

# Our Lady's Catholic Primary School Weekly Newsletter

"A place of learning – A community of Christ"

3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021

Dear Parents.

Well this Friday, legally, we are a new school. However, in reality we are the same school as we were last Friday. The same values, expectations and most importantly the same community. I am sure you have received the letter from Joe Richardson, our strategic executive lead. These are exciting times for us as a school. In the short term, not very much will change but, in the long term, I hope it will open many doors for the staff and children so that we can be even better.

You may have noticed the new signs around the school, which we have been able to get using our conversion grant. This is the same pot of money that we used to fund things like the Parent App.

On Monday, Father Alessandro visited school to bless our Advent wreaths. It marks the start of a time of preparation and there is plenty of preparation going on in school. This time of year really is magical in any school. The children know that when we light the first candle on the wreath it represents **Hope**. It is so easy to get bogged down in things like the pandemic that we forget what an incredible world we live in. I hope the Christmas performances over the next few weeks will help us to reflect, and remember the things that Jesus has gifted us and how lucky we really are.

God bless,
M.Holu to



#### **Key Stage 2 Advent Carol Services**

This coming week we have the Key Stage 2 Nativity Play. To give as many people as possible an opportunity to attend we have decided to perform over two night and split the year groups.

The date and timing of each Nativity Play is as follows:

Year 3 and Year 5 – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 7pm Year 4 and Year 6 – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December 7pm

There are a handful of children who have been chosen to take a lead in the play who will need to be there on both nights.

Parents will be expected to wear a mask.

Thank you

#### **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.

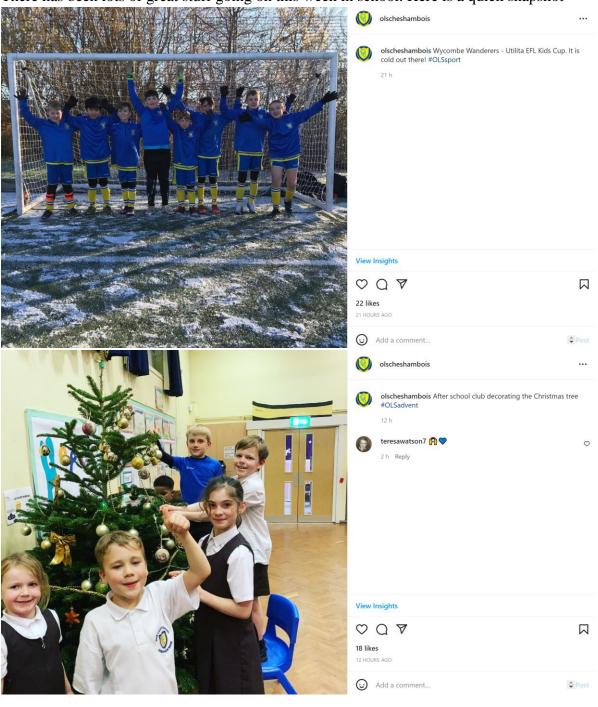
#### **PTA Advent Candles**

Please share your pictures of the PTA Advent Candles on Instagram and tag the school in @OLScheshambois. That way I will get a notification and can share your pictures on our Instagram story.



### @OLSCheshambois

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







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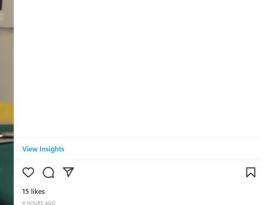
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### **Safeguarding**

The NSPCC has loads of really useful resources for parents. Here is one that is particularly relevant after the last few years. You can follow the link or scan the QR code:



How to Take Care of Your Mental Health during Lockdown | NSPCC



## **Good News Certificates**

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

Year 1	Hannah, Eloise
Year 2	Hugo, Donnie
Year 3	Albert, Dominik
Year 4	Ben, Sabrina
Year 5	Autumn, Harry A
Year 6	Bella, Maya, Kacper
Year 6 Showstopper	Charlie, Ruby, Clara
Baking Winners	

Well done everyone.



### **Accelerated Reader**

Top readers this term

	Words Read
Year 6	<b>7,068,168</b> words
Year 5	<b>5,567,931</b> words
Year 4	<b>4,176,719</b> words
Year 3	1,024,227 words

### **Millionaire Readers**

Kaitlyn (Year 6)

Ava Ethan Sabrina Emilio

Year 2 Jude Luna Alasdair

Year 3 Year 5

Leo Harry Wiktor Mark Archie Finlay **Ivor** Lily Ralph Louis Spike Florence Leonardo Thomas Charlie K Alex Michael M Amelia Bea Matthew Esther Joseph

Emily
Year 6
Year 4

Leo Jimi
Pierce Kester

Nathan George Tosia Xavier Ellie Kome