

# Our Lady & St Edward's Catholic Primary School

1<sup>st</sup> December 2023

Dear Parents

Congratulations to Year 6 who led the Remembrance assembly. It was a moving and thought provoking ensemble with their own work and choreography represented in the production.

The children had a wonderful time during the Rock Kidz day which supported our Anti-bullying Week theme of Reaching Out.

We have a busy last couple of weeks before we break for Christmas with the children being involved in a number of events as we mark this special time. Please see the dates below highlighting the various occasions.

This Sunday we will be holding The Christmas Fair at school from 11am-1pm. Last year was a huge success thanks to those who helped to organise it as well as everyone who attended. We look forward to seeing our families and friends at the Fair.

Sunday also marks the start of Advent and the preparations towards Christmas. Going to Mass on Sunday can really help the children in their preparations and their understanding of this wonderful celebration.

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## **Dates for your diary**

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December - Christmas Fair in school

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December- Year 6 joint Advent Cafod Service with Our Lady's CHS 6pm at St Anthony's Church. Refreshments from 5.30pm

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December – School Disco 6.30-7.20 for EYFS & KS1, 7.30-8.30 KS2

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Nativity Dress Rehearsal at 10.00am

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

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December Y5 Singing at Hulton House at 2pm

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December Choir singing at St Walburge's at 6pm

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December-Whole school Mass led-all welcome

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas lunch & parties – own clothes day-Raffle Draw

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – EYFS & KS1 end of term assembly at 9.10am, Y2 to lead – parents welcome. Year 5 & 6 carol singing at Springfield Manor Gardens Care Home

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December – KS2 End of term assembly 9.10am, Christmas jumper day in school – donations will go to Kalomo.

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December – School closes at 2.30pm and re-opens on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January 11.59pm– Closing date for applications for Reception Class September 2024 – including Supplementary Faith Request Form to school.

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January - PTA meeting – 7.00pm in school

## **Forthcoming Events**

### **The Nativity**

The Infant children have been busy preparing for the Nativity play and the productions are fast approaching. Tickets have been sent home today with the children. There are 2 tickets per child per performance. The dress rehearsal is on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 10am - we have spaces for family members to see this performance. There are two afternoon performances on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm.

### **Christmas Parties - Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

Christmas parties for all will take place during the afternoon. This is a non-uniform day. Children are asked to come to school in their “party clothes”.

### **Christmas Jumper Day – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December**

Children can come to school in a Christmas jumper instead of school jumper – all other uniform remains the same. Donations to Kalomo. You don't have to buy a Christmas jumper – just decorate a jumper that you already have with tinsel etc.

## **Term Dates**

Governors have approved the term dates for 24/25 which are now attached to this newsletter.

## **Exciting Opportunity – Train to Teach in Local Schools Recruiting now for September 2024 start**

The Catholic Teaching Alliance is based at Our Lady's Catholic High School. Minimum requirements for our teacher training courses are GCSEs in Maths and English (and Science for primary), plus an honours degree, class 2:2 or above.

- Teacher training (PGCE with QTS) is available in all phases:
- Early Primary (3-7 years)
- General Primary (5-11 years)
- Secondary (11-16 years)
- Secondary with post 16 (14-19 years)

Train locally in Preston, Blackburn, Blackpool or the Fylde coast.

Please contact us for further information, or to book onto one of our online information sessions, call 01772 326931 or email [CTAPGCE@olchs.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:CTAPGCE@olchs.lancs.sch.uk)  
Website: <https://www.catholic-teaching-alliance.org/pgce-courses.html>

### **OLSE Church Choir Pantomime**

The OLSE Church Choir are putting on a Christmas Pantomime, Aladdin, at the Parish Centre on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> 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!

### **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/](http://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/)

### **Class Worship Spring Term 2024**

#### **Class Worship dates to which parents are invited**

**Reception** -8<sup>th</sup> February at 9am in school

**Year 1** -26<sup>th</sup> March at 9.10am leading the end of term assembly in school

**Year 2** - 1<sup>st</sup> February at 9.00am in school

**Year 3** - 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 9.15am in Church for Candlemas

**Year 4** -28<sup>th</sup> March at 9.10am in school leading the end of term assembly

**Year 5** -21<sup>st</sup> March at 9.00am in school

**Year 6** -27<sup>th</sup> March at 9.15am in Church leading the end of term Mass

### **Year 4 Swimming**

Swimming lessons will begin for Year 4 for 2 weeks from 8<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> January. The lessons will take place each day with pupils leaving school at 9.30 and arriving back at school at 12pm. A letter will be sent home with details of what is needed. Coach transport is being provided.

