Christ is the centre of our school community, where we live, love and learn together

Friday 5th 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 Memorare (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. Despire 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 is planned for Thursday 11th July at 9.15 am. The staff will lead this Mass. Our Leavers Mass will take place on Friday 19th July at 9.15 am.

**Upcoming Events and News**

- Please practice the Angelus prayer at home with your children so that it becomes familiar to them (Year 2 – 6)
- Please note that there is an unscheduled school Mass next Thursday 11th July at 9.15 am (to replace the one, which was cancelled this Tuesday). Staff will be leading the Mass of the day and you are all very welcome to join us
- One week until our Summer Fayre. Each class should be busy collecting, making and planning their stalls by now. Parents will receive a letter asking for consent for some children to stay and run their stalls for the Fayre with their teachers (with some time off to go and have fun too!). Thank you to Miss Grant who has been organising, and all staff for their support to ensure it all goes well. We hope to see many of you there as we try to reduce plastic and raise money while working to save our Common Home (Laudato Si is living at OLOL) – Please keep the donations coming in!
- You should all have received a flyer about the Birmingham Celebrate Charismatic Conference at St Mary’s College, Oscott this weekend – there will be some great speakers and age appropriate facilities for children. Here is the booking link [https://www.celebrateconference.org/birmingham](https://www.celebrateconference.org/birmingham)
- Great news this week about the canonization of Blessed John Henry Newman, scheduled for 13th October – OLOL will certainly be celebrating this exciting event!
- The Annual Pilgrimage to the Diocesan Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes at Hednesford also takes place this weekend – Mass celebrated at 4.00 pm by Archbishop Bernard

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**Our Lady of Lourdes, Pray for us**

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**Attendance – Well done to Beech Class, Year 3 😊**

Let’s have a final push as we get towards the end of the school year to be in school, on time every day! Attendance certificates will be prepared in 1 week

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**Whole School Attendance this year**  
96.1%  
**School Target**  
97%
Bronze Ambassadors & Play Leader News

Silver Platinum

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! 😊

Eco Team Tip – Composting is an eco-project that is fun and functional. Starting a compost pile will show your kids how nature can come around full circle; you eat food, put compost-allowed food scraps into a pile and months later you have compost to add to soil, to grow more food.

Goodbyes
At the end of this term we will be saying goodbye to Miss Ballantyne, who leaves us after 11 years as our Pastoral Manager. Interviews for Miss Ballantyne’s successor will take place next week. We also say goodbye to Miss Madden who leaves us after 3 ½ years as class teacher. We thank them both for their hard work during their time at OLOL and wish them lots of success in their careers moving forward.

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. KS1 pupils may wear their polo shirt but if they chose to wear a collared shirt, it must have a tie. Rules about hair, jewellery and make up have not changed so please check the website if you are unsure.

Summer Fayre Stalls
One week to go – please help us with prizes and donations so that we can have an effective and fun afternoon. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

- Any bottles for the popular bottle stall from any class please
- Sweets without plastic wrappers from Year R and Year 6
- Stationery from Year 1, Year 2 & Year 4
- Jam jars from Year 3 (well over 100 already made by staff and parents, thank you!)
- Gifts for the Boutique stall
- Tickets for the wheelbarrow raffle go on sale from Monday 8th July

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- Year N: Miss Grant
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- Year 6: Miss Kenny

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

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Annual Reports to Parents
Annual reports will be issued to parents on Thursday 11th July. Could I remind parents that we will only hand over the report to a parent but if any are unable to collect on that evening the office will post reports that are still here at 4.30 pm.

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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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Mrs David
- Virtue/RE: Raising Begley
- Writing: Viktoria Mizera
- Spelling: George Jelley
- Handwriting: Mabel Flavin
- Maths: Jake Hurley
- Science: Mason Sparkes
- Attendance: Patrick Williams

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, we will see you at your Confirmation Preparation meeting on Tuesday 9th July at 6.45 pm

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 so children strolling in at 8.45 am and later are missing key maths and grammar work each morning. Thank you.

The next 100% focus week will be 8th – 12th July.
Can you be in school and on time everyday next week?
Last chance to win an attendance prize this year!

Mandarin Assistant
We are delighted to be welcoming HU Shuang from Liaoning Province. Shuang will join us from September 2019 to help us continue our Mandarin journey in school. She is an expert in traditional Chinese arts and calligraphy so we will offer this as a new club as well as Mandarin language from September.