



Our Lady & St Thomas Primary School



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Newsletter - 9th October 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

OLST Staff wish to thank you for adhering to the extra safety precaution of wearing masks whilst on the school site or near the gates. Given the fact we have more localised cases, this is very much appreciated. We are due to receive a further announcement this coming Monday from the Prime Minister and will communicate with you any changes if necessary.

Remote Learning

Many thanks for your responses regarding access to our Google Classroom learning platform. The response rate was the highest OLST has ever seen – with 91%.

We will use this information to ensure every child has access to learning materials, should the need arise where they are unable to attend.

All children are becoming experts in using and uploading work to Google Classroom. They are motivated and engaged to do their homework. Please let us know if you are having any issues and Mrs Pearson or Mr Hartley will endeavour to sort them.

Ventilation in School

Schools are required to ensure that all classrooms and communal areas are well ventilated. The cold weather is inevitably making the learning environment uncomfortable. We are happy for you to send an extra fleece / body warmer / sweatshirt into school. We request these are brought into school each Monday and we will return them on Fridays.

We have also noticed some girls are still wearing cotton socks. We advise that tights or trousers may be worn as a warmer alternative.

Halloween Fund-Raiser

Unfortunately, as we are sure you have already guessed, we are unable to proceed with the Halloween Disco this year!! This is such a lovely occasion and we are so sad to miss it. Therefore, we have planned an alternative! From 19th to 23rd October a Halloween day for your child's class Bubble has been allocated. Each class will enjoy Halloween themed lessons and an afternoon of fun and games. We are happy for the children to dress up on their allocated day (see below). This needs to be comfortable as the child is in school all day and will still need to use our bathroom facilities frequently, wash hands and sanitise regularly and play outside over breaks and lunchtime). Alternatively, they can be in non-uniform and wear something black and/or orange.

We request a £1 donation per child towards treats for the children.

Monday 19 th	Tuesday 20 th	Wednesday 21 st	Thursday 22 nd	Friday 23 rd
Class 4	Class 5	Class 2	Class 3	Class 1

Running alongside this the focus will be on pupil well-being, with the theme 'Autumn and Spooky delights' run by Mrs Gemma Spence. These sessions include an introduction to Relax Kids and the chance for pupils to have some time out and reflect on their first half term back at school.

Macmillan Cancer Care –

As you know fundraising for charities has hit an all-time low during the pandemic. We would have normally held a Coffee Afternoon in school for this Charity at the end of September, which unfortunately we could not do. Instead, we are going to raise funds by selling cupcakes on Friday 16th October for 50p each. Your child should give their donation to their class teacher. School will supply cakes and meet dietary requirements of pupils with allergies.

Wrap Around Care

From 2nd November, we wish to trial a Tea Club at OLST. We were planning on introducing this before lock down. We are now in a position to proceed. The organisation of Tea Club will mirror the successful reintroduction of Breakfast Club. Please be aware that all children will be with their Class Bubble and sit separately from other Bubbles in the school hall. We aim to provide a drink and a small snack during this time. The Club will run from the end of the school day until 4.30pm. We need to ensure our cleaning and caretaking team are still able to carry out the rigorous cleaning scheduled required daily, hence the 4.30pm finish.

The cost of the club is £5.00 per session – which will be payable on the ParentPay system.

If you wish your child to attend, please complete the Google Form – available from Monday. Further details to follow once we have responses. Only children pre-booked will be able to attend the Club.

Half Term Holidays

School breaks Friday 23rd October 2020 and re-opens Monday 2nd November.

PD Day Monday 30th November.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Mrs. Veitch