

Our Lady & St Edward's Catholic Primary School's

3rd November 2023

Dear Parents

Thank you for all the food donation for 'Share It' food bank in Ingol, the team were grateful for the donations which will support families in our local area. Many thanks to the parents in Y5 and Y2 for their cake sale donations. The sale raised £202.95 which we are donating to Cafod.

Year 6 had a wonderful time at Robinwood and there were some excellent examples of teamwork, resilience, determination and fun.

Thank you to Year 5 for leading Mass to celebrate All Saints Day. The children read clearly and with confidence. We had several comments regarding the excellent behaviour of all of the children.

We are now in the busy half term leading up to Christmas so I have given you all notice of forthcoming events with further details to follow in the next newsletter.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Mulley for her hard work and dedication in the school kitchen and to wish her well in her retirement.

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Dates for your diary

Tuesday 7th November – PTA AGM at 6.00pm in school

Friday 10th November- Remembrance Assembly at 9.10am in school Y6 to lead - Y6 parents welcome

Monday 13th to Friday 17th November – National Anti-Bullying Week/ Friendship Week

Monday 13th November – Odd Socks Day – See this newsletter.

Wednesday 15th November – Rock Kidz music day in school

Thursday 16th November – Reception Class Worship at 9.00am

Monday 20th November to Friday 24th November – Assessment Week

Wednesday 22nd November – Intrahealth Nasal Flu Vaccinations for all pupils who have returned consent forms.

Thursday 23rd November – Y4 Class Worship at 9.00am in school

Friday 24th November – Own clothes day – see this newsletter

Sunday 3rd December - Christmas Fair in school – Further details to follow.

Wednesday 6th December- Year 6 joint Advent Cafod Service with Our Lady's CHS 6pm at St Anthony's Church

Thursday 7th December – School Disco. Further details to follow.

Wednesday 13th & Thursday 14th December at 2pm - EYFS and KS1 Nativity. See details in the forthcoming events section of this newsletter

Forthcoming Events in December

Further Details to follow in next newsletter

Thursday 7th December – School Disco- KS1 6.30 to 7.25 KS2 7.30 to 8.30

EYFS & KS1 Nativity

Wednesday 13th December – Dress Rehearsal at 10.00am

Wednesday 13th December – Matinee Performance at 2.00pm

Thursday 14th December – Matinee Performance at 2.00pm

Tickets will be allocated 2 per child for each performance.

Monday 18th December – Whole School end of term mass in Church at 9.15am

Tuesday 19th December – Christmas Lunch and Parties (non-uniform day)

Wednesday 20th December – EYFS & KS1 End of Term Assembly – Parents invited

Wednesday 20th December - Y5 and Y6 Carol Singing at Springfield Manor Gardens

Thursday 21st December – Christmas Jumper Day - If you would like to make a donation proceeds will go to Kalomo.

Thursday 21st December – KS2 assembly – Parents invited

School closes at 2.30pm on Thursday 21st December.

School re-opens on Monday 8th January

National Anti-Bullying / Friendship Week

National Anti-Bullying Week starts on the 13th November with the theme 'Make a Noise About Bullying'. During the week the children will take part in activities where they will discuss and work together to recognise what bullying is and the responsibilities we all have to prevent it and how to be a good friend.

On Monday 13th November we are taking part in National Odd Socks Day and asking children to come to school in odd socks. It's a great way to celebrate what makes us all unique in Anti-Bullying Week!

School Councillors

The children in each class voted for their school councillor representative and the following children have been selected as class councillor. Congratulations to you on your successful election.

Year 2 Tristan and Izzy

Year 3 Ezra and Scarlett

Year 4 Charlie H and Isla S

Year 5 Malachy and Freya

Year 6 Irum and Teddy

They have had two meetings so far and are now busy looking at new playground equipment/games.

Intrahealth Nasal Flu Vaccinations

Nasal flu vaccinations will take place in school on Wednesday 22nd November for all children whose parents have returned the consent form.

St Edward's School Club

All children attending St Edward's School Club should be registered before any sessions are booked. If you are wanting to book sessions for the first time you must contact the school office.

Please remember the following:-

Whilst bookings can be made at any time, should a place be required within 48 hours please also email the school office to let them know a booking has been made. If you are booking over the weekend for a Monday slot, the office should also be informed via email.

Value of the Month

During November, we will be looking at **TOLERANCE**. In class we will be looking at acceptance of self and others, appreciating and understanding differences, and enjoying our friendships. November 16th is also International Day For Tolerance. Please help your child in their understanding of friendships and being tolerant of differences and different opinions.

