



Loving Learning and Looking Forward with Christ

NEWSLETTER

25.11.2022

Dear Parents,

I am delighted to let you know that Miss Kelsey Franklin has given birth to a little girl 'Indie' who weighed 8lb 1oz. Both Indie and Mum are doing well and Mrs Franklin is delighted to be a Nanna to Indie.

Welcome to the world Indie from all of the OLSB family.

Over the last fortnight we have had many visitors into school all who have commented upon the children's excellent behaviour and their polite manners. The children had a visit from CAFOD who spoke to the children across the school about how to live out our faith in the world. On the 17th November Father Adrian led a mass dedicated to vocations where children heard about God inviting us to follow him and use our God Given talents to help others and to support the world in which we live.

This week is our last week of ordinary time as Sunday marks the first Sunday of Advent. Today each child has brought home a 'Walk With Me' Advent and Christmas calendar. Please do share these at home. Saturday is also a very special day as it is family mass with the enrolment of our children preparing for their Confirmation. It would be lovely to see lots of your there supporting this, it is at Our Lady and Saint Benedict Catholic Church at 5.00pm. It is lovely to hear some Christmas songs ringing out around school as the classes start to rehearse for their Christmas concerts. I'm sure you are all excited to join us here in school to watch the concerts. Tickets will be available from the 5th December further details to follow.

ADDITIONAL BANK HOLIDAY

In light of the announcement of His Majesty's coronation on Saturday 6 May 2023, an additional bank holiday has been announced on Monday 8 May. Our Lady and St Benedict Catholic Academy will be closed on this day. A Reminder that all other term dates can be found here.

<https://www.ourladyandstbenedict.co.uk/term-dates/>

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

<u>Class</u>	<u>W/C 14/11/2022</u>	<u>W/C 21/11/2022</u>
Nursery	Albie Bennett	Edward Buckler
Reception	Declah Williams	Aaron-Joshua Annan
Year 1	Christian Solomon	Mikeel Wlazlo
Year 2	Daisy Parker	Alex Andrejevs
Year 3		Leo Hulme
Year 4	Carley Hazeldine	Layne-Mae Wint
Year 5	Beau Martin	Ruby Bailey
Year 6	Marion Mutyaba	Nicholle Duncan

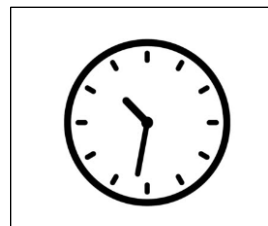


Music- Songbirds Choir will be available after Christmas, for children in Years 1, 2 & 3 and will begin on Tuesday 3rd January. It will run each Tuesday as an after school club until 4:05pm. Mr Chubb, from the City Music service will be leading it.

We will also be able to offer guitar lessons, with Mr Oxbarrow, after Christmas too. A letter with further information about this will be sent out soon.

Punctuality - Thank you for your efforts to arrive at school on time, improvements have been seen in this area. We know that arriving late to school means that children miss out on learning time and can cause children to be unsettled in a morning. Please keep up your efforts. The gates will be locked promptly and should you arrive late you will need to enter school via the gated pedestrian walkway and come into the school office to sign in your child. Please don't cross the carpark as this can be busy. Please find a reminder of our start and end times:

Class	Times
Nursery	8.50-3.00
Reception	8.50-3.00
Key Stage One	8.40-3.10
Key Stage Two	8.45-3.20



Wraparound Care Before and After School club The before and After school club 'Owls Nest at OLSB' is open and running and is offering full wraparound care for your child. This is available for all children in Reception-Year 6. Before School Club runs from 7:45am until the start of school. There is no admission after 8.20am. After School Club runs from the end of the school day and will close at 5.30pm - with a snack included. For costing, further information and to read a copy of the letter please follow the link below. Places can be booked via Scopay.

<https://www.ourladyandstbenedict.co.uk/before-and-after-school-club/>

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.

Santa Dash- Mr Sigley will be running a Santa dash on Friday 9th December. Please can all children bring in a Santa hat on this date, as well as their PE kit.

Future Dates

Monday 28 th November	Whole School Advent Assembly for children in school
Thursday 1 st December	Whole School Mass 9.15am PARENTS WELCOME
Friday 2 nd December	One Life Advent Retreat in school for children
Thursday 8 th December	Mad Hatters Tea Party (School Uniform) <i>If your child usually has a packed lunch and would like this instead, please make sure that you order a Tea Party lunch for your child by Friday 2nd December</i>
Monday 12 th December	Y1-Y6 visit to Alice in Wonderland @The New Vic Theatre The production finishes at 4.30pm. Children will need to be collected from school at 5.15pm
Monday 12 th December	Nursery and Reception Nativity @ 9.30am. Ticket information to follow
Tuesday 13 th December	Y1-Y6 Carol Concert @ 2pm and 4pm Ticket information to follow - children may remain in school at the end of the day for the production at 4pm
Wednesday 14 th December	Christmas Dinner Day (Non - Uniform Day/own clothes or Christmas Jumpers / clothes) <i>If your child usually has a packed lunch and would like this instead, please make sure that you order a Christmas dinner for your child by Friday 2nd December</i>
Thursday 15 th December	Whole School Mass 9.15am. PARENTS WELCOME
Thursday 15 th December	Nursery and Reception Nativity @ 2pm. Ticket information to follow
Friday 16 th December	AM- Nursery and Reception Alice in Wonderland Tale Trail at the New Vic Theatre Christmas surprise afternoon! 'Lapland at OLSB'
Friday 16 th December	School Closes for Christmas at 3.10/3.20pm
Tuesday 3 rd January	School re-opens

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe. You sent your Son to be the Light of the world and to spread his light of love to all. As we light the candles of this wreath May its growing brightness remind us of the approaching nearness of your Son So that the day of His coming may find us prepared and filled with joy. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

With thanks,

Mrs Sarah Clowes

Principal