Christ is the centre of our school community, where we live, love and learn together
Friday 12th July 2019

Prayer Focus for Summer Term – Please say these prayers every day at home with your child

**EYFS Focus**
(Nursery/Reception)
Act of Faith, Hope and Love

**Jesus, I believe in you.**
**Jesus, I hope in you.**
**Jesus, I love you.**
Amen

**Evening Prayer (KS1 Focus)**
God our Father I come to say,
Thank you for your love today,
Thank you for my family and
all the friends you give to me.
Guard me in the dark of night
and in the morning send your
light.
Amen

**The Memorae (KS2 Focus)**
Remember, O most loving Virgin Mary, that it is a
thing unheard of, that anyone ever had recourse
to your protection, implored your help or sought
your intercession and was left forsaken. Filled,
therefore, with confidence in your goodness I fly
to you, O Mother, Virgin of virgins. To you I come,
before you I stand a sorrowful sinner. Despise not
my poor words, O Mother of the word of God, but
graciously hear and grant my prayer. Amen.

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**School Mass and Catholic Life**
The next school Mass will take place on Friday 19th July at 9.15
am. This is our Year 6 leavers Mass where they give thanks for their
time at OLOL and look forward with hope and excitement to the
next step in their faith and learning journey.

**Upcoming Events and News**

- Please practice the Angelus prayer at home with your children so
  that it becomes familiar to them (Year 2 – 6)
- Great news this week about the canonization of Blessed John
  Henry Newman, scheduled for 13th October – OLOL will certainly
  be celebrating this exciting event! I am rather excited to say that
  the Governors have given permission for me to attend the
  Canonisation Mass in St Peter’s Square, Rome to celebrate this
  historic event (the first English person alive since the 17th Century
  to be canonised) – as ever I shall tweet the adventure so that our
  whole school community can share the experience…
- Please join us for Benediction on 16th July with children from St
  Claire’s House Team – starting at 2.45 pm in the Sacred Heart
  Chapel
- Please remember to complete your consents and medical sheets
  and return them to the school office before the end of term to
  secure a place for your child on our 2020 Pilgrimage to Lourdes.
  Flights and hotels will be booked based on these numbers.

*Our Lady of Lourdes, Pray for us*

**Attendance – Well done to Year 3, Beech Class 😊**
One week to go – can you increase your attendance by being in school and on time everyday next week? Do your best!

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These children are great role models of acceptable behaviour and responsibility and help pupils with their 2 hours of physical activity each day – keep up the good work! 😊

Bronze Ambassadors & Play Leader News

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Congratulations to all children celebrating their birthdays this week – Happy Birthday to you!

Eco Team Tip – Challenge yourself to refuse single use plastic in a shop or café? It could be a straw, Happy Meal toy or plastic bag #waronplastic

Class Teachers for September 2019
- Year N: Miss Grant
- Year R: Mrs Patrick
- Year 1: Mrs Austin/Mrs Carbery
- Year 2: Mrs Glemska
- Year 3: Mrs Creegan/Mrs Webb
- Year 4: Mrs Larkin/Mr Woollard
- Year 5: Miss Molloy
- Year 6: Miss Kenny

Uniform for September
We return to winter uniform from 3rd September so please ensure that your child is wearing their collared shirt (long or short sleeves are acceptable) and a school tie. Children should not be wearing the old school ties with red stripes, as we have not been issuing those ties since 2016. If your child is still wearing this old attendance prize we would ask you to change it for the correct school tie from September please. They will be asked to remove it, if it is worn in school.

Sensible black formal school shoes (not trainers) are required for day to day wear. KS1 pupils may wear their polo shirt as part of winter clothing but if they chose to wear a collared shirt, it must have a tie. Hair must be tied up, plaed or in a bun for girls for health and safety reasons and to prevent (if not stop), the spread of head lice (ties in school colours please). Rules about hair, jewellery and make up have not changed so please check the website if you are unsure.

Parent Consultation
Annual reports have now been issued to parents. Teachers will be available for one hour only on Tuesday 15th July for any parent who wishes to discuss aspects of the report.