TenTen Newsletter

As a school we subscribe to the TenTen resources which we use in assemblies, class worship and staff prayer. Please read the newsletters each month as they provide useful information and spiritual guidance, supporting the work we do in school. Below is a link to the parent newsletter

www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/

Support with the cost of living

There is additional funding for families who need support with the rising cost of living. The funding could help with food, clothing, gas, water, electricity or other household essentials. Further information and applications can be found via the web address below
preston.gov.uk/householdsupportfund

PTA

AGM of PTA – Tuesday 7th November at 6.00pm in school – We are always pleased to welcome new members so please come along.

Have you signed up to the School Lottery yet? We only have 22 members and need lots more!! You can join for £1 per week and the profits come back to the school either in direct fundraising or as cash prizes for our school families and there are some big prizes to be won! A number of draws have taken place with members winning money. Join here:
<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/our-lady-and-st-edwards-catholic-primary-school>

Easy Fundraising - Have you downloaded the Easyfundraising app yet? easyfundraising is the simplest way to raise money for Our Lady & St Edward's Primary School PTA – We have raised over £800 so far!

Shop with any of over 3,300 well-known retailers via the easyfundraising website - <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/UJX6FK/MHPPE8/>
When you click on this link just search for the cause – Our Lady & St Edward's Primary School PTA. It's simple and quick to do!

Own Clothes Day – 24th November 2023

We will be having an own clothes day in school on Friday 24th November in lieu of an item for our Christmas Fair. Following the PTA meeting on Monday 7th November a message will be sent home with details of the items required for each class.

Behaviour in School

Behaviour in and around school is always of a high standard and we are incredibly proud of how the children conduct themselves in school and at school events/visits. We regularly receive positive reports about the children's behaviour and good manners. The children have responded well to our new behaviour policy and the winners of the first dojo awards chose their reward today. The winners for Autumn 1st half term are:

Reception-Ayda

Year 1 - Seb

Year 2 - Lilly

Year 3 - Pippa

Year 4 - Jessica

Year 5 - Holly

Year 6 - Theo

Attendance

A reminder that **leave in term time** is granted for **exceptional circumstances** only. Unauthorised leave of 5 days or more may attract a penalty notice from LCC. The fine is presented to both parents regardless of who has taken the child/ren out of school. Please see our Attendance Policy for further guidance. <https://ourlady-st-edwards.lancs.sch.uk/policies/>

Reminder Regarding Illness and Medication

A child suffering from sickness and diarrhoea should be kept off school for 48 hours after the symptoms subside. If you are in doubt as to whether or not your child is well enough to be in school, please discuss the matter with the class teacher or the headteacher.

Parents/carers are required to contact the school office or class teacher on the first day of absence, advising of the reason for the absence and expected return date; if known.

Medication - Medicines are only to be administered at school when it would be detrimental to a child's health or school attendance not to do so. Parents must complete a form, available, from the school office, prior to medication being left in school.

Where clinically possible, medicines should be prescribed in dose frequencies which enable them to be taken outside school hours. If this is not possible we only accept prescribed medicines that are in-date, labelled, provided in the original container as dispensed by a pharmacist and include instructions for administration & dosage.

If your child has been prescribed medication then we are happy to support with this however, we cannot administer medication at multiple times throughout the day for different children. Therefore, if your child requires medicine three times per day, we would expect this to be administered at home. However, if your child is at school club, then we will support administering medication before going to school club. Some medication is prescribed four times a day therefore, if your child requires four lots of medication then we will administer one dose at 11am, the other doses will be given at home unless they go to school club.

Class Worship

Class Worship dates to which parents are invited

Reception – 16th November at 9.00am in class.

Year 1 – 19th October at 3.00pm in class.

Year 2 – 20th December at 9.10 To lead the end of term assembly

Year 3 – 13th October at 9.10am in school - Harvest Assembly

Year 4 – 23rd November at 9.10am in class.

Year 5 – 1st November All Saints Mass at 9.15am in church.

Year 6 – 10th November at 9.10am in school

Adventure Areas

A reminder to all pupils and parents that the adventure areas on both playgrounds are not to be used at the end of the school day.

We ask also that infant children who have been collected and are waiting for their older sibling are supervised. There have been a number of occasions where children have been engaging in dangerous behaviours. We will address this in assembly so that all children are aware and we ask that parents inform other family members, who collect their child(ren), to ensure the children are supervised at all times.

Sports News

There have been a number of Sports events across the school over the past few weeks. The mini-skills competitions involve many of the Preston schools where the children are awarded points based on the quickest time or number of accurate shots at a goal. Congratulations to our teams.

