

Our Lady and Saint George's Catholic Primary & Nursery School

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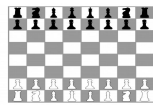


Dear Parents/Carers,

.....News In Brief.....

As we come to the end of week four we hope that all our new families have got used to the school routines and are feeling more at home.

At OLSG we have some new clubs up and running as well as our usual clubs. Please inform the office if you would like your child to join a club or be added to a waiting list. There are some exciting new clubs on Lower Site including Art, Music, Gardening and Cooking! Upper Site still has spaces in the Choir club, Chess Club and Creator Space.



Last week and this week we held Curriculum meetings for all year groups which we hope you found informative.

At OLSG we produce a fortnightly newsletter which is emailed to parents and published on the school website - www.olsgschool.org. There may be other occasional mid-week communication via text or flyer but we will try to keep extra communications to a minimum.

Year 6 Residential- Buckden

This week our year 6 classes went on their residential trip to Buckden Towers in Cambridgeshire. It was a great success and the weather was lovely enabling the children to go on a nice country walk, do many activities and showcase their talents in the 'Buckden Talent Show'! They enjoyed the culinary delights provided by Mrs Allcock & Mrs Barra and had great fun together. **Thank you** to all the staff who went along and made this possible.

International Cultural Heritage Day

Last Friday we celebrated our International Cultural Heritage Day. The generosity of our parents and the great efforts you put into the day really made us proud! The children and staff all looked fantastic in their 'National/Traditional Dress' and the array of foods from different countries was fantastic. Well done to all the children and staff who put on such wonderful performances from all around the world.

School Photographer

A reminder that the School Photographer will be at OLSG next **Friday 6th October**. Children should come to school in full uniform.

Siblings - If your child is at the lower site and has a sibling (brother/sister) at the upper site and you would like a photograph of them together, you are welcome to



take the younger sibling to the upper site from 8:15am - 8:45am. Siblings who are on the same site will have their pictures taken during the day.

Flu Vaccination Programme

Vaccination UK will be visiting our school on Monday 6th November. Information about the programme has been emailed separately. Completion of the consent form is online.

Attendance

The chief Medical Officer has issued guidelines to assist parents in making a decision whether your child is too ill to attend school - Further information can be found by visiting the [NHS 'Is my child too ill for school'?](#)

Applying for a Secondary School place for September 2024

If your child is in year 6, you need to apply for a secondary school place for them for September 2024. The deadline for all applications is **31st October 2023**. Please visit the Waltham Forest Admissions site for full details of how to apply.

<https://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/content/applying-secondary-school-place>

Applying for a Reception place for September 2024

If your child is in Nursery and is born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020, you need to apply for Reception for September 2024. The deadline for all applications is 15th January 2024. Please visit the Waltham Forest Admissions site for full details of how to apply. [Apply for a Primary School Place 2024](#).

School Improvement Fund 2023/2024

OLSG is a voluntary aided school, and as such we are given only 90% funding from the government for building works and are expected to find the additional 10% ourselves. The Governing Body therefore requests a voluntary contribution from every family to help meet these costs. An annual contribution of £50 per child or £65 per family is requested in order to meet our 10% payment. To make a donation, please log onto ParentPay and select '*School Improvement Fund (SIF) 23/24*'. We thank you in advance for your generosity. Our most recent work has been a new roof on the Hall at Lower site and installation of solar panels to help with our energy bills. The new roof is complete and we hope to install the solar panels at half term. The cost of this work is approximately £100,000 which means we will receive £90,000 from the government through the diocese and we will have to pay the other £10,000.

My School Fund

Join the My School Fund initiative to help boost our budget

We're pleased to announce that Our Lady & St George's is part of the My School Fund initiative. This innovative scheme allows us to boost our school's budget with your help.

How does it work?

Parents, guardians and carers can sign up to the scheme for free and start earning cashback on the things they buy in participating retail stores, including Sainsbury's and Argos. As you spend you'll receive 2% cashback in the form of eGift vouchers that can be redeemed in participating stores. By adding a credit/debit card and linking your spend to our school on the My School Fund website we'll also earn 1% cashback on your spend.

