



OLQP News

Thursday 28th March 2024
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Easter Holidays

School closes tonight, Thursday 28th March for the Easter holidays and reopens again on Monday 15th April. **We wish you all a very happy and holy Easter.** Have a well-deserved rest and a wonderful Easter weekend.

Forthcoming Events

A reminder to parents that the following events are coming up in school after Easter.

Tuesday 23rd April

3:30pm - Sacramental Preparation Session 6

Thursday 25th April

10:00am - Whole School Mass

Friday 26th April

9:00am - Kandinsky Liturgy for parents

House Point Winners

Following our Celebration Assembly this afternoon, Thomas House are the winners of our House points again! They will have their extra playtime after the holidays.

Attendance

Our whole school attendance from Reception to Year 6 for this fortnight has been 96.1%. This is so close again to our target of 97% - keep up the hard work everyone!

We are delighted to announce that Goldsworthy 2 class are the winners of our attendance trophy for this week with an overall attendance of 100% - fantastic! Picasso class were the winners of our attendance trophy for last week with 99.3% - wonderful!

Parents will have received emails today detailing their child's current attendance percentages. We are overwhelmed with the amount of children who have achieved *excellent* (97% or above) or *100% attendance* this term. There were so many certificates to hand out that our Celebration Assembly at the end of the day ran over a little bit, many apologies! If your child did not manage to come home with their certificate, these have been kept safely for after the holidays.

If parents have any questions about their child's attendance, please do not hesitate to contact school and a member of the attendance team will be in touch after the Easter break. Thank you very much for your help and support.

Ukraine Appeal

If any families have any pre-loved clothes, we are collecting again for our Ukraine appeal. These donations can be for men, women or children and can be dropped into the school office from 15th April. Thank you for your generosity and support.

Parents' Evening

It was wonderful to see so many parents at our various parents' evenings. We hope you found these informative. Thank you to all parents who completed our online survey. We will analyse the results and respond to feedback after the holidays.

Lenten and Easter Activities

We have had a wonderful Holy Week in school praying, reflecting and celebrating together.

Key Stage 2 led us in a beautiful Stations of the Cross liturgy on Wednesday and we have all been moved by our thoughtful cards from our prayer partners.

We were delighted that the rain stayed away for our Big Lent Walk for CAFOD on Tuesday. A fabulous £367 was raised, over our target amount! Thank you so much to you all for your generosity and support.

Our Mini Vinnies and representatives from Y3 and Y4 spread Easter cheer as they made Lenten bags for members of our Parish family and took Easter cards to one of our local care homes. We were very proud of you all.

Bunny Bingo was a huge success this afternoon and great fun was had by all during the *Find the Golden Egg* hunt. A huge thank you to Mrs Forbister for organising and leading our exciting celebrations and activities. A great way to start the holidays!

A Visit from Mr Hurn

We were delighted to welcome Mr Hurn, the CEO of our Trust into school on Tuesday. He had a tour around the school and met our wonderful children and staff. Mr Hurn thoroughly enjoyed his afternoon at Our Lady Queen of Peace and we look forward to welcoming him back again.

Social Media Apps

We have written to our Year 5 and 6 parents this week highlighting several concerns that have been raised over the content within chat groups and the impact some of these negative conversations have had. This particularly involves Snapchat conversations.

We have worked with pupils and parents individually, where necessary, to support further actions and outcomes. We know that parents check their children's phones regularly. However, can we please ask parents to do this even more frequently, especially as we approach the Easter holidays.

If parents have any concerns about the content within these chat groups, we would please ask that you contact school. Thank you.

We would also like to raise awareness of a WhatsApp group called 'Everyone You Know' which may contain potentially harmful content for any child who accesses it. Again, we encourage parents to monitor their child's phone regularly and contact school if you have any concerns.