



Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

"A place of learning – A community of Christ"

Faith . Hope . Love

23rd June 2023

Dear Parents,

We are getting towards the end of the year. Normally at this time of year there seems to be a lot of tiredness with both children and staff. However, this year we seem to still be going strong.

On Monday at our Gospel Assembly, we thought about mission and how as Christians we are commissioned by Jesus. We particularly thought about our school mission and the virtues which are in it.



Bishop David has asked all schools to focus on virtues this year and as you can see I've added them to the headed paper.

Also this week, despite the long overdue rain on Tuesday, Reception went with Chiltern Forest Rangers to a local meadow in Chesham Bois looking for butterflies. This was their chance to take part in one of the activities we did in Science week. Unfortunately, I don't


think the butterflies were out in force because of the thunderstorms but it is really important that the children get to see their local environment.

Also, this week, we have had a fantastic violin assembly where the children got to show everything, they've learned this year. It is so nice to see the progression from the youngest in Year 3 all the way to children in Year 6. Thank you, parents, for all you do supporting your children playing instruments of any kind.

Finally, yesterday Year 2 joined the Parish Mass. This is something the Key Stage 2 children have done throughout the year. A different class has celebrated each month but this is the first time we have had a Key Stage 1 class attend. Although this class didn't do the readings, they did write some lovely bidding prayers. Next year we will publish the dates of these so that parents can join us if they wish.

Have a lovely weekend,

God bless,

M. Hold 

First Holy Communion

Last weekend, were our final First Holy Communions. I went to two beautiful Masses – one in St Columba's on Saturday and one at Our Lady's on Sunday. All the children looked amazing and I hope they had a day they will remember forever. We are looking forward to getting all the children together to celebrate on St Peter and St Paul's feast day next week.

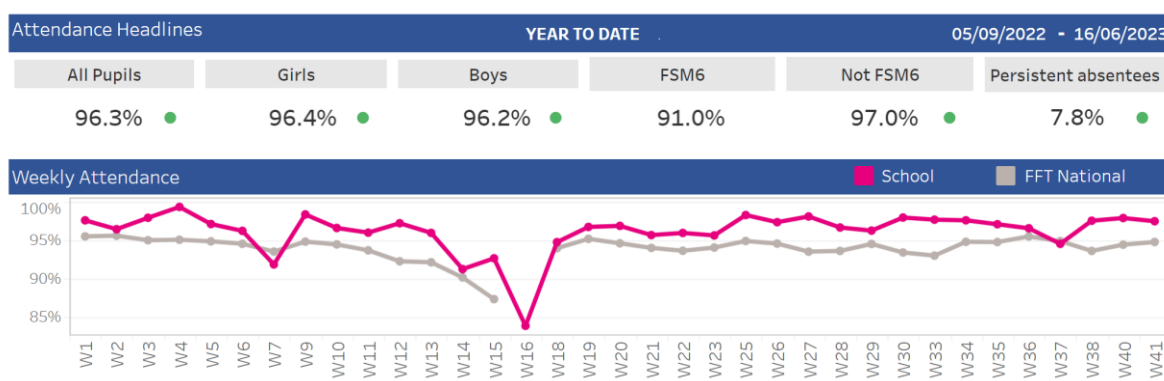


Reading and Phonics

Last week was the DFE phonics screening. Although we don't know the exact threshold yet, the children have done amazingly well. They are definitely our best results for a while with around about 90% of children passing. A massive thank you to all the staff in Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 but more importantly a really big thank you to you as parents. I know in many schools parents think that phonics is the magic bullet and that with all the phonics going on in school the children are going to learn to read. However, in my experience it is the reading at home that really counts. Thank you so much for all you do for your children. Reading really is the key to academic success.

Thank you

Attendance



Sports Day

This year, OLS Sports Day will be held on Friday 30th June. We hope you are as excited as the children are! Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be taking part in lots of fun activities in the morning (9:30 start) including: Sprints, Relays, Bean Bag Throws, Skipping, Ball Balance and Hopping Ladders. Key Stage 2 will be participating in lots of races in the afternoon (1:30 start) including Sprints, Skipping, Egg and Spoon, Sack Race and a Relay.

Parents and guardians are more than welcome to come and cheer the children on. The main focus of sports day is being active and having fun! All the events will be held on the paddock. To access the paddock, follow the path to the left of the church and keep on walking.

