



OLQP News

Friday 18th October 2024
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Forthcoming Events

A reminder to parents of the following events that are coming up in school over the next fortnight:

Thursday 24th October

Super Learning Morning - please see additional information

Friday 25th October

Non-uniform day - chocolate raffle donation

We are looking to make our Christmas Fayre an even bigger success this year. One of the most popular stalls is always the chocolate raffle. We would be very grateful if parents could donate chocolate, rather than money, on this non-uniform day. Thank you for your support. Please note, football strips are **not** permitted today. Thank you for your understanding.

School closes tonight, Friday 25th October, for the half term holiday.

Monday 4th November

School opens to all pupils

Tuesday 5th November

3:30pm - Meeting in Church for parents who wish for their child to make their First Holy Communion - further information to follow via letters to parents.

Thursday 7th November

10:00am - Year 5 and Year 6 to attend Mass - Caravaggio to lead

Friday 8th November

9:10am - Seurat's Liturgy for parents

Attendance

Our whole school attendance from Reception to Year 6 for this fortnight has been 96.5%. This is so close to our target of 97% - keep up the hard work everyone! We are delighted to announce that Mondrian and Rousseau are the winners of our attendance trophy for this week with an amazing overall attendance of 100%! Kandinsky class were the winners of our attendance trophy last week with a brilliant 99.5% - well done!

If parents have any questions about their child's attendance, please do not hesitate to contact school and a member of the attendance team will be in touch. Thank you very much for your support.

Half Term

A reminder that school closes on **Friday 25th October** for the Half Term holiday. School will be open to pupils again on Monday 4th November. Have a lovely week everyone.

Safeguarding Policy

Our annual Safeguarding Policy has been updated and amended in line with statutory guidance from *Keeping Children Safe in Education*. This updated policy can be found in the Policies section of our school website, or by clicking the link [here](#). Thank you.

Super Learning Event - English

As advertised on the calendar dates in September and on Weduc, we will be hosting a Super Learning event for parents on **Thursday 24th October** from 9:00am - 10:00am. The format and structure will follow our previous events held last year. **Please note:** this event is for parents of pupils in Year 1 to Year 6 only. Early Years will hold another event for parents at a later date.

* Once parents have dropped their children off, they are welcome to gather in the Hall. We will not be serving refreshments as we aim to move to classes as quickly as possible. However, we need to allow classes time to register the children and settled them for the morning.

* School Council representatives will guide parents to classrooms at around 9:10am.

* A bell will ring at 9:40am if any parents need to swap classrooms to visit a sibling.

* The session will end at around 10:00am - 10:10am.

Please could we ask that only one parent or carer per child attends. Unfortunately there is not space in the classrooms for younger siblings who are pre-school age. This is due to health and safety restrictions. Thank you for your understanding.

The children will be completing practical work on their tables, so no child should feel left out if parents or carers are unable to attend.

Thank you for your support. We look forward to refreshing our reading, writing and phonics skills together!

Car Parking

We are very blessed to be able to use our church car park at drop off and pick up times.

However, over the last two weeks, we have had concerns raised from parents around heated discussions regarding parking which have included raised voices and swearing.

Please could we remind all parents to drive and park safely. It is very upsetting for the children if they hear parents arguing at drop off and pick up times and stressful and distressing for parents at an already difficult time of the day.

Thank you for your support and understanding in this matter. Thank you for keeping calm and for putting the safety of the children and families in our community first and foremost.



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Uniform Reminders

Staff have noted a few recurring issues with uniform over the last few weeks.

We would please ask all families to be mindful of our uniform policy, which can be found on our website under [Parents - School Uniform](#)

If any parents need support with uniform, please do not hesitate to contact the school office. We have lots of wonderful donations of uniform in our swap shop store cupboard that parents are welcome to take. Thank you very much.

Trainers – trainers are only to be worn for PE or as a **spare** pair of shoes for KS2 pupils at lunchtimes for the field. Children need to change back into their normal school shoes after lunchtime has finished.

Grey jogging bottoms for PE - these do not need to have the school logo on them. Please can we ask that leggings are not worn.

Smart watches – in line with our mobile phone policy, these are not permitted during the school day.

Water bottles – a polite reminder that water bottles in classrooms should not contain juice. As a healthy school, juice is only permitted at lunchtime and should be separate to children's water bottles that they bring into the classroom.

Hair Styles - we ask that children avoid extremes of fashion in uniform and appearance, particularly with regard to hairstyle. For example coloured hair and extremely short cut or shaven heads (including lines shaved in) are not permitted (guidance: hair cut with clippers on a setting lower than a 2 is too short).

Earrings – children are not permitted to wear any earrings, other than flat plastic spacers if absolutely necessary. Ideally, earrings should not be worn at all. We have noticed a significant increase in the amount of earrings being worn. These must be removed for health and safety reasons. If an earring gets caught on clothing, knocked in a PE lesson or on the playground, it can cause severe damage.

Thank you for your help and support in this matter.

Packed Lunches

Please could we remind all parents that we are a nut free school. Staff have seen a few nut based products in packed lunches over the last few weeks. We do have pupils in school who are allergic to nuts and carry an epi-pen. Thank you for your support in this matter.

We promote healthy packed lunches at all times. Please note that cans / bottles of pop are not permitted. Lately, staff have also noticed an increase in bars of solid chocolate, packets of jelly sweets and other confectionary. Children prefer to eat these over healthy foods and some food is being wasted. Thank you for your help and understanding.

Asda's Cashpot for School

Parentkind, the charity that support school PTAs, have teamed up with Asda through their 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative.

If parents have the Asda Rewards app, all you have to do is click 'Cashpots' or the 'Cashpots for School' banner on the home page and, when prompted, put in our school's postcode - DH4 7JZ.

Once you have selected our school, every time you shop at Asda, the school's cashpot will increase! Please note - this **does not** affect your personal Cashpot rewards.

The scheme is only open until 30th November 2024. Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to your chosen primary school. Every time some one opts in, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school's Cashpot. Asda have also given £50 to every school to get them started!

We have raised an amazing £343 already. There are 43 days to go! Happy shopping and **thank you** for helping us to raise vital funds.

Easyfundraising

During the Curriculum Evenings, information was shared with parents about another fundraising initiative which is helping to support our *Friends of Our Lady Queen of Peace* funds.

Easyfundraising partners with over 7500 brands who will donate part of what you spend to a cause of your choice - our school! It won't cost you any extra money as the cost is covered by the brand.

Brands include grocery stores, clothing shops, hotels, Amazon, DIY stores, tour operators and many more. For more information, please download the app or visit easyfundraising.org.uk.

Sparkle and Shine Disco

A huge thank you to the members of our PTA who worked so hard to make our Sparkle and Shine disco a dazzling success! The children had great fun dancing the night away.

We raised a fantastic £512.04. Thank you for your continued support. Here's to our next event, the Christmas Fayre, on Thursday 21st November.

Payments on Arbor

Please could we remind all parents to top up their child's Arbor account and clear any outstanding debts, particularly for Breakfast and Teatime Club and for school lunches if schools meals are paid for.

If parents are having financial difficulties and would like to set up a payment plan, please speak to Mrs Ludford in confidence.