



Loving Learning and Looking Forward with Christ

NEWSLETTER

3.2.2023

Dear Parents,

On Monday 30th January the children in Year 1 visited Ford Green Hall to take part in a Fire of London Workshop. They had an amazing time and learnt lots of facts about the Great Fire. They have told me all about Samuel Pepys and his diary. Well done Year 1!

Year 3 have been learning all about the Stone Age through Forest School on Wednesday afternoon. They have lots of interesting facts to share and have handled lots of items!

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

<u>Class</u>	<u>27.01.2023</u>	<u>3.2.2023</u>
Nursery	Murray Edge	Maddison Lanaghan
Reception	Maci-Mae Knapper	Reako Sowden
Year 1	Enzo Jones	Nadia Rychlak
Year 2	Aliyah Clarke	Emmanuel Scaria
Year 3	Ethan Bradbury	Chase Carter-Watson
Year 4	Livia Chen	Joel Day
Year 5	Emilia Rola	Molly Wright
Year 6	Taysha Onasanya	Isobel Williams



SCHOOL TIMES

A reminder that to meet the government expectation, schools should deliver a school week of at least 32 hours and 30 minutes, **the revised start and finish times will starting on Monday 27th February 2023**. The first day back after the half term. Changes are highlighted in green.

Class	Times
Nursery	8.40-3.10
Reception Current	8.40-3.10
Key Stage One	8.45-3.15
Key Stage Two	8.45-3.20

Admission to Nursery Class September 2023

The system is now open for admissions to our Nursery Class in September 2023. This is for children born between the dates of 01/09/2019 and 31/08/2020.

If you require any further information or wish to make a visit to the Nursery or Reception class please contact the school office. The easiest way to apply is online at

https://www.stoke.gov.uk/info/20033/school_admissions/132/primary_school_admissions

If you are unable to apply online, please collect a paper form from the school office.

School Uniform

At OLSB, we have a school uniform requirement and believe that a smart uniform, worn neatly and tidily, helps to instil pride and a sense of loyalty in the school. It makes it clear that we all belong to one community. It is this belonging, and oneness, which help to make the attitude and co-operation in school very special. School ties must be worn by all children in Year 1-Year 6. Please follow the link for more information about school uniform.

<https://www.ourladyandstbenedict.co.uk/school-uniform/>

Warm Spaces

During the winter months Stoke-On-Trent have set up a number of Welcoming Spaces. These offer a heated place where people can meet up, socialise, and access support.

Please find information below on the Welcoming Spaces in Stoke-on-Trent which are open to everyone.

<https://sottogether.vast.org.uk/cost-of-living-welcoming-spaces/>

Our nearest locations are:

- **Breathe New Life Church, Abbey Hulton**- Welcoming space; Tuesdays 09:30-12:00
- **St Johns Community Church- Connect Café, Abbey Hulton**- Community Lounge; Wednesdays 09:00-10:30
- **St Stephen's Community Church, Bentilee**- Welcoming space; Thursdays 09:30-12:00
- **Bentilee Neighbourhood Centre, Bentilee**- Community Lounge; Thursdays 09:30-12:00
- **Just Family CIC, Birches Head**- Welcoming space; Mondays and Fridays 10:00-12:00, last Saturday of every month 10:00-12:00

Future Dates

Tuesday 7 th February	Safer Internet Day
Friday 17 th February	Y5 Lichfield Cathedral School Concert at Birches Head
Monday 20 th February-26 th February	HALF TERM
Tuesday 21 st February	Shrove Tuesday - Pancakes !
Wednesday 22 nd February	Ash Wednesday
Monday 27 th February	School Re-Opens NEW START AND END TIMES APPLY
Thursday 2 nd March	World Book Day - Information to follow
Saturday 11 th March	Family Mass -Bishop Stephen Visitation (All Welcome)

Lord, We pray that there may be more love on earth, we ask you to dispose people to be more understanding and friendlier to one another and to share more readily with those in need, Lord, let your light shine in us AMEN

With thanks,

Mrs Sarah Clowes

Principal