



Loving Learning and Looking Forward with Christ

NEWSLETTER

17.12.2022

Dear Parents,

It has been lovely to see so many of you in and around school this week supporting both of the Christmas concerts, School Mass and our Lapland experience. It has been a wonderful end to my first term as Principal here at OLSB. I wish to express my warmest thanks to all of you for the very warm welcome I have received this term.

The children have had a wonderful fortnight here in school. It has been great to see many final pieces of learning being produced in many subjects across the school showing that the children have certainly learnt and remembered more.

Children have thoroughly engaged with our Alice in Wonderland text and enjoyed the experience of not only reading the story in school but visiting the New Vic Theatre to watch a live performance. The children have produced writing and art work based around this story, which can be viewed in our corridors.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our wonderful staff here at OLSB who truly go above and beyond on a daily basis to ensure our children get the very best.

Staffing- Today we say goodbye to Mrs Laura Beggs, as she moves to a new school closer to her home. Mrs Beggs will be greatly missed and we thank her for her 14 years service to OLSB, and wish her all the best for her future career!

In January, Year 3 will continue to be taught by Mrs Stephanie Hepworth, and Mrs Lisa Machin will join the class on a Thursday and Friday. Mrs Machin will also continue to teach in Year 4 with Miss Emma Wainwright.

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

Class	W/C 12/12/2022
Nursery	All the class
Reception	All the class
Year 1	Sophia Morgan & Isla Price
Year 2	Aliya Clarke
Year 3	Jacob Howard
Year 4	Roman Riordan
Year 5	Noble Kenneth
Year 6	Amelia Bennett



Attendance

100% Attendance certificates and awards have been presented to 44 children in school today. Congratulations and well done.

Music- Songbirds Choir will be available after Christmas, for children in Years 1, 2 & 3 and will begin on Tuesday 3rd January. It will run each Tuesday as an after school club until 4:05pm. Mr Chubb, from the City Music service will be leading it.

We will also be able to offer guitar lessons, with Mr Oxbarrow, after Christmas too. A letter has been sent out to interested pupils. Please do return them to school.

January After School Clubs- We will be in touch during the first week back regarding the after school clubs for the new term.

Football

OLSB have played 5 football games against Abbey Hulton Primary. We have won a few games with goals scored from Logan Denic-Sheldon, Jacob Howard and Jaiden Morley. All of the children in the football team have represented our school with great behaviour and team spirit. Well done. We are looking forward to the new year and entering the children in the school league. Our thanks go to Mrs Franklin and Mrs Knall for organising the football team and games.

Admission to Primary School September 2023 - The application process for a place at Primary School (Reception class) has opened and will close on the 15th January 2023. The easiest way to apply is online at https://www.stoke.gov.uk/info/20033/school_admissions/132/primary_school_admissions

If your child currently attends our Nursery Class or your children have brothers or sisters wanting to join in September 2023 you will still need to apply for a place online.

Christmas Masses

Date	Time	Location	Mass
Christmas Eve	4:45pm	SGSM	Dedication of Christmas Memory Tree
	5:00pm	SGSM	Vigil Mass
	7:00pm	OLSB	Carol Service
	7:30pm	OLSB	Mass
	9pm	SGSM	Carol Service
	9:30pm	SGSM	Mass
Christmas Day	9:30am	SGSM	Christmas Day Mass

SGSM- St George & St Martin, Gibbins Street, Birches Head, ST1 2LS

OLSB- Our Lady & St Benedict, Abbey Road, Abbey Hulton, ST2 8AU

Future Dates

A reminder that we return to school on Tuesday 3rd January.

Wishing you all a very Happy and Holy Christmas,

Designed by Fatima Bah
a pupil here at OLSB



For unto us a child is born and he will be called Wonderful
Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace

With thanks,

Mrs Sarah Clowes

Principal

Loving Father, Help us remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and worship of the wise men. Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clear hearts. May the Christmas morning make us happy to be the children, and Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen."