



# Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter

*"A place of learning – A community of Christ"*

**Faith . Hope . Love**

19<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Dear Parents,

Welcome back everyone. I hope you had a great Easter holiday and enjoyed a few short bursts of sunshine. Unfortunately, we have come back to a cold spell but fingers crossed we are in for some drier weather next week. It has been great to have the children back in school this week.

I think the highlight for the children this week has been our annual new life Easter living eggs. I was talking with Mrs Gardner earlier in the week about the buzz it brings. She was saying that the great thing is not the amazement of the younger children who you would expect to love them but the fact that the older children get such joy from seeing them year after year. It is a absolutely fabulous reminder of the true meaning of Easter, new life and renewal.

Also this week we had a very last visit from Sister Mary, one of the Poor Servants of the Mother of God. Along with Chris Donovan, she has been central to us reinvigorating our connections with our founders. She is retiring to Ireland and I wish her all the best. I look forward to continuing to work with Chris Donovan and Sister Margaret Cashman to strengthen the links even further.

The final highlight of this week was Mr Burns (Bennie's dad) coming in with his ambulances. The idea was that it related to the Reception and Year 1 curriculum so he was coming in for 45 minutes. However, in reality, all the children loved it and I managed to get him to stay for a couple of hours. Thank you so much Mr Burns!

Have a lovely weekend,

God Bless

M. Howarth



## CAFOD's Big Lent Walk!

Thank you so much to everyone who has donated to our Cafod's Big Lent Walk. We've raised the 10<sup>th</sup> most online in the whole of the country. A very special mention to George in Reception who I have seen lots of donations coming in for. He has raised hundreds of pounds himself. Well done George!!!!

1	 St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary Sch...	£2,159	11	 St Wilfrids RC Primary School York YO31 ...	£1,059
2	 St Walburgas RC Primary School Bourne...	£1,966	12	 St Nicholas Catholic Primary School Sutto...	£942
3	 Blessed Thomas Holford College Altrinc...	£1,859	13	 St Anselms RC Primary School London S...	£940
4	 St Marthas Primary School Kings Lynn P...	£1,712	14	 St Edmunds and St Thomas Catholic Prim...	£819
5	 St Bernadettes Primary School Wallsend...	£1,707	15	 St Bedes RC Primary School Bedlington N...	£805
6	 St Vincents Primary School Altrincham ...	£1,400	16	 Our Ladys High Cumbernauld G67 1LA	£787
7	 St Catherines RC Primary School BARNE...	£1,255	17	 St Elizabeths RC Primary School Liverpool ...	£781
8	 St Anthony's RC Primary School Fareham ...	£1,112	18	 St Cuthbert Mayne Junior School HEMEL ...	£772
9	 St Gregorys RC Primary School LONDON ...	£1,106	19	 St Peters RC Secondary School BOURNEM...	£765
10	 Our Lady's Catholic Primary School Am...	£1,092			

Overall we raised £1552 over the Lenten season. Thank you so much everyone.

## **Curriculum – Money**

This week, most of the classes have been learning about money in Maths. Financial education is such an important part of what we teach our children as parents. Here are some top tips from young-enterprise:

**[10 ways parents can teach their children about money - Young Enterprise & Young Money \(young-enterprise.org.uk\)](http://young-enterprise.org.uk)**

### **1) Have a conversation.**

Talk to your children about money. It sounds simple, but this is the most effective way to help your children understand personal finance. Explain how you arrive at financial decisions, what's in your budget (or if you don't have one, why not do one together?) and how different aspects of dealing with money make you feel.

### **2) Don't forgot about physical cash**

Show younger children the coins and notes you have in your purse or wallet and ask them to help you count them. Talk about the different sizes, colours and numbers on them and how many different coins and notes there are altogether.

### **3) Explain how money is earned**

Talk to them where money comes from. We're an increasingly cashless society, and thanks to the invention of cashback it's easy for children to assume that the supermarket is the source of all of your funds. Showing your child your payslip and explaining what you had to do to find employment are good ways of building financial understanding. For older children you can look at the deductions made from the gross pay, and what they might be used for.

### **4) Explore the difference between need and want**

Explain the difference between needs and wants. Contrast examples of goods they need every day, such as food and clothing, and items or toys they might want, but don't need. This is a great way of introducing the concept of saving and the need to exercise restraint in their spending, as well as helping them to understand that sometimes times will be hard and you won't be able to afford everything everyone wants.

### **5) Set Savings Challenges**

If you give your child pocket money or an allowance, talk to them about setting a savings target and encourage them to adopt good habits early. This is a good opportunity to introduce ideas around keeping your money safe and planning for the future.

### **6) Involve them in the weekly shop**

As you go around the supermarket, ask your children to choose the best-value combinations of set products and get them to do the adding up as you go from aisle to aisle. As well as learning valuable lessons, your new helpers can make your job easier at the same time.

### **7) Talk about different ways to pay**

Talk about the different ways of paying for things – from cash and traditional debit or credit cards, to paying with contactless cards or even using your mobile phone. Have they seen any of these in action? Talk about some of the pros and cons of payment methods – e.g. using a contactless card is quick and easy, but there's a limit to how much can be spent in one transaction (currently £100).

