

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

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Newsletter 3

Dear Parents/Carers,



Next week is our last week before half term. School closes at normal time on Friday 20th October and reopens on Monday 30th October. Don't forget about our Book Fair that will be running from Monday to Wednesday. Please pop in and buy some books-card only payments.

School Photographs

Your child's school photograph that was taken last week is ready to view using the QR code on your proof card. If you have already scanned the QR code on the Proof and registered you will receive an auto email notification. If you have not done it yet, you can still view by scanning the QR code on your Proof and following the instructions.

The website for these codes is www.getphotos.co.uk The online cut-off date for orders to be placed for free postage back to the school is **24th October 2023**

CAFOD/Harvest

Today the whole school community at OLSG celebrated CAFOD Fast Day. The school looked very **colourful** indeed with children wearing an array of bright clothing. The total amount raised for CAFOD was £170.00 which will go towards CAFOD's work in Pakistan. We also celebrated harvest today and would like to say a big thank you for your generosity in donating so much food for those in need. We have made a display on each site and will be distributing the food over the coming weeks to members of our school and parish community and to local food banks.

October, Month of the Rosary

As October is dedicated to the beautiful prayer of the Rosary, we would like to remind you that every Wednesday we have an online family Rosary at 7.30pm where we invite families to come and pray the Rosary. If you would like to join please let us know and we can share the link with you.

On Wednesday 18th October we will be joining approximately **one million children** around the world to say the Rosary together online as part of ANC International's prayer campaign. Through this campaign, ANC international hopes to develop childrens' understanding of the 'power of prayer' and how they can engage with others through this shared prayer experience. Each class will be joining the Rosary which we hope will make it a powerful experience.

To learn more about the Rosary please read the latest Ten:Ten newsletter for parents <http://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/>

Black History Month

To celebrate Black History Month this year, we have been embracing the 2023 theme of 'Celebrating our Sisters'.

Each Year group across the school from Nursery to Year 6 has been assigned a black British woman who has been influential and inspirational. In class pupils have been learning about their lives and celebrating their achievements. Next Friday before we break up for half term, each class will be invited to present what they have learnt in our Black History month assembly.

Year 6 Trip

On Wednesday our Year 6 children visited the Horniman Museum as part of their history topic on Benin.. They had a great day looking at all the wonderful displays of natural history, anthropology and much more.

Parent Teacher Association AGM

Thank you to everyone who attended our Annual General Meeting on Wednesday and a big thank you to all those who have agreed to become committee members for this year. Next Wednesday the PTA will be holding a coffee morning at Lower Site at 8.40am so please come along to meet the team and get to know other parents and make new friends.

Attendance

What YOU must do:

Try to telephone the school before 8.30am each day of your child's absence.

Tell the school in advance of any medical appointments and bring in appointment cards/letters.

If you are not sure whether your child is well enough to attend school, send them in anyway as they often perk up on arrival.

Have a backup plan if your child misses transport, call a family member, neighbour or friend.

If you and your child are experiencing difficulties with school attendance then talk to us as a first step so we can help!

What WE will do:

Check your child's attendance every day.

Phone home to discuss your child's attendance with you.

Invite you into school for attendance meetings if we are concerned.

Medication

If your child has medication in school, please ensure you have noted down the expiry dates to ensure the medication we have is in date. If your child's doctor has made any changes to their medication or the procedure for caring for your child, please inform the school office in writing immediately and provide the school with a copy (or copies) of the documents.

Free School Meal Holiday Vouchers

If you have applied for and been granted Free School Meals, if your child is eligible for 3-4 year olds Early Years Pupil Premium Payment and any 2 year old eligible for a Free Early Education Entitlement (FEEE) place you will receive a voucher worth £15 during half term from Edenred.

Year 6 Parents - Applying For a Secondary School Place

For a secondary school place for September 2024 **you must apply by 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-p>

if you need any help in applying please ask at the office and we will help you through the process.

Social Media...WE NEED FOLLOWERS–Did you know we are on Instagram ?

Follow us and tell **all your friends and family** to follow us to see all the exciting things going on in our School. There will be photographs, pictures of work, upcoming events and Friday Favourites) :-The username is olsgcatholicprimary.

<http://www.instagram.com/olsgcatholicprimary>



Prayer for Peace in the Middle East

Lord, we raise Israel and Gaza to you, and pray for those suffering.

We ask that you provide peace in this crisis,
protection and comfort for all those who have been impacted.

Amen

***“They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain...” —Isaiah 11:9***

Black History Month Prayer

God, help us to value diversity beyond variety.

