Christ is the centre of our school community, where we live, love and learn together
Friday 13th December 2019

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

**End of Day Prayer (KS1 Focus)**
God Our Father,
We 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 Angelus (Y2/KS2 Focus for Fridays)**
The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary
• And she conceived of the Holy Spirit. Hail Mary...
Behold the handmaid of the Lord
• Be it done to me according to thy word. Hail Mary...
And the Word was made flesh
• And dwelt among us. Hail Mary...
Pray for us O Holy Mother of God
• That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ
Let us pray. Pour forth we beseech thee O Lord, thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the incarnation of Christ, thy son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by his passion and cross be brought to the glory of his resurrection, through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen

School Mass and Catholic Life
Our next scheduled School Mass will take place on Thursday 19th December at 9.15 am, led by children from each year group. We hope that you will be able to join us.

Upcoming Events
• This half term our focus Jesuit Virtues are Attentive and Discerning. Certificates will be awarded to this half terms role models in our final assembly of the term next Friday
• Our World Gifts sponsored event took place today in each class. Thank you in advance for any sponsorship money or donations raised to support our global family in faith – please ensure that all monies collected are dropped into the school office by Friday 10th January (or sooner if possible)
• I hope that you will have seen our new religious art additions on Twitter this week. Our new icon in the school hall and out new 9 metre stained glass effect that should be visible to you from the school playground. Thank you to TwoThirds for helping bring our continuing vision for the physical signs of our Catholicity to come to life
• Family Prayer continued yesterday morning with a look at the life and relevance of St Lucy during the Season of Advent. Next Thursday we will focus on another Advent Saint – can you guess which one? Thank you to our regular attenders. Please join us and prepare for the coming of the Lord!
• Next week will be busy with
  o Year R and 1 Nativity for Acorns Parents on Wednesday 18th December at 2.30 pm
  o Year R and 1 Nativity for Elm Parents on Thursday 19th December at 2.30 pm
  o Carol Concert – Year 2 to 6 on Friday 20th December at 1.15 pm

**Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us.**

Attendance
Well done to Oak Class ☺ Well done to children who achieved 100% attendance this week – prizes will be issued on Monday

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**Own It App**
The Own It app helps children to make smart choices when using their mobiles. It offers advice and increases confidence in doing the right thing. The app provides its own keyboard that highlights messages that may not be appropriate and/or safe. It also tracks the emotional wellbeing of a child and gives advice about seeking support if necessary. All information is kept private and never leaves the app. This app can be downloaded from Google Play or Apple app store and is easy to use. Adults can also download the app to test it out first. For more information visit: https://www.bbc.com/ownit/take-control/own-it-app.

**Reception Class 2020**
Parents of Nursery children wishing to apply for a place in Reception Class next year need to make sure that they have their online application completed by 15\(^{th}\) January. In addition, you will need to complete a supplementary application with the school. Please note that practising Catholics will need to arrange the Certificate of Catholic Practise directly with the presbytery and not through the school by the same date (i.e. 15\(^{th}\) January) and then pass the certificate to us.

**Building & Grounds Manager**
Following interviews on Thursday, we are pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Maye to the post of Building and Grounds Manager starting in January 2020. We would like to thank all who applied for the post, for showing an interest in working at OLOL.

**Homework Challenges**
Thank you to children and parents for joining in with this terms homework challenges so enthusiastically – a great way to extend their classroom learning. If you have completed ALL of your challenges, your teacher will pass me your name for a prize draw next Friday afternoon 😊

**Christmas Dinner**
Christmas dinner for children and staff will take place on Thursday 19\(^{th}\) December. If your child would like a Christmas dinner, and they are normally on sandwiches, please book and pay at the school office by Monday at the latest.

**Eco Tip**
As we continue our school initiatives supporting Laudato Si, join us in trying to do your small bit to help care for our common home...Think about regifting rather than buying if you have presents that you do not need. Someone will love what you do not want!

**Family Prayer**
Please join us again in the Season of Advent for our morning family prayer sessions. Our last Advent session will take place on Thursday 19\(^{th}\) December at 8.25 am in the school hall.

**Online Safety**
Our latest OLOL Safeguarding newsletter will be issued to parents with today’s newsletter but EYFS and KS1 parents may also want to have a look at this link for online safety guidance for our youngest children. https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/professionals/resources/jessie-and-friends/

**Altar Servers**
All OLOL Altar Servers should attend the Parish Mass on 26\(^{th}\) December (St Stephen’s Feast Day) to celebrate the work of the Guild to which Altar Servers belong and to remember the activity of St Stephen as a Deacon in the early Church. This Mass is a celebration of their Service and we hope that all servers attend with their families.