### **Arbor**

Please keep a check on Arbor as your balance for school lunches should always be in credit.

### **PTA News**

**School Disco-** The PTA will be organising a school disco on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December. The Infants' (Reception, Y1 and Y2) disco will begin at 6.30pm (doors open at 6.20pm) and finish at 7.20pm. The Juniors' disco will begin at 7.30pm and finish at 8.30pm. Soft drinks will be provided therefore, children do not need to bring money. Tickets can be purchased from the school office and are £3.50 per child. Please complete the reply slip below. After the disco, the Infant children are to be collected from their usual classroom door and the Juniors will be collected from Year 3 classroom for pupils in Y3 and Y4, and from the Year 4 classroom for pupils in Y5 and Y6. If your child is being picked up by someone else, please let the school office know as this will prevent delays in seeking permission.

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January** – PTA meeting – 6.00pm in school. Please join us if you can.

**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!

### **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.

### **Value of the Month**

The value for December is **FORGIVENESS**. During Advent, it is important for us all to show compassion to others through the act of forgiving. Preparing for Christmas with a pure soul and an open heart and mind, will prepare a space for Jesus. Please help your child to understand what it means to forgive and to be forgiven; to forget when wrong has been done and to have the ability to move on.

### **Sports News**

Y6 Multi skills - Congratulations to our team who came 5th in their league.  
Y5/6 Girls' Football - huge congratulations to the team who won the final of the Preston Schools' Tournament. They will go on to play in the Lancashire Tournament in Fleetwood in January. The girls also took part in a cup game against Ingol Community School and won 7-0 this places them in the quarter finals.  
Y5/6 Boys' Football - the boys competed in league matches this week winning all of their games. Congratulations.

### **St Edward's School Club**

A reminder that if you are booking a session within 48 hours please also email the school office on [bursar@ourlady-st-edwards.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:bursar@ourlady-st-edwards.lancs.sch.uk) to advise so that your child can be manually added to the list. This also applies if you are booking over a weekend for a session on the following Monday or Tuesday.  
A reminder too that bookings are not confirmed until payment has been received or voucher payment has been ordered.

### **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Lunch**

All children are invited to have a Christmas Lunch. The cost is £2.50 per child (KS2 only – KS1 children free). If your child normally brings in a packed lunch on a Tuesday but wishes to have a Christmas Lunch, please complete and return the slip.

#### Menu for Christmas Lunch

Roast Turkey Fillet with 'Pigs in Blankets' & Gravy  
or Pasta Bake or

Roast Quorn Fillet & Quorn Mini Sausage & Gravy,  
Carrots & Broccoli

Roast Potatoes, Mashed Potato

Christmas Ice Cream Tub and Festive Biscuit – Fruit

### **School Trips and Visitors**

There have been a number of school trips/visitors arranged so far this year all linked to the curriculum. For these experiences to be arranged we rely on the support of families in making a contribution so that the event can go ahead. We are fully aware of the financial difficulties that some families may be experiencing and we will provide support where we can. However, this needs to be communicated to us so that we can initiate the support. If payment is difficult please let us know.

### **School Disco**

I require..... tickets for the Infants' Disco.

Child/ren's name.....

I require.....tickets for the Juniors' Disco.

Child/ren's name.....

I will collect my child after the disco OR

.....(name of other adult) will collect my child.

I enclose £ ..... cash / cheque (cheques payable to OLSE PTA

Signed..... Date.....

### **Christmas Lunch – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

Name of Child .....

My child would like a Christmas Lunch on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December.

- I enclose £2.50 per child (KS2 pupils only to pay)
- Please deduct £2.50 from by ParentPay balance (KS2 pupils only to pay)
- My child is a vegetarian and needs a vegetarian meal

Signed ..... Date .....

\*\*Please do not complete this slip if your child normally has a school lunch on a Tuesday, as this causes great confusion for Mrs Kippax & Mrs Musa!!! Thank you \*\*