U9 Mini-skills - the team achieved 2nd place

Hockey Tournament -the Y5/6 team achieved 2nd place

Rock Kidz

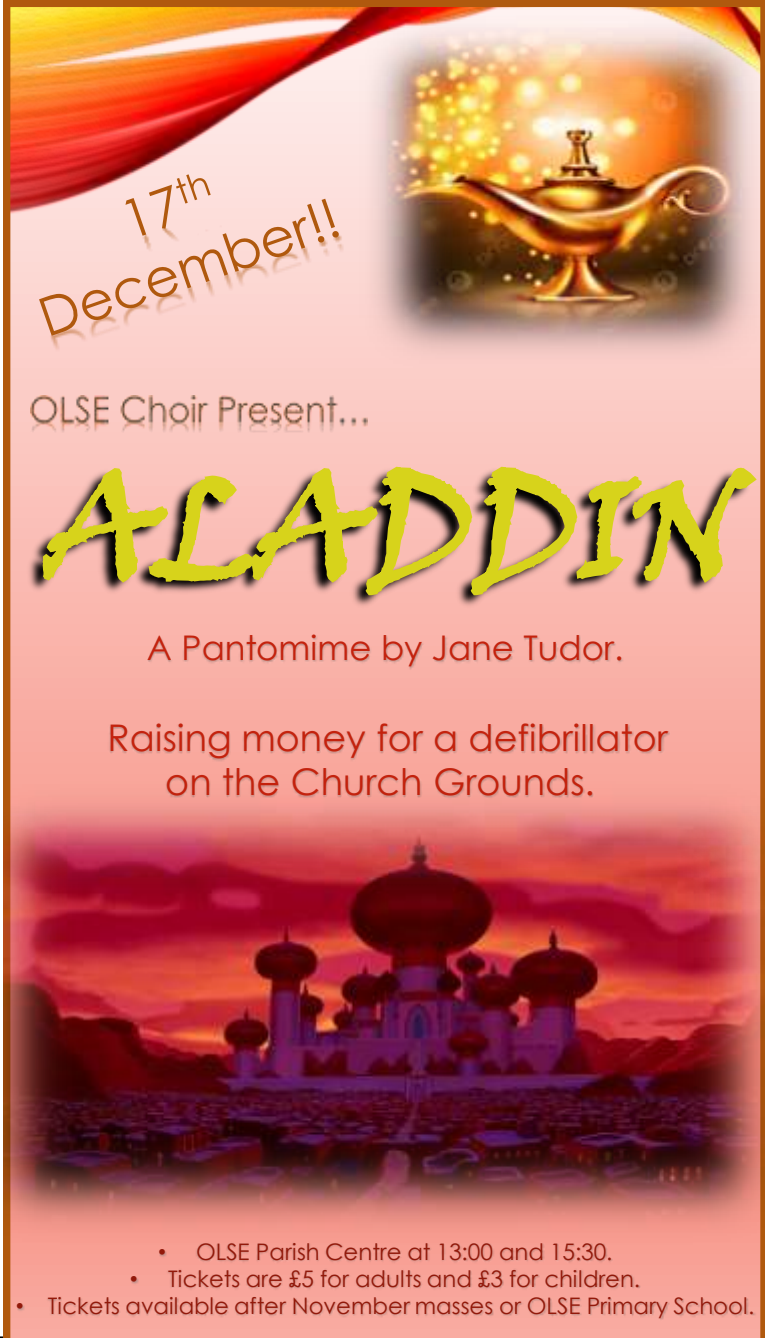
Rock Kidz will be visiting us on 15th November for a full day of music. The children and staff can come dressed up as rock stars for the event. The theme for the day is resilience and perseverance. The children have class/group workshops and a final celebration session at 2.15pm (Reception class do not attend the celebration session). A letter is attached with details.

Lightfoot Lane Road Reconstruction

We have been advised that there will be disruption on Lightfoot Lane between the 17th and 22nd November as the Council will be removing and reinstating the road surface. Access will be maintained for residents but it could lead to traffic delays.

OLSE Church Choir Pantomime

The OLSE Church Choir are putting on a Christmas Pantomime, Aladdin, at the Parish Centre on Sunday 17th December to raise money for the installation and upkeep of a defibrillator for the Church/Parish Centre. There will be two performances, one at 1.00pm and the other at 3.30pm. Tickets are £5 for adults and £3 for children and will be on sale after the masses at weekends and from the school office each weekday. Refreshments will be available – donations welcome – including wine, juice, mince pies, a tuck shop and there will also be a raffle, so bring cash! The panto has been written by Jane Tudor, who some of you may remember wrote a number of pantomimes that took place in school many years ago. It promises to be full of fun for everybody!



17th
December!!

OLSE Choir Present...

ALADDIN

A Pantomime by Jane Tudor.

Raising money for a defibrillator
on the Church Grounds.

- OLSE Parish Centre at 13:00 and 15:30.
- Tickets are £5 for adults and £3 for children.
- Tickets available after November masses or OLSE Primary School.