



Loving Learning and Looking Forward with Christ

NEWSLETTER

10.11.2022

Dear Parents,

Children have returned from half term and have settled back into the many learning opportunities here at Our Lady and Saint Benedict Catholic Academy. In addition to the curriculum on offer, children in Year 4 and Year 5 have taken part in 'Bikeability' road safety training. The 'bikeability' leaders reported back that the children really enjoyed the training and were well-mannered throughout. Certificates and badges have been awarded. Well done to all involved. Photographs have been taken and proofs have been sent home for you to view. If you wish to purchase these please do follow the link online. On Thursday 3rd November every class in the school got to experience a real life bonfire in our forest and enjoyed time sitting around the fire with friends, feeling the warmth and enjoying a hot chocolate and 's'mores'. It was a lovely but muddy day! Today we have gathered together and have taken part in the national 2 minute silence at the eleventh hour on the eleventh day of the eleventh month we stayed silent to remember all those who have lost their lives fighting for our country.

"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, We will remember them."



We hope you like the art work that the children have created to remember those who have gone before us.

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 Saint 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/>



The 'Design a school Christmas card' was judged and was won by Fatima Bah in Year 5. This design will be made up and will be sent to our extended school family. Well Done Fatima! Fatima has been awarded with an art set for her winning entry.

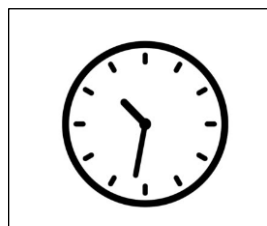
Stars of the week – Well done you are all stars!

Class	W/C 31/10/2022	W/C 7/11/2022
Nursery	Edward Buckler	Archie Allen-Cartwright
Reception	Jack Fantauzzo	Layla Price
Year 1	Darcey-Beau Woods	Isabelle Cadman
Year 2	Darcie Davenport	Ollie Holdcroft
Year 3	Kyra Shepherd	Kayden Bailey
Year 4	Petr Hiho-Kubin	Jaiden Morley
Year 5	Fatima Bah	Nikodem Biskup
Year 6	Olivia Lomax	Bobbie Jones



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. Miss Machin, Miss Farrell and Miss Anderson-Wright are working in the club and are offering opportunities for both indoor and outdoor play, sports, games, crafts and recreational activities that are both fun and challenging. 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.

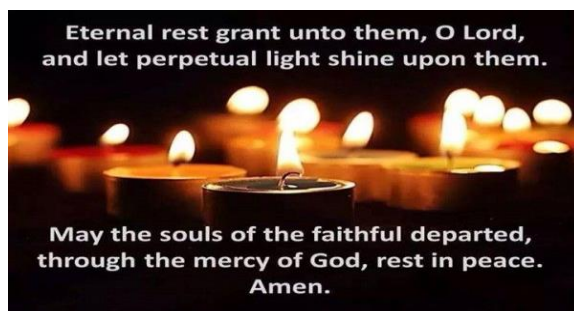
Future Dates

Due to the increase in living costs we will not be asking children to buy and wear Christmas jumpers throughout December this year. Children will remain in school uniform and we hope any savings made can be used by the family during the Christmas season.

Monday 14 th November	Odd Socks Day for Anti Bullying
Thursday 17 th November	Whole School Mass- Vocation
Saturday 26 th November	Family Confirmation Commitment Mass
Thursday 8 th December	Mad Hatters Tea Party
Monday 12 th December	Y1-Y6 visit to Alice in Wonderland @The New Vic Theatre
Monday 9 th December	Nursery and Reception Nativity @ 9.30am
Tuesday 13 th December	Y1-Y6 Carol Concert @ 2pm and 5pm
Wednesday 14 th December	Christmas Dinner Day
Thursday 15 th December	Nursery and Reception Nativity @ 2pm
Friday 16 th December	Nursery and Reception Alice in Wonderland Tale Trail at the New Vic Theatre Christmas surprise afternoon!
Friday 16 th December	School Closes for Christmas at 3.10/3.20pm
Tuesday 3 rd January	School re-opens

In this month of November and in this season of Remembrance we pray for all those who have died and think of those who have lost loved ones. We call upon the Lord as we say:

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



With thanks,

Mrs Sarah Clowes

Principal