



Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

"A place of learning – A community of Christ"

Faith . Hope . Love

8th December 2023

Dear Parents,

This week has been great fun! Firstly, I want to say a big thank you to the PTA who organised a great Hollyberry Boogie last Friday. It was a new venue and a lovely relaxed event. Everyone had a great time and, whilst they were at it, raised a good deal of money for the school. Thank you.


This week on Tuesday, two of our Year 2s Ruby and Peregrine joined up with some children from other schools in St Thomas Multi Academy Trust to take part in Radio Christmas Schools Hour. This is a radio station that runs every other year raising money for the charity Street Kids working in Guatemala. It was a great show and it was lovely to come together as a family of schools.

Then on Wednesday, the Minnie Vinnies went to St Mary's Church to sing carols for the elderly parishioners. The feedback was really positive and it is great to be working with some of the other Christian churches in Chesham and Amersham.

Also, on Wednesday, we had our Christmas lunch. The hall looked great with crackers and tablecloths etc. The children had a great time and a massive thank you to the parents who came in to help. But an even bigger thank you to Mrs Burke and the lunchtime supervisors for all they do for the children all year round.

Finally, today is our Feast day the Immaculate Conception. It is a Solemnity in the church where we give thanks for Mary and her readiness to bring Jesus into the world to teach us to bring **Faith, Hope** and **Love** to the world. We celebrated with Mass this afternoon which was absolutely beautiful and then we bought everyone a gingerbread baby. I hope they have had a great day.

God bless,

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Celebrating Advent At School

Some dates for your diary:

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| 13 th December | Key Stage 2 Advent Service Year 3 and Year 5 | 7pm Our Lady's Church |
| 14 th December | Key Stage 2 Advent Service Year 4 and Year 6 | 7pm Our Lady's Church |
| 15 th December | Reception Nativity | 9.30 am in School Hall |
| 18 th December | Key Stage 1 Christmas Performance | 2pm in School Hall |
| 20 th December | Break the Rules Day | Cost £2 per child Details to follow |



Christmas Jumper Day

The children loved wearing their Christmas Jumpers on Wednesday. Thank you to everyone who has been involved in sourcing, swapping, buying Christmas jumpers. We raised £144 for Save the Children at a time when they are doing a lot of important work around the world, particularly in the Middle East.

Christmas Cards for the Elderly

Our Key Stage 2 children have been taking part in a joint Christmas Cards for the Elderly Project with Amersham Rotare and Amersham Rotary. This is something that started during lockdown. Lat year there was a wonderful reaction from all of our elderly friends in the community who received one of the handmade cards. This year we sent over 120 cards to spread a bit of Christmas cheer.

Telling the Time

One thing that the new GL Assessments have identified for us is that our children aren't as good at telling the time using a traditional clock as they should be. This is something you can really help with. Do you have any clocks in your house? If you don't, I really recommend you get one and then every now and then just read the time with your child. It is one of those things where a little bit and often will really help. Start with o'clock and half past; then move onto quarter past and quarter to and so on. Thank you for all your help.

News from the Parishes

ADVENT YOUTH MASS @ St Columba's on Sunday 17th December at 6pm – Everybody's welcome!

Music practice for this will take place over the next week at school during lunchtime with Federica. Please let her know if you wish to read or be involved in any other ways.

CHILDREN'S MASS on Christmas Eve @ Immaculate Heart of Mary's church in Great Missenden at 5pm. Children can wear a nativity-related outfit, if they wish, and there is no rehearsal prior to that mass. Federica will be leading the children's joint band/ choir from St Columba and IHM. Everyone is welcome to join!

December 2023

This year, the season of Advent falls wholly in the month of December. It's a time of busyness at home and at school with plenty to enjoy; nativity plays and carol services, lights and decorations, plans to visit friends and family... It can sometimes be easy amongst all the fun and excitement to forget what Advent is really about - a time to pause, reflect, and get ready to welcome Jesus into our hearts.

