of service and dedication, we thank the members of the FOLC who have stepped down from the committee, and in doing so, passed the baton onto a new team that will continue to organise community events across our school calendar for the school year. We therefore pass on our thanks and praise to Mrs Corrigan and Mrs Randall for all the memories that they created for our children in supporting to raise much needed funds for the school.

Following on from Tuesday’s extraordinary meeting, we are pleased to announce the continuation of the FOLC and a committee of eleven old and new members, alongside several new ‘FOLC Helping Hands’: Mrs Maguire, Mrs Matthews, Mrs Gilmartin and Mrs Kamuli, was established. Thank you to Mrs Fennell and Mrs Payne who have been elected as co-chair, Mrs Fennelly as Treasurer and Mrs Hill as Secretary. Mrs Hunt (who has agreed to continue on the committee for a further year), alongside Mrs Monington, Mrs Clarke, Mrs Ene, Mrs Chaplin, Mrs Hornsey, Mr Mableson, Mr Travasso and Mrs Vernall who now make up the FOLC Committee.

We would like to give a special mention to Mrs Hornsey for her support during the meeting and continuing to ensure our parish links continue to flourish and also all of the parents that may not have been elected but work very busily in the background supporting the FOLC and any events.

The FOLC class representatives for events are:

FS1: Mr Travasso
FS2: Mrs Payne, Mrs Ene, Mr Mableson
Y1: Ms Fennell, Mrs Hornsey, Mrs Vernall
Y2: Mrs Chaplin
Y3: Mrs Fennell, Mrs Payne
Y4: Mrs Clarke, Mrs Hornsey
Y5: Mrs Monington
Y6: Mrs Hunt, Mrs Clarke, Mrs Payne