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

Friday 19th July 2019

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

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<th>EYFS Focus (Nursery/Reception)</th>
<th>Evening Prayer (KS1 Focus)</th>
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<td>Act of Faith, Hope and Love</td>
<td>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.</td>
<td>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.</td>
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School Mass and Catholic Life
The first newsletter in the new school year will announce Catholic Life events and Masses for the term ahead

Upcoming Events and News
- Take a look at the Catholic Life pages on our school website as we come to the end of this year – they tell part of the story of why OLOL is such a special faith community. Each class has their own page and I have a whole school page. They are a lovely record of life at OLOL…
- Please join us on Friday 27th September for our annual Macmillan Coffee Morning in the school hall – as always we welcome donations of cakes and treats to sell so that we can raise money for this important charitable work. We will have our usual cake making competition (no nuts or nut products allowed in any cakes made or donated) with prizes for the top 3 entries!
- We welcome a new member to the OLOL family from September – Miss Popsys has been appointed as Pastoral Assistant and will take over Miss Ballantyne’s role. We know she will be a great addition to our team!
- The Parish and School have managed to raise a total of £4,124.40 for CAFOD World Gifts. This will purchase the Health Clinic £4,000, Water for three families and Tree for Life for three families. Fantastic fundraising! Well done.

Our Lady of Lourdes, Pray for us

Sea Life Centre
Congratulations to Ben Brueton in Year 5 – Ben’s name was drawn out of the hat for an additional prize left over from the summer fayre. Ben has won a ticket for 4 to the Sea Life Centre in Birmingham!

Summer Fayre
Thank you to everybody who supported our Summer Fayre last week. It was a huge success and raised £1,400 towards our school fund which will provide enrichment opportunities and the start of a new mini-bus fund.

Attendance – Well done to Year 3, Beech Class 😊
This week’s table shows attendance for the whole school year (not just this week’s results)

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Whole School Attendance this year | 96.34% | School Target | 97%
Eco Team Tip – Switch Off!
Remember to switch off all electrics that you are not using. This is a major way to reduce your carbon footprint...

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
No Golden Certificates today as we have had our big end of year assembly instead – congratulations to children that received a certificate today for attendance, being a leader in the school community etc. There are many opportunities and many ways at OLOL to be successful – what will you do next year?
Children will get their new merit books in September and can start gathering merits from good works.

Head Teacher Comment
What a wonderful year at OLOL! At this time of year, we look back on the successes and achievements over the last 12 months and it never ceases to amaze me what we manage to do in the time we have. Our school continues to go from strength to strength and to be the Head is a privilege that I am thankful for every day. Our final assembly this week was one of thanksgiving – an acknowledgement that God has given us these blessings (and sometimes difficulties) for a reason and we must thank Him every day. We talked about the importance of “thank you”. I shall lead by example and thank our families for their support this year. Our children must see us as a team around them. I want to thank the staff whose unwavering commitment and hard work makes it possible to lead our school as a faith and learning community. Thank you to our children – you make us proud every day! Have a fantastic summer break and see you all back in school on 3rd September. God Bless, Mrs David x

Thank you
The staff would like to thank parents and children for the gifts and cards they have received this week. As ever your generosity and kindness is appreciated immensely.

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, plaited 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.

Polite reminder that children should not be riding bikes or scooters on the school car park or playground before and after school. Please ask your child to get off their mode of transport and walk it into school.

Goodbye to Year 6 who will leave us today – we wish them happiness and success in their new schools, and we will keep them in our prayers. Thank you to Mrs Lynch, Miss Madden & Mrs Webb who worked so hard with them this year.

A Word from Pope Francis
“The world tells us to seek success, power and money; God tells us to seek humility, service and love.”

There will be no After School Activities during the first week of term so please ensure that children are collected on time. Children not collected on time will be sent to After School Club and this will be chargeable.

St Ignatius of Loyola
31st July 2019

Diary Dates | Events (Please check as this list will update weekly) | Time
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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

Congratulations to all children celebrating their birthdays over the summer holidays – Happy Birthday to you! Treats given in school!