**OLOL Parish Events**
Service of Reconciliation: 19\(^{th}\) Dec 7.30 pm
Confessions: 21\(^{st}\) Dec
- 10.45 am – 12.00 pm
- 5.15 – 5.45 pm
4\(^{th}\) Sunday in Advent: 22\(^{nd}\) Dec
- Vigil Mass on 21\(^{st}\) Dec at 6.00 pm
- 22\(^{nd}\): Mass at 9.00 am and 11.00 am
Advent Carol Service: 22\(^{nd}\) Dec 6.00 pm
Christmas Eve Mass: 24\(^{th}\) Dec
- 9.00 am
- 11.00 am
Christmas Day Mass: 25\(^{th}\) Dec
- 9.00 am
- 11.00 am
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 ☺

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A Word from Pope Francis: “Dear friends, let us keep the faith we have received and which is our true treasure.”

3rd Sunday in Advent
15th December 2019

Diary Dates
Events
Time
15th Dec
- 3rd Sunday in Advent
- Staff Advent Retreat with Dan Callow
16th Dec
3.30 pm
17th Dec
- Christmas Pantomime whole school visit (Pupils not attending the Pantomime are expected in school as usual)
  - Reception - Year 6 - Children attending Robin Hood Pantomime at the Core Theatre, leaving shortly after 9 am. ALL Children will have party food together when they return to school. Y3-Y6 are NOT to bring a packed lunch today. If you pay for school meals, the cost of this party food is £2.30. Children will have party games in the afternoon and a visit from Father Christmas. As the children are on a trip, they must wear school uniform. Children not attending the Pantomime will re-join their class for lunch.
  - Nursery Party Day. Children in nursery can wear own party clothes today and they will have party food during the morning cost of £2.00 per child. Father Christmas will visit nursery in the morning.
  All day
18th Dec
2.30 pm
19th Dec
- Year R Nativity (Acorns parents and friends)
  - Whole School Mass
  - Advent Family Prayer for Parents and Children
  - Christmas Jumper Day – own clothes and a Christmas jumper may be worn today with no donation. This is also Christmas Dinner Day. If your child usually has a packed lunch on this day and they would like to be included for the Christmas Dinner, please book and pay at the school office by Monday (there will be a vegetarian option).
  - Year 1 Nativity (Elm parents and friends)
  - 9.15 am
  - 8.25 am
  - All Day
20th Dec
2.30 pm
21st Dec
- Carol Service by Year 2 – 6
- Last day of term (No after school club available today)
- 1.15 pm
- 2.00 pm
22nd Dec
- 4th Sunday in Advent
- 8.40 am

6th Jan
- School reopens for Spring Term - Please bring back a clean and full PE kit for the half term today. School Gates open at 8.30 am, doors open at 8.35 am and lessons start at 8.40 am (Please be on time – your teacher plans for you from 8.40 am)
- 8.40 am
8th Jan
- Children’s Choice Lunch Menu – book at the office and pay on the Gateway
- LUNCH
### Sandwich Boxes

Please remember to follow the school policy on what snacks are allowed in lunchboxes. Chocolate is not allowed at all and will be taken and returned home via class teachers. We are guided quite clearly about the foods that are acceptable and Sandwich children cannot eat food items that dinner children are not allowed to eat. Tuesday is dessert day and so a treat can be included in lunchboxes on this day – a cake or suitable alternative. We do not want children to be upset by having incorrect items in their lunchbox so please use the lunchbox list of OK foods and help us to teach your children about healthy eating and balanced diet.

Staff are alerting me to the presence of nuts in some lunchboxes. We are a nut free school. It is important to ensure no nut contamination as we have a large number of children and staff with nut allergies that can be life threatening.

### Harry Potter Day

Thank you to the parents that really went all out for Harry Potter Day yesterday! We had so many wizards, a few Dobby the House Elf – with their socks, Dumbledore’s and a rather stunning mandrake plant with necessary ear protectors in Year R! The children and staff had a lovely day. Themed events are often very hard work for parents so we appreciate the time and effort taken to allow your children to share the fun. I will issue prizes for the best costumes on Monday.

### Dangerous Driving?

A member of the public using the Children’s Centre opposite our school telephoned last night to make a complaint about parking and driving. I want to be clear that there is no evidence that the driver was a parent of OLOL but just in case, I feel it worth sharing the events described. The complainant was pushing a buggy with a child inside when a driver parked on Trittiford Road pavement drove at her until she moved and then proceeded to drive on the pavement for quite some distance. It was a male driver; some of you may have witnessed it. The woman has taken video footage and details and has reported the incident to the Police so I suspect someone will be getting a visit from the local constabulary!