

## Our Lady's Catholic Primary School Weekly Newsletter

"A place of learning – A community of Christ"

26<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Dear Parents,

I hope you had a great half term and a well - deserved rest. The big news this week is that from the 8<sup>th</sup> March - **School Is Back On!** That announcement couldn't have come soon enough. We are really looking forward to getting all the children back into school. I will send some further information about opening next week however most of the details will be the same as before Christmas. However, I know a few people have been asking about Breakfast and After-School clubs. These will be running as normal from the 8<sup>th</sup> March and we will start all the staff - run extra-curricular clubs after Easter.

There has been a lot of talk about "Catch up" in the media but I would urge you not to use that term at all as the children have made enough sacrifices already without being put under loads of pressure by paranoid adults. They are on a learning journey. In the last half term this journey may have been slower than normal but the likelihood is that the next half term will be faster than normal. This is the nature of learning and child development. As a school we will support any child who can't cope with the pace of learning when we return. So, I say to you again, as I've said many times — Don't panic. What they have really missed is being with their friends and I for one can't wait to see them all playing in the playground together.

This week is also the first week of Lent. Our focus has been **Pray, Stop and Go** which is a child friendly interpretation of this Gospel. Throughout Lent, our resources will encourage children to make their prayer life richer, to stop doing some things which in turn will free them to go out to others with acts of service. Please do ask your children about their Lent adventure and maybe you could join them in it. You can see a quick trailer here:

https://player.vimeo.com/video/254117076?app\_id=12296

Have a great weekend.

God bless,

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#### SHOP for OLS PTA – AVAILABLE VACANCY

The PTA would like to pass on our appreciation and gratitude to Annabel Grindley, who has served as our 'Shop for OLS' representative for 5 years!

We are now on the lookout for a volunteer who is able to commit to 5-10 hours per month, to oversee the day to day running of the scheme, in collaboration with Ray McCarthy who deals with the banking, accounting and record keeping.

WHY WE NEED YOU:

The scheme raises, on average, £10,000 per year!

**BENEFITS:** 

There are so many reasons to become a volunteer for the school...

- 1. An opportunity to meet and talk to parents across all year groups
- 2. The voucher scheme is such a great way to fundraise extra money for the school, as it costs you nothing to register or to sign up
- 3. To become part of a great community
- 4. Extremely rewarding to know that you are facilitating much needed funds for our wonderful school

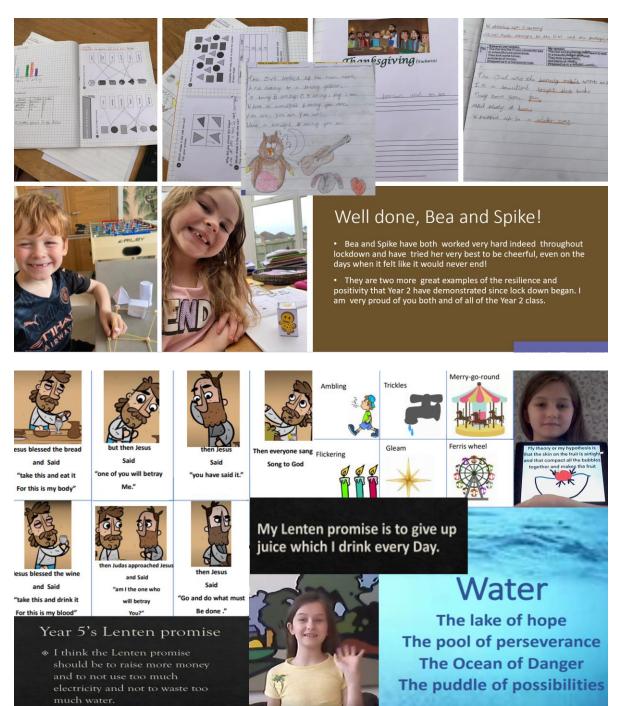
If you are keen to get involved and would like to find out more about the role, please contact Sharon Dodd on <a href="mailto:outlange-unitary-schoolpta@yahoo.co.uk">outlange-unitary-schoolpta@yahoo.co.uk</a>