### **8) Highlight the importance of security**

Highlight the importance of keeping our personal details safe and secure, and not to share the passwords or PINs we use with others. If we think a password or PIN has been copied or guessed by someone we should change it as soon as possible.

### **9) Involve them in spending decisions**

Involve them in appropriate spending decisions, such as buying a new computer or a kitchen appliance. Making real life spending and saving decisions about even small amounts of money can help children to understand more about managing their money.

### **10) Show them the cost of running a home**

Look at utility bills together to explore the cost of running a home, can they help to manage the household budget? See if they can find any savings that could be made!

## **News From The Parishes**

### **ST COLUMBA'S (Chesham):**

**St Columba's: Youth mass at 6pm. Those reading or doing other tasks please arrive by 5.45pm**

**Music practice and Youth Club: Saturday 20th April 6-8pm**

Website: <https://stcolumbas.church/>

Priests: Fr Dave & Fr Giacomo

Mass times: on SUNDAYS only

@ 9am (traditional choir)

@ 6pm (Youth Band)

### **IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY (IHM) in Great Missenden:**

Website: <https://www.ihmmissenden.org.uk/>

Priests: Fr Dave & Fr Giacomo

Mass times:

Every SATURDAY @ 6pm

Every SUNDAY @ 11am

## **Attendance**

Please note you will all be receiving your termly attendance report on Friday in your children's bags.

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**

## #OLScheshambois

Here is a quick snapshot of our learning this week:



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**olscheshambois** Happy Easter everyone. #OLSEastertide  
#OLSNewLife #OLSBuildingTheKingdom

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**olscheshambois** Thank you to Mr Burns for bringing a real life ambulance in for all of the children to see today. It was a real treat!!!!!!

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olscheshambois It was lovely having Sister Mary in school today from the PSMG. Unfortunately, she will be moving to Ireland next week. Have a great retirement Sister Mary. #olsbuildingthekingdom

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olscheshambois Year 4 have created a prayer tree. They have written prayers about what they are thankful for. #OLSYear4 #OLSBuildingTheKingdom

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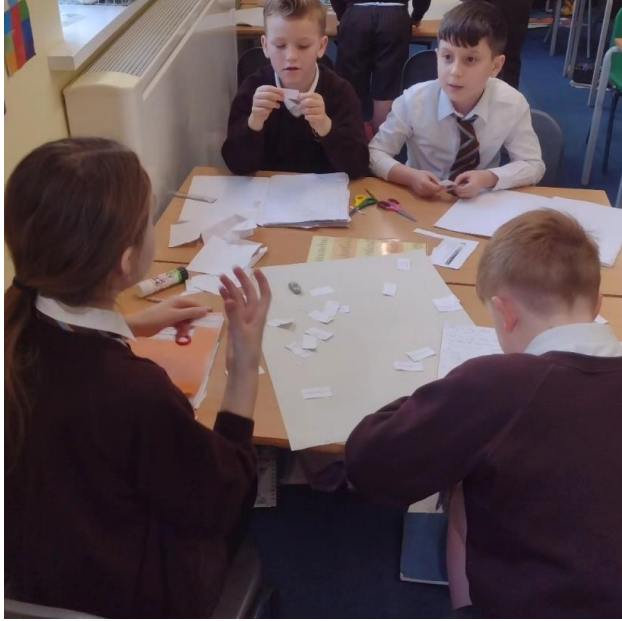
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## April 2024

It's officially Eastertide - a time for rejoicing! This significant season is the longest time of celebration in the Church's calendar (50 days!) because of the great news that Jesus has risen!

In times when the news of our world is not always so good, Eastertide gives us a bigger perspective. This Good News is at the heart of all our resources and is particularly highlighted as we enter this summer term.

This newsletter shares some of the content children will experience in school throughout April and suggests ways for you to engage with them about it. We hope it is a useful resource for your family prayer time.

<http://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/>

***With your child, why don't you...***

- ***Investigate where people 'Praise the Lord' in the Bible and discuss what praising God looks and sounds like. You might like to start with [Psalm 150](#).***
- ***Choose a time each week as a family to share something you are thankful for. You could even sing the Alleluia once everyone has shared to give thanks to God for these things.***

## Year of Prayer

The Church is preparing for another special celebration, the Year of Jubilee in 2025. In preparation, Pope Francis has called for 2024 to be a Year of Prayer. Children will be introduced to the Year of Prayer and the invitation to grow their friendship with God through prayer in their time at home and school. We've put together a short video introducing the Year of Prayer, highlighting how children might engage with prayer themselves over the coming months.

<http://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/>

***With your child, you might like to...***

- ***Plan a monthly prayer time for the rest of the year, where you could try out a different way of praying together. Why not try some silent prayer, a prayer walk, or praying through song?***
- ***Share your own experience of prayer and what you find easy or difficult about praying, allowing space for your child/ren to discuss their thoughts too.***