More Goodbyes...
Next week we will say goodbye to Mrs Kearns who has been in a temporary job share with Mrs Austin in Year 1, Miss Kobic who has been with us since January in Year 4 and Mr Holt who has been with us for 11 weeks in Year 5. I hope parents will join with me in thanking them for their service to our school community. Supply teaching is a very difficult job but all 3 teachers have worked long hours and ensured that they did the whole job at OLOL and not just covering the classes. On behalf of the Governing Body, staff and children I would like to thank these teachers for their hard work and commitment to our school.

Punctuality
From September, we will be closely monitoring late arrivals in the morning. We open the school gates at 8.30 am and the main school door at 8.35 am so that children are in their classes ready to learn at 8.40 am. School lessons therefore officially start at 8.40 am. School lessons therefore officially start at 8.40 am and later are missing key maths and grammar work each morning. Thank you.

Homework
We are making a slight change to homework from September...
- Pupils will still be expected to do daily reading, spelling and either times tables or number bonds depending on what class they are in
- In September each class will then receive a Homework Challenge list for the term – the list will have 13 activities (1 for every week except the first and last of Autumn Term)
- Activities will all have a clear link with their curriculum for the term so doing them will give your child a head start
- Children will be invited to do activities from the list in any order but only 1 per week
- Children who complete a task and hand it in (or tweet what they have done – more info to follow!) will get a raffle ticket for entry into an end of term draw
- Each class will have one winner and that child will receive a substantial prize to share with their family
- The more you do, the more chance of winning! 😊
Golden Book Awards
Well done to the following children who have impressed their teachers with their work, behaviour or attitude to learning.
Golden Lunch with Mrs David on Monday 🥰

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Please note Father Sean is having extensive renovation on the Parish Centre over the coming months and this may cause disruption to the car parks and access at certain times.

**Behaviour towards Staff**
I am sorry to be writing this in our newsletter but after a few weeks of what I deem to be unnecessary reactions from some parents, I feel it is important to set out this school’s position.

The staff at OLOL work tirelessly for the good of the children, parish and wider families that we serve. From school open to close – and the hours after that, my staff are doing everything expected of them and more to ensure we provide an excellent spiritual and academic provision. This is at all levels of the staff team.

In accordance with our parent code of conduct, no matter what contact you have with staff at OLOL, the Governors and I expect courtesy and respect. I do not expect you to always agree with the decisions we make but be assured that being rude, aggressive or disrespectful to me or my staff will have zero persuasive impact on your argument.

**Any decisions made at this school are for the good of this school or in line with agreed policies.**

I want to thank the vast majority of our parents who treat the staff appropriately – we are here to work together. The impact on the wellbeing of my staff is significant when they receive a rude telephone call, letter, email or in person discussion. Please remember that my staff have to work with the children and their emotional wellbeing depends on my staff being emotionally well too. Thank you for your support.

**School Visit to Stratford**
We are looking forward to our whole school visit. Let’s hope that the weather holds! The school trip to Stratford will take place on Thursday 18th July – please ensure that your child is in school on time with:
- Their lunch (unless we are providing it)
- Their school water bottle
- Sun Cream in case it is needed
- 1 small rucksack to carry their belongings
- A waterproof (the weather is a little unpredictable at the moment)
Travel sickness tablet should be taken at home 1 hour before the visit (or according to the instructions on the pack) and any return journey medication handed to staff directly. Thank you.

