



Loving Learning and Looking Forward with Christ

NEWSLETTER

10.3.2023

Dear Parents,

We have had a busy fortnight here at OLSB. On Friday 3rd March the school came together to join with One Life Music in a virtual retreat based around Lent. It was wonderful to hear the children joining in with songs of praise around the school. Our favourite was entitled 'Fill me up Lord'. Each Tuesday morning the children have also been gathering in the hall to take part in the Stations of the Cross, over the past fortnight these have been led by children in Year 6 and Year 5. World Book Day was fabulous. Inspired by the book 'Here we are' by Oliver Jeffers, the children thought about what they want to be when they grow up! We have had so many visitors into school over the past fortnight and even some online Zoom sessions where jobs and roles have been shared. This has included: Police Officers, a Nurse, a dog groomer, a Yoga Teacher, Father Adrian (Parish Priest), Will Buckingham (a children's author), Mike Bushell (BBC TV Sports Presenter), Carrie Alcock (Zoologist and Bug expert) and a Chief Executive to name but a few. The children's minds have been inspired. Here at OLSB we want the children to know that they can truly be anything that they want to be - Dream Big Kids and reach for the stars!

Stars of the week – Well done you are all stars!

<u>Class</u>	<u>3.3.2023</u>	<u>10.3.2023</u>
Nursery	Sapphira Deaville	Harper-Rae Denic Sheldon
Reception	Nathaly Olahova	Nikola Gorski
Year 1	Kenan Nicholls	Harper Stott
Year 2	James-Henry Robertson	Tayo Onasanya
Year 3	Aiden Thomas	Kayne Davies
Year 4	Oscar Gorski	Leo Abraham
Year 5	Divora Robel	Millan Love
Year 6	Gary Quaye	Jasmine-Anne Rowlands



School Uniform

The children are looking extremely smart in their uniform. Huge thanks must go to the many parents who have supported the policy and have bought the jumpers or cardigans with the logos on for their children. Please do ensure that these are clearly labelled with your child's name to ensure these do not go missing.

A reminder that good quality used uniform items are also available to buy from

<https://www.uniformd.co.uk/ourladystbenedict-academy>

New school uniform items and complete PE kits can also be purchased from the former Methodist Church, Motif Marketing which is opposite the Co-op in Milton, Stoke on Trent.

https://www.motifmarketing.co.uk/index.php?route=product/category&path=59_72

If anyone is experiencing financial difficulties in providing their child with a school jumper please do call into the school office where your difficulties will be treated confidentially.

School Times

A reminder that our new school times found below are now in operation.

Class	Times
Nursery	8.40-3.10
Reception	8.40-3.10
Key Stage One (Y1 and Y2)	8.45-3.15
Key Stage Two (Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6)	8.45-3.20

Rising 3's

We are now taking applications from families who have a child who will be three years old before the 31st March 2023. These children will be able to start in the nursery after Easter. These children are known as the Rising 3's and will begin in the nursery a term early! Places are limited so please do call into the school office to complete an application form to show your interest. Please do pass this message onto friends or family members. All are welcome here at OLSB. Should you wish to make a visit to the Nursery Class please contact the school office and I will be happy to arrange a convenient time to show you around.

Future Dates

13 th March	Science Week
Saturday 11 th March	Family Mass at Our Lady and Saint Benedict Catholic Church at 5pm- Confirmation Candidates are required to attend. It is the visitation of Bishop Stephen all are welcome.
Friday 17 th March	Early Years (Reception and Nursery Class) Mother's Day Visit
Tuesday 21 st March	CAFOD assembly
Tuesday 28 th March	Parents evening in school
Wednesday 29 th March	Scholars Programme trip
Wednesday 29 th March	Bee Active Laser Tag behaviour treat
Thursday 30 th March	Easter Bonnet Parade (Early Years) and Egg decorating and throwing competition (Y1-Y6) Parents evening online
Friday 31 st March	Big Lent Walk Holy Week Assembly 2.30pm School Closes for the Easter Holidays
Monday 17 th April	School re-opens

"In addition to the Scriptures, the Lord speaks to us through our brothers and sisters, especially in the faces and the stories of those who are in need." Pope Francis' message for Lent 2023

Plant in us Lord, seeds of love, for you, for creation and for all people. Help us to grow, each day, to be more like Jesus, so that our words and our lives, show people your love. Amen.

With thanks,

Mrs Sarah Clowes

Principal