

# Our Lady's Catholic Primary School Weekly Newsletter

"A place of learning – A community of Christ"

10th December 2021

Dear Parents.

What an incredibly busy week!!!! This week the children have been frantically practising their Christmas performances and liturgies. They have been absolutely brilliant. In most schools, this sort of disruption can cause chaos which results in the children behaving differently. Not at Our Lady's. As Mr Hoff said last week in assembly, the children always take everything in their stride, which is a credit to the staff and they way they deal with adversity and, most importantly, credit to your children. Thank you.

Wednesday was the feast of the Immaculate Conception which is our feast day. We had a beautiful Mass in school with Father Alessandro. This was then followed in the evening by the first of our two KS2 Nativity play. The children sang and performed amazingly at both evenings! It is so lovely to be able to do this again as, to me, it feels like the start of Christmas.

Yesterday, five of our Year 6 children represented Our Lady's as presenters on the local Radio Christmas show. This is a local charity Radio station that pops up around Christmas time to raise money for the charity Street Kids Direct. If you would like more information then please follow the website at Radio Christmas - The World's Number One Festive Charity Radio Station.

To top it all off, this evening is the Hollyberry Fayre. I would like to thank the PTA who are working incredibly hard to make sure we can continue to nurture our community. It is great for the children and I'm so pleased that we are trying to make Christmas as normal as possible for them.

Finally, I would like to thank Miss Green. I'm sure no one noticed but I haven't been around this week as I've had to self-isolate. Not the greatest of weeks not to be able to come in with so much going on. However, I know the school is always in safe hands but it is not easy trying to run a school and teach a class at the same time.

God bless,

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#### **Reception Admissions 2022 - 2023**

A quick reminder that admissions for Reception 2022 are open but close shortly after Christmas. Please remember that you need to fill in a form for school as well as applying in the normal way through Buckinghamshire Council. Forms are available in the school office, and in the local parishes.

## **Key Stage 1 Christmas Performance and Nativity**

Next week we have the Key Stage 1 Christmas performance and Reception Nativity. Please will parents who are coming to these events remember not to attend if they have any symptoms of COVID and also to remember to wear a mask.

There is nothing better than seeing the children enjoy their performances to bring some hope into what can seem some very frustrating times. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

#### **Key Stage 1 Playground Area**

I would like to say a massive thank you to Emmett Doyle, father of Sorcha (Y6) and Aoife (Y1) who has been working over the last few weekends on a quiet area in the Key Stage 1 playground. It looks absolutely fantastic and I know he has previously made some lovely toadstool table and stools for reception. It is great to have such talented parents.

#### Thank you



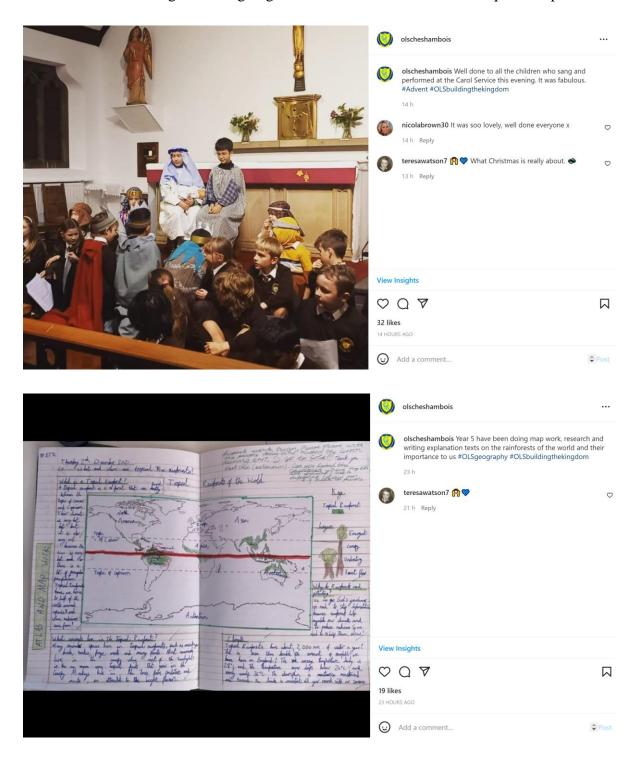
## **Christmas Eve Children's Mass**

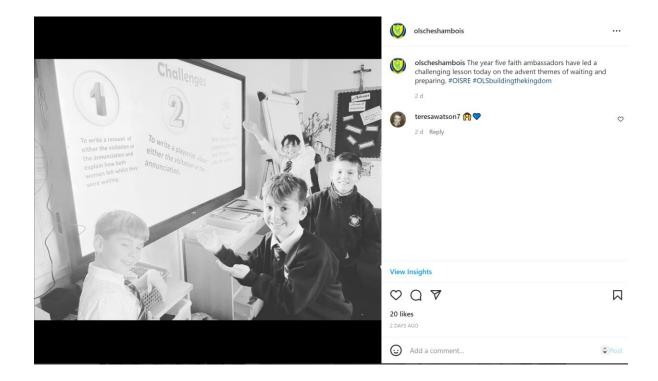
All families at Out Lady's school are invited to the children's mass on Christmas Eve at 5pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary's church in Great Missenden. The mass will be celebrated by Fr Alessandro and we look forward to seeing you there!



# @OLSCheshambois

There has been lots of great stuff going on this week in school. Here is a quick snapshot

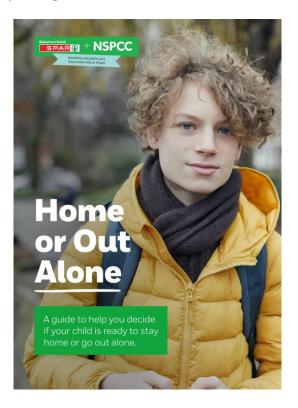




# **Safeguarding**

As your children get older and moving towards secondary school you will need to start thinking about giving your child some more independence. Here is a guide from the NSPCC:

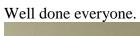
Home or out alone (nspcc.org.uk)



# **Good News Certificates**

Last week's good news certificates went to the following children:

Year 1	Amelie, Mason
Year 2	Erica, Theo
Year 3	Mia, Finlay H,
Year 4	Igor, Ethan
Year 5	Finlay, Albert
Year 6	Harrison, Michael





# **Accelerated Reader**

Top readers this term

	Words Read
Year 6	<b>7,589,180</b> words
Year 5	<b>5,704,822</b> words
Year 4	<b>4,670,344</b> words
Year 3	1,318,072 words

#### **Millionaire Readers**

Kaitlyn (Year 6)

Ava Stella

Year 2
Jude Sabrina
Emilio
Year 3
Luna

Alasdair Leo Year 5 Mark Archie **Ivor** Harry Ralph Wiktor Spike Finlay Leonardo Lily Charlie K Louis Michael L Florence Michael M Lucy Thomas Bea Alex Evelyn Amelia Joseph Matthew Emily Esther Curtis

Year 4 Year 6

Leo Harrison
Pierce Jimi
Nathan Kester
Tosia

Freya
Xavier
Ellie
Kome
Jordan