



Our Lady & St. Francis Primary School & Nursery Class



October 2018 Newsletter

First Friday Mass/Coffee Morning

We will be celebrating first Friday Mass on Friday 5th October at St. Francis Xavier Church at 10am. P7 will lead the liturgy at this Mass and will also lead the coffee morning afterwards in our school hall. As always, we are looking for donations of shop bought baking and biscuits (nut free, please) and raffle prizes.



Continuity Programme/P7 Welcome Mass

This very worthwhile transition programme starts on Tuesday 6th November for our P7 pupils. For ten weeks our P7 pupils will enjoy participating in subjects including Music, ICT, Science, English and Home Economics. There is a P7 welcome Mass at Taylor High School on Thursday 4th October at 7pm. P7 parents/carers and children are welcome. The Mass will be followed by a tour of the school by Taylor High senior pupils.

Little Lifesavers

On Monday 8th October, our senior pupils will enjoy lessons from the Little Lifesavers Charity on basic life support. We are looking forward to welcoming them to our school.

Parents' Evening



Parents' Evening is Wednesday 10th October. You are welcome to include your child in the discussion with teachers if you wish. You have all been given the opportunity to book an appointment through our new online booking system; the last date for booking an appointment online is Wednesday 3rd October. If you cannot make it along to parents' evening for any reason, please contact the school office and we will endeavour to make a separate appointment time for you, where possible. ***Please note, however, we cannot rearrange a missed parents' evening appointment due to family holidays during term time.***

Book Fair

A travelling book fair will be in school for the duration of parents' evening. Please pop along to Room 4 if you want to see what they have on offer.



Twitter

Please remember that *twitter is our main form of communication* out to parents. Our twitter account continues to be a big hit with our parents and is a very quick and easy means of communication. Please sign up for twitter (if you haven't already done so) and follow us at **@olsfschool**. You can also turn on notifications on twitter from us so that you don't miss any important messages.



Halloween Parade



This year our Halloween Parade will take place on Wednesday 31st October in the afternoon. Children should come dressed for school as normal in the morning and change at lunch time. We appreciate that many of our parents work and are unable to take their children home for lunch; if you are unable to make arrangements for your child to go home at lunch time, please send in your child's costume and a member of staff will assist with changing your child for their afternoon parade.

Parking

Please park considerately when picking up or dropping off at the school. A member of our local community complained last month that they had difficulty using the pavement with a buggy due to cars parked inconsiderately. Remember you are welcome to use either the Grotto or the Holy Ghost Fathers' car park.

Halloween Disco

Our Parent Council are in the process of organising a Halloween Disco for Monday 29th October 2018. A separate letter will be issued with details of this nearer the time.



Easyfundraising

Do you do Christmas shopping online? If so, collect FREE donations for Our Lady & St. Francis Primary by using the Easyfundraising site to redirect you to your favourite online retailers. Please register at: <https://easyfundraising.org.uk/olsfparents/>

October Break



School and nursery will close to pupils and staff on Friday 12th October at the usual times for our October break. School and nursery will reopen to pupils on Monday 22nd October. We hope you all have a restful break.