Help us value diversity with a vision for a progressive future that acknowledges our strength together as well as the power, creativity, ideas, and part that we all bring when we are all welcome – to come to the table and taste and see that the Lord is good.

Amen



Children's Prayers from our Prayer Room

Eldana (Class Truth)

Dear God,

Thank you for giving us a whole new month October
this month made me start other subjects that we don't
know and got me thinking I should never give up and
I should never give up my dreams in all you do in all you say
help me through the year

Amen

Amiyah (Class Resilience)

Dear God I love You for ever and ever

Amen

.....DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2023/2024.....

Diary Dates **October**



Thursday 12th Oct - Wed 18th October

Book Fair on Both Sites

Tues 17th Oct

Prospective Parents Open Morning

Lower Site 9.30-10.30am (Please book)

Tues 17th Oct (Every Tuesday)

**Parents Surgery (SENDCo) with Miss Lonergan
3.30pm-5.00pm Lower site**

Wednesday 18th Oct

**PTA Coffee Morning at Lower Site for all
parents/carers 8.40am**

Friday 20th October

Year 4 Trip to Lloyd Park

Last day of school - Break up Usual Time

Mon 23rd - Fri 27th Oct

HALF TERM 😊

Monday 30th October

School Nurse Drop-in Session @ L/S

Diary Dates **November**



Tues 7th Nov

Prospective Parents Open Morning

Lower Site 9.30-10.30am

Tues 7th November (Every Tuesday)

**Parents Surgery (SENDCo) with Miss Lonergan
3.30pm-5.00pm Lower site**

Wednesday 1st November

**Upper Site Parent Consultation 3:15pm - 6:45pm
(Year 3-6)**

Wednesday 8th November

**Lower Site Parent Consultation 3:15pm - 6:45pm
(Year Reception - Year 2)**

Thursday 16th November

Year 2 Trip - Cinema

Friday 17th November

Lower Site Disco 3.30pm-5.30pm

Tues 21st Nov

Prospective Parents Open Morning

Lower Site 9.30-10.30am

Monday 27th November

School Nurse Drop-in Session @ L/S

SEND FAMILY SUPPORT GROUPS

Open to parents and carers of children aged 5-18 with SEND in mainstream schools in Waltham Forest. Come along and share experiences, discuss ideas, explore resources and develop a support network. All led by specialist Advisory Teachers.

To join us book online at: **Eventbrite**

Down's Syndrome	Monday 25 th September 2023 10.30-11.30	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/downs-syndrome-family-support-group-onsite-and-virtual-tickets-711179686587?aff=odcleoeventsincollection Virtual or onsite Flourish outreach services, Macdonald Road, Walthamstow, E17 4AZ
	Monday 27 th November 2023 10.30-11.30	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/downs-syndrome-family-support-group-onsite-and-virtual-tickets-711200268147?aff=odcleoeventsincollection Virtual or onsite Flourish outreach services, Macdonald Road, Walthamstow, E17 4AZ
Autism	Tuesday 10 th October 2023 11.30- 12.30pm	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/autism-family-support-group-onsitevirtual-tickets-715196691557?aff=odcleoeventsincollection Virtual or onsite Flourish outreach services, Macdonald Road, Walthamstow, E17 4AZ
	Tuesday 28 th November 2023 11.30- 12.30pm	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/autism-family-support-group-onsite-and-virtual-tickets-715200222117?aff=odcleoeventsincollection Virtual or onsite Flourish outreach services, Macdonald Road, Walthamstow, E17 4AZ

.....Community News.....

Do You Love Baking?

We are excited to announce that the applications are now open and we are looking for **talented amateur bakers!**

If you think you have what it takes to bake in the tent, then please visit

www.applyforbakeoff.co.uk

Applications close at 1pm on Tuesday 2nd January 2024!

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MORE INFO: APPLYFORBAKEOFF@LOVEPRODUCTIONS.CO.UK

Free Course

Course Title	Venue	Date	Time	Day
Decorating Cupcakes	The Junction E11 4LF	21.10.2023	10-12pm	Saturday

All families are welcome to join this free Decorate a Cupcake session. During the session families will be able to design and work with fondant icing to decorate a cupcake, as well as designing and creating a box to take it home in. To enrol click on the link on the family learning tab on the ALS website -

www.lbwfafultlearning.co.uk

If you have any questions regarding family learning activities, please contact cherie.cowan-smith@walthamforest.gov.uk Curriculum Manager Family Learning