On the day, children can come dressed in their PE kits to school.

Mr. Holdsworth and the OLS Team

OLS Discretionary Trust

I met with the Our Lady's Trust this week. It is sometimes easy to forget the things that they fund such as the school library, interactive whiteboards, PE equipment etc etc. They have donated well over £100, 000 to the school over the years. A really big thank you to anyone who is already donating and if you aren't then please consider if you can afford to.

Donating is easy. Simply set up a monthly standing order for the amount of your choice. Any amount donated is gratefully appreciated. We do suggest £10 for the first child and £5 for each additional child and £20 for a family of 3 or more children.

You can easily set up a standing order either at your local branch or over the internet using the following bank details:

BANK: HSBC BANK PLC, AMERSHAM ON THE HILL

A/C NAME: OUR LADY'S DISCRETIONARY TRUST

SORT CODE 40-08-41

ACCOUNT NUMBER 21375113

Thank you

Mr Holdsworth

June 2023

If you are breathing a sigh of relief at the warmer weather, lighter mornings and evenings, and the not-too-distant promise of holidays – you are not the only ones! At this time of year, most children are beginning to feel that they're growing out of their new classes and starting to prepare themselves for the challenges ahead.

This feeling of readiness and challenge is also shown in the Gospels – which jump back to a time before Jesus' death and Resurrection and before Pentecost. Jesus had spent years preparing His disciples and they are now ready to be sent out to continue Jesus' work. The assemblies in June inspire children that we too are challenged to continue Jesus' mission!


This newsletter shares some of the content children will experience in school throughout June and suggests ways to support your family prayer times.


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

@OLScheshambois

Here is a quick snapshot of our learning this week:



 **olscheshambois** ...


 **olscheshambois** This evening at Mass we are remembering the Sacred Heart of Jesus which was celebrated on Friday
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 **olscheshambois** ...

 **olscheshambois** Thank you to the Amersham Rotary club who presented illustrated dictionaries to all our Year 3 children to day in assembly
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olscheshambois
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These girls have had a mention in The Week Junior for the fundraising they did for Mind. Well deserved.
#OLSBUILDINGTHEKINGDOM

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olscheshambois

Wow this young lady has read over 4 million words this year. She is in hot pursuit of the school record of 4,208,903 #OLSliteracy @waterside_pa

10 h

teresawatson7

Absolute legend. You will go far Kenandra. You so deserve it. 🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌

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**olscheshambois** ...

**olscheshambois** Getting ready for our Violin Assembly this morning #OLSmusic
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**olscheshambois** ...

**olscheshambois** This morning year 2 are celebrating Mass with the parish #OLSBuildingTheKingdom
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Accelerated Reader

	Words Read
Year 6	24,057,728 words
Year 5	16,823,178 words
Year 4	10,396,178 words
Year 3	3,380,002 words

Congratulations to Kenandra in Year 6 who is our first Quadruple Millionaire reader. I've set her a challenge of beating the school record of 4,208,903 words in a year which is held by Carlo (2019-2020).

Millionaire Readers

Thomas (Year 6)
 Shaun (Year 5)
 Harry (Year 5)
 Pranav (Year 6)
 Tue Nhi (Year 6)
 Shrikar (Year 6)
 Matilda (Year 5)
 Curtis (Year 4)
 Evelyn (Year 4)
 Alex (Year 6)

Triple Millionaire Readers

Ula (Year 6)
 Sherlyn (Year 5)

Quadruple Millionaire Readers

Kenandra (Year 6)

Double Millionaire Readers

Dominik (Year 4)

Meeting Targets and above 85% in Quizzes

Year 2

Malwina
Mason
Cat Cat
Klara

Thomas
Eryk
Alex
Bella
Alina
Matthew

Year 3

Tamsin
Sienna-Rose
Donnie
Dominik
Elizabeth
Sean
Eleanor
Jude
Arthur
Florence
Erin
Chanuga

Year 4

Leo
Mia
Archie
Ralph
Spike
Finley
Finlay M-S
Michael M
Finn
Robert
Emily
Curtis

Year 5

Leo
Bella
Shaun
Karamo
Ellie
Ben
Kome
Lena
Grace
Emilio
Luna

Year 6

Molly
Blazej
Ewan
Lucy