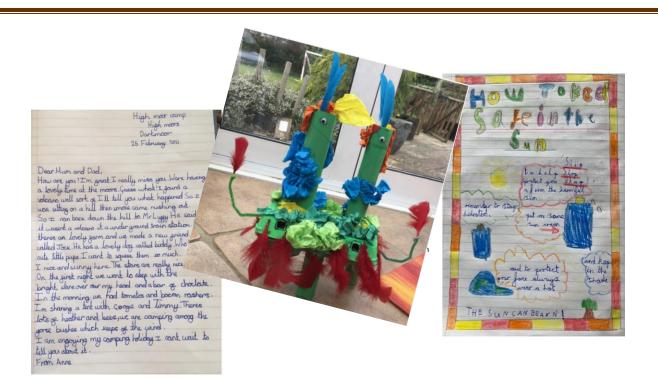
We can't wait to hear from you!

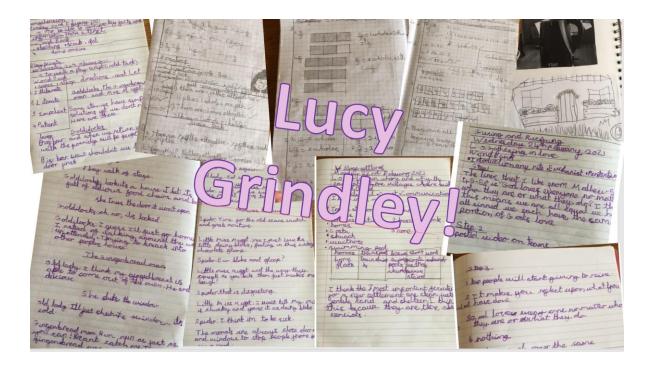
The PTA

#### #OLSHappyHomeSchool

This is a selection of work chosen by the teachers for today's Good News Assembly. Well done everyone! Working at home is very intense and much harder than in school. I am proud of everything that all the children are doing:









### **Congratulations**

Congratulations to the Biju family on a beautiful new baby boy



#### **Safeguarding**

WhatsApp have been very much in the news over the last week or so regarding their privacy terms. It clearly highlights how vulnerable our own data and that of our children is. Although WhatsApp should only be used by people over the age of 16, I am aware that some children do you it before that. This is a link to the parent guide to WhatsApp on Net Aware:

WhatsApp: A guide for parents (net-aware.org.uk)

#### **Top Doodlers**

The top 3 classes for earning stars over the last week on the Doodle Apps are:

	DoodleMaths		DoodleTimesTable		DoodleEnglish		DoodleSpell	
Gold	Year 4	1863	Year 2	229	Year 3	147	Year 5	335
Silver	Year 2	1061	Year 3	204	Year 5	104	Year 3	280
Bronze	Year 3	746	Year 4	199	Year 1	68	Year 2	236

Well Year 4 have really turned it round this week smashing the DoodleMaths. No presuure Year 6 but you need to work out some tactics!!!!!!

#### **Accelerated Reader**

Top readers this term

	Words Read
Year 5	3, 225, 160
Year 4	2, 896, 733
Year 6	2, 530, 212
Year 3	754, 775

Children who have already read over 100, 00 words this term

Year 3	Sai
Harry Alasdair	<u>Year 5</u>
	Buddy
Year 4	Charlie
	Ben
Wiktor	Amelia
Louis	Robert
Ewan	Callen
Lucy	Michael
Harry	Abigail
Alex	George
Amelia	_
Albert	
Ula	

# Year 6 Sarah Olivia Gabriel Malachi Aidan S Filip George Barnaby Tommy Maria Kimbrley