Add that all up across our school's network of families and together we can all make a big difference!

How to get involved

Visit myschoolfund.org to register for free, link to Our Lady & St George's and add your credit/debit card. From there, everything you spend in participating stores will go towards helping boost our budget, plus your own!

Sign up today at myschoolfund.org

Once you have registered you will be asked to link a card to your My School Fund account. This information is protected using bank level encryption. The site does not ask you to provide any card information that will allow anyone to make a payment on your card - i.e. it does not ask for the card security code (CVC or CVV). More information about data protection and security is available in the FAQs section of the My School Fund website when you are logged in to your account.

.Prayer

Prayer for Children Everywhere

Today we pray for the children of our church, for the children of our city,
for the children of our world.

May they live without fear of guns and bombs, may they live without hunger for food or love.

May they live without the shadow of violence.

May each day bring them enough hugs for a smile, enough friends for security,
enough adults to provide guidance.

May they grow in faith so that they walk as your children, children of grace, joy and peace.



Amen



.Prayer Room Content.

Michelle (Class Wisdom)

Dear Lord,

Bless us in this new school year, Let our minds be open to learn, Strengthen our minds to focus during school. O Lord, bless all the people that don't have an opportunity to learn in school, We are so happy that we have teachers to expand our minds to be stronger and to be better IN THE HIGHEST NAME OF JESUS **AMEN**  

Kayden (Class Charity)

Dear Lord,

Thank you for a blessed first full week at school, I had lots of fun. **Amen**

Nicole (Class Truth)

Dear God

Help me throughout my life so that i can be the best that i can be help me do the right thing
not the wrong and lead and guide me through the right path be with me and guide me
protect me and keep me safe I love you **Amen**

Beatrice (Class Honesty)

Dear God I have worked so hard and I already know that I am going to have lots of certificates on Friday because my teacher said I'm going to get tree achievement and 3 Mathelatics achievements 1 prayer room certificate and that's it you god and Jesus helped me get these certificate its my and yours certificate because you helped me I love so much you are always by my side thanks for all of your help bye love you 🧡 God and



Gina (Class Resilience)

Dear God, We thank you for your goodness, your mercy and your grace. Help us to carry these wonderful gifts in our own hearts and lives. May we minister these to all the world.

Amen

Other News

Please click on the link below for the latest newsletter from TenTen. **TenTen** is an online educational platform serving schools throughout the UK [TenTenNewsletter](#)

Eco News

Thinking about helping the planet next week is **Cycle to School Week** and celebrates the benefits of cycling or scooting to school.

With petrol prices rising, there's no better time for your child/ren to cycle on the school run. Let's leave the car at home (If You Can) and scoot or cycle.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2023/2024

Diary Dates October	Diary Dates November
Tues 3rd Oct (Every Tuesday) Parents Surgery (SENDCo) with Miss Lonergan 3.30pm-5.00pm Lower site	Tues 7th November (Every Tuesday) Parents Surgery (SENDCo) with Miss Lonergan 3.30pm-5.00pm Lower site
Friday 6th October Photographers in for Individual and sibling photographs. Please wear full uniform	Wednesday 1st November Upper Site Parent Consultation 3:15pm - 6:45pm
Wednesday 11th October Year 6 Trip - Horniman Museum PTA AGM @ 7pm - Lower Site	Wednesday 8th November Lower Site Parent Consultation 3:15pm - 6:45pm
Friday 13th October CAFOD Family Fast Day - Non uniform day Book Fair 13th - 18th October	Thursday 16th November Year 2 Trip - Cinema
Friday 20th October Year 4 Trip to Lloyd Park Last day of school Break up Usual Time	Monday 27th November School Nurse Drop-in Session @ L/S
Mon 23rd - Fri 27th Oct HALF TERM 😊	
Monday 30th October School Nurse Drop-in Session @ L/S	