This newsletter shares a glimpse of some of the prayer and liturgy resources that children will experience at school during this month. We hope you find this resource to be a useful addition to your family prayer time.


Last year we released the Jesse Tree resource which is a bit like an Advent calendar and based on the Advent tradition of spiritual preparation through tracing Jesus' ancestry. This beautiful resource will once again be made available for families to use at home, and we hope that parents will take the opportunity to share children's excitement in discovering the daily stories about Jesus' family tree. You can access The Jesse Tree through the Parent Portal.

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal/>

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Here is a quick snapshot of our learning this week:







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Today we are delighted to have Father Dave with us to bless our crib and Advent wreaths #OLSBUILDINGTHEKINGDOM


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

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We are on Radio Christmas (Amersham) in the next 5 minutes with some of the other STCAT schools as part of the schools... more

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
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It's great fun in creative club today #OLSart #OLSdt #OLSadvent


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After school club have done a great job of decorating the Christmas tree for Christmas lunch tomorrow #OLSadvent... more


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Year 1 have been exploring fiction books about space. #OISLiteracy #OLSpace #OLSscience Edited

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Year 3 marshmallows & hot chocolate ... in the pouring rain. Fantastic!!! #OLSforestschool Thank you @chilternrangers

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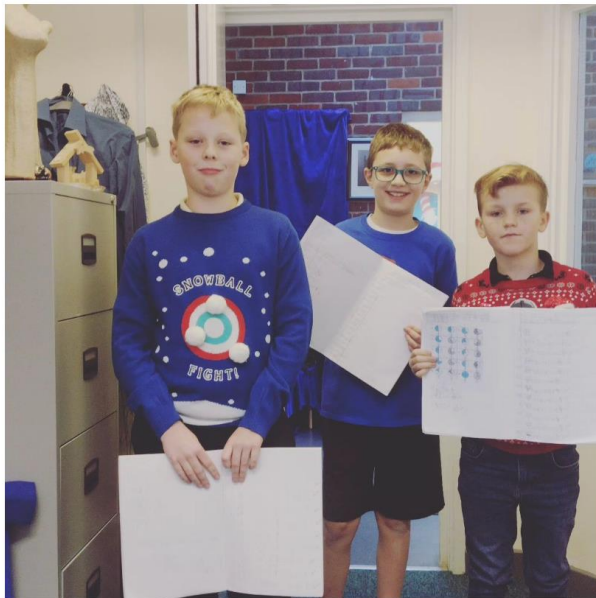
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I've just seen some great Maths converting between improper fractions and mixed numbers #OLSmaths Maths is fun - Maths... more

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Year 1 are writing space fact files inspired by astro girl by Ken Wilson-Max @theliteracytree #OLSiteracy

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We are starting to use Gold paper when we are using scripture in RE to show how special it is #OLSre

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Year 4 are making panpipes as part of their science. They are investigating different notes made by different lengths... more

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Good News Certificates



Last week's Gratitude Assembly certificates were awarded to:

| | Good News |
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| Year 1 | Jessica, Oliver |
| Year 2 | Sofia, Peregrine |
| Year 3 | Alvin, Victoria |
| Year 4 | Aliza, Bianca |
| Year 5 | Louie, Wanda |
| Year 6 | Ellie, Eliza,,Marieke, Sheryln |

Accelerated Reader

Meeting Targets and above 85% in Quizzes

Year 3

Logan
Malwina
Renske
Michael F
Mason
Misha
Hansini
Xavier
Steve
Maja

Archie
Ralph
Spike
Wanda
Finley H
Charlie K
Michael M
Robert
Zuzanna

Year 4

Tamsin
Sienna-Rose
Dominik
Elizabeth
Andrew
Eleanor
Jacob
Karo
Thomas
Bianca
Florence

Year 6

Bella
Nathan
Sherlyn
Freya
Karamo
Xavier
Ellie
Matilda
Eliza
Kome
Lena
Jordan
Matylda
Hannah
Franek

Year 5

Ivor