**RE Tasks for the week…**
Lourdes consent and medical forms for our school pilgrimage next summer must be returned by 19th July – the payment schedule will start in September.
Year 5, please be on time for Inscription Mass this Sunday, 11.00 am in school uniform 😊

Diary Dates | Events (Please check as this list will update weekly) | Time
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14th July | • Confirmation Inscription Mass for all Year 5 pupils – Please be at Mass by 10.45 am in full school uniform | 11.00 am
15th July | • Parent Consultation Hour – staff will be available without appointment (first come, first served drop in session) to discuss annual reports (Year 1 will be rearranged and Year 5 will not be available) | 3.30–4.30 only
17th July | • Year 2 and Key Stage 2 Sports Day – West Midlands Transport Ground  
• Year 6 Leavers Play | 9.30 approx
6.00 pm
18th July | • Whole School End of Year Visit to Stratford | All Day
19th July | • Year 6 Leavers Mass – please join us for this very special celebration  
• School closes for the Summer Holiday | 9.15 am
2.00 pm
2nd Sept | • INSET DAY – Pupils do not attend school today | All Day
3rd Sept | • First Day of Autumn Term for Y1 – 6 Pupils – Gates open at 8.30 am | 8.30 am

**A Word from Pope Francis**
“To live as the true children of God means to love our neighbour. Like the Good Samaritan, let us try to heal those who suffer.”

**St Benedict 11th July 2019**

Golden Lunch with Mrs David on Monday 😊
New Boilers
This summer we will be having new boilers installed at school. The work will start in the first week of the summer holidays and continue until the end of September. When your child returns to school certain parts of the building and playground will be out of bounds. These zones will be clearly cordoned off and signed but parents must pay due care and attention when dropping and collecting children. The bike storage area will be one of the zones out of bounds but children will still be able to bring bikes and scooters which will be stored in an alternate space.

New arrival…
Congratulations to Freddie and his family in Year 1 – twins Caleb and Maley joined the family recently.

Nursery and Reception 2019
Thank you to the families that came into school for Nursery and Reception induction this week. We welcome established and new families to our Catholic Community of faith and learning.

Fruit
Children in Key Stage 2 (Years 3 – 6) are allowed to bring a piece of fruit from home for a playtime snack.

SATs Club 2019
Year 5 pupils have received letters inviting them to join a SATs Club from September run by Mrs Lynch and myself. Please return slips by the end of term so we can be organised and plan ahead for the sessions. Thank you.

Westminster Cathedral
I am still waiting for some feedback sheets from children who came to Mass at Westminster Cathedral – if your child has not completed their form please could it be done this weekend and returned on Monday.

Year 4 Visit to London
Staff are looking at arranging a visit to London for pupils who will be in Year 4 from September. The visit will include an opportunity to go to the Houses of Parliament, Westminster Cathedral, St George’s Cathedral in Southwark (where some of St Oscar Romero’s relics are housed) as well as a few fun museums etc. Now clearly this packed schedule means we would like to do an overnight stay so in September we will be sending out a letter to see how many families would be happy for us to do an overnight London trip with two days of activities or one day with fewer. More details to follow…

Sports Day
Thank you to the very large number of parents that came for EYFS and Year 1 Sports Day this week – the children were super! The weather held and they had such good fun. Your support was fantastic!

Our Year 2 – Year 6 Sports Day will take place next Wednesday from 9.30 am approx. at the West Midland’s Transport Ground. Parents are very welcome to meet us at the grounds to watch, support and join in. It is easier for staff if parents do not walk up with us – we are sorry for this but it can cause a distraction for children who want to be with their parent instead of listening to their teacher’s instructions. Please make sure that your child has their full PE kit (with trainers due to the terrain) and their school water bottle. We would ask parents not to purchase any food and drinks for their children at the transport ground. Children will be eating lunch on their return to school and should have a water bottle with them.

Outstanding Bills
It is very important that parents clear all outstanding balances on lunch accounts and After School/Breakfast Club over the next week. Monies owing roll over to the new school year and so it means your September balance will not start at £0. This does create confusion for some parents trying to remember how monies have become added to the accounts. In these days of financial difficulties for schools, any debts on accounts cause problems for the running off the school. I would appreciate prompt settlement please.

GOOD IS NEVER ACCOMPLISHED EXCEPT AT THE COST OF THOSE WHO DO IT, TRUTH NEVER BREAKS THROUGH EXCEPT THROUGH THE SACRIFICE OF THOSE WHO SPREAD IT.”

BLESSED JOHN HENRY NEWMAN