



OLQP News



Friday 22nd December 2023

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Christmas Holidays

School closes tonight, Friday 22nd December, for the Christmas holidays. School will reopen again on Tuesday 9th January 2024 to all pupils. Please note that Monday 8th January is a staff training day.

All of the Staff and Governors at Our Lady Queen of Peace would like to wish you and your families a very Happy and Holy Christmas. Have a wonderful holiday and a good rest! We look forward to seeing you all again on Tuesday 9th January 2024, ready for a New Year together!

The staff would like to say a huge THANK YOU to all parents and pupils for your many good wishes and for your continued support. Thank you for the hugs, smiles, kind words, cards and gifts; they are very much appreciated.

Christmas Performances

Our Christmas nativities and performances were a joy to watch. Every phase has worked incredibly hard learning their lines, words to the songs, actions and dance movements over the last few weeks. I have thoroughly enjoyed watching each performance throughout the school and have felt incredibly proud of the achievements of our talented children!

I'm sure you will appreciate that it takes a tremendous amount of hard work from everyone to prepare the children for their performances. I know that you will join me in thanking the staff for their time and dedication. The children were superstars and did amazingly well; well done everyone!

A Christmas Message (copied with permission)

At this time of year there is sometimes pressure to create a perfect, magical Christmas. We want our children to know the magic of Santa and ensure he brings great gifts and presents. Sometimes, that means extra stresses for families. Every January, when your child comes back to school, they tell their teacher all about the Christmas holidays. They tell us about the days when everyone stayed indoors and watched TV. They tell us about the walk in the freezing cold and staying at their Grandparents. They tell us about how you let them snuggle in your bed. They tell us how you played cards and took them swimming one day. They tell us about a visit to a friend's on New Year's Eve and how they stayed up to midnight. They tell us how they loved staying in their PJ's some days and a trip out another day. They talk about their gifts, but for them Christmas is family and your love and special routines. You are their favourite thing!

As we celebrate Christmas with our family and friends, we pause to remember Jesus' birthday and we give thanks for the love, hope and joy this Holy season brings. Have a wonderful Christmas with family and friends. Best wishes to you all.

Forthcoming Events

A reminder to parents that the following events are coming up in school after the holidays:

Thursday 11th January 2024

10:00am - Kandinsky attending Mass

Tuesday 16th January 2024

3:45pm - Sacramental Preparation meeting for parents in Church

Thursday 18th January 2024

10:00am - Picasso attending Mass

Friday 19th January 2024

9:00am - Seurat liturgy for parents

Car Parking

Could we please remind parents to take extra care and be extremely vigilant when using the Church car park at drop off and pick up times. Several near misses have been reported to the Office over the last couple of weeks. Drop off times can be particularly stressful, but it is equally distressing for children if they witness adults who are cross at one another before they begin their school day. Nobody wants an accident to occur, so please take care. We urge parents to park sensibly and exercise caution when manoeuvring in the car park. Thank you for your support and understanding in this matter.

Christmas Fayre

A tremendous THANK YOU to everyone who supported our Christmas Fayre. It was a wonderful event.

The final count from each of the stalls is still coming in, but so far we have raised a staggering £1267.56. What an amazing achievement! This will go a long way to our long term project.

THANK YOU very much to our fabulous Friends of OLQP, Mrs Forbister and Mrs Ludford who have put so much time into organising the fayre.

We look forward to the next event!

Reading Books

Some of our Y6 pupils would like to start a lunchtime *reading for pleasure* club after the holidays.

If any parents are clearing out and have any donations of reading books, please feel free to drop them into the Office. Many thanks.

Clothing Bin

A reminder than any pre-loved clothes or shoes can be donated and left in the clothing recycle bin at the main gates as you enter school.

Every full bin collected raises money for school. Thank you.