

# Our Lady & St Edward's Catholic Primary School

2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024

Dear Parents

We celebrated a wonderful Candlemas Feast day in Church today, led by Year 3. On Thursday, Year 2 shared their worship leading us to reflect on gratitude. As always, the children responded well in showing great respect and reverence. Thank you to all parents and grandparents who continue to support school events. The children are pleased to see their families celebrate in prayer life experiences.

It is half term at the end of next week and Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on 14<sup>th</sup> February. Please check Mass times in your parish so that the children can participate in the Ash Wednesday observance.

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## Dates for your diary

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February – Safer Internet Day in school. The theme for this year is 'Want to talk about it?'

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February – Break the Rules Day School closes at 3.20pm/3.30pm for half term

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February – Inset Day (school closed)

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February – School re-opens.

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February – Gardening Day from 10.30am

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March – Assessment Week

Monday 4<sup>th</sup>-Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March-Bags to school

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day. A day to enjoy reading a book with your child. Dress up day- see below for details.

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March - sign up to Parents' Evening

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March - Parents' Evening 4-6.30pm

## Class Collective Worship

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**Reception** Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February in school at 9.00am

**Year 1** Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March End of Term Assembly in school at 9.10am

**Year 4** Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March End of Term Assembly in school at 9.10am

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

**Year 6** Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March End of Term Mass in Church at 9.15am

## TenTen Newsletter

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

## PTA News

**Bags to School** – Save all your used clothing for after half term. Bags can be dropped off after school on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March, all day Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March.

**Next Meeting-Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February** – PTA meeting – 6.00pm in school. Please join us if you can.

**Garden Help** - Can you help on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February to clear the garden area to the rear of school? We have a very small group at the moment and more help will make lighter work. We have limited tools so please bring your own spades etc

**Easter Bingo** - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 6.30 start

**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!

## Mater Ecclesiae Maths Competition

On Wednesday a group of Year 4 children travelled to St Bernard's to take part in a maths competition with other schools in the Trust. The competition relied on accuracy and speed as they competed in a relay of problem solving questions. A few questions puzzled many of the children with repeated attempts to get the question right. Congratulations to OLSE in achieving 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

## Value of the Month

The value for this month is HONESTY. We will be looking at why being honest is important and how we feel when we don't tell the truth. Please talk to your child about being honest and owning up when they have done something wrong. During assembly each Friday, we recognise the children who have demonstrated the value by awarding them the citizen certificate.

## Lenten Fundraising

During Lent, we will be having a fundraising event to raise money for CAFOD. From a selection of ideas, the school council has chosen for us to complete a sponsored walk. Date TBC

### **Hair Accessories**

A reminder that hair accessories are to be school or natural hair colour and to be of a reasonable size.



### **Teacher Training courses starting September 2024**

#### **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>

### **Safer Internet Day – “Inspiring change? Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online”.**

Next week, on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February, it is UK Safer Internet Day. At OLSE we recognise the importance of Online Safety and therefore it is taught each half term as part of our PSHE lessons. During this week, we will continue to deliver our Online Safety Curriculum making links to Safer Internet Day too. In addition, we will have an assembly themed around Online Safety and Mental Health. Please access the UK Safer Internet Day resources for parents and carers through this link <https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2024/parents-and-carers>

We will be promoting the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people, and discussing the things that can influence and change the way young people think, feel and act online and offline

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

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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.

If you are booking a session for the first time please contact the school office prior to booking.

### **Sports News**

We have had some wonderful successes with our school teams recently. Congratulations to everyone involved.

Rugby Y5/6 won all five games and drew one game in the league

Y5/6 Girls' Football Won the Lancashire Tournament and are the Lancashire School's Champions

Mini-Skills Y1/2- were placed 3rd

### **Reading At Home**

Can we please remind parents that daily reading is recommended for all children. On days when the homework activity is something other than reading, children should be encouraged, in addition, to read – on their own or with others, for at least 10 minutes in EYFS & Key Stage 1; 20 minutes in Key Stage 2. It has been researched that those pupils who read regularly at home as well as at school perform better than those pupils who only read at school.

### **World Book Day – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March**

To celebrate World Book Day we will be having a Roald Dahl dress up day in school. The children and staff can dress up as a character from one of Roald Dahl's books. On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March, we will be visited by author Ruth Eastham (a former pupil) who will inspire the children through her books. Thank you to the PTA who are funding this event.

### **Parking and dropping off on Lightfoot Lane & Surrounding Roads**

A reminder following recent concerns from our neighbours to park considerably on the local roads around the school area. Please do not block driveways or junctions, and please allow space for prams to pass on pavements.

### **Toy Sale**

There will be a toy sale after school on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb (to be held in Y4) in aid of St Catherine's Hospice. Mrs Lough, a regular volunteer at St Catherine's has organised the event and will look forward to seeing you there.

### **Break The Rules Day – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February**

We are having a Break the Rules Day in school on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February. Children do not need to bring money in for this event.

Some ideas of rules that can be broken are:-

No crazy hair

No oversized hair accessories

No hats

Only school uniform

No nail varnish

No temporary tattoos

No squash in your water bottle

Only healthy snacks

**For health and safety reasons no high heels or jewellery can be worn and no snack containing nuts will be allowed**