



Our Lady & St. Francis Primary School & Nursery Class



December 2020 Newsletter

Goodbye

Unfortunately we will be saying goodbye to Miss Hughes on Friday 27th November. Miss Hughes started in OLSF in August 2019 as a probationer teacher and we were lucky to be able to retain her services for the start of this year. I am sure her P6 will miss her terribly and we wish her success in her new post. For the moment, P6 will have Miss O'Donnell, our Principal Teacher, and Mrs Keenan.

Reports

Our Interim Report will be issued on Friday 27th. Please check school bags for these.

Christmas raffle

We are selling 20p raffle tickets for Christmas prizes. Wendy, from our school cafeteria, has very kindly donated many fabulous Christmas gifts to raise funds for our school and some of our select charities. Every child will be given one free ticket and we will continue to sell tickets over the next few weeks. We will draw our raffle w/b 14th December.

Advent Services

We will hold our first Advent Service on Monday 30th November at 1130. This will be hosted by Primary 6/7 in the gym hall. We will also present our Pope Francis Faith Award Candidates for enrolment and introduce the Missio Champions, all led by Mrs Taggart. As the whole school will be unable to gather in the gym hall, we will stream this to all classes. The subsequent Advent Services will be held each Monday in December at 930 and streamed to the classes.

Flu Vaccine

For any child who did not receive their flu vaccine this month, it will be given on the 9th December.

Can you knit?

Mrs Taggart, our resident knitter, is organising a staff 'knit-in'. The staff will be knitting blankets for the Princess Royal neo-Natal Unit. If you can knit and would like to help, please email me and I will forward the pattern on to you. You can then give your lovely blanket to the school and we will arrange for them to be delivered.

Christmas Lunch



Our Christmas lunch is on Tuesday 8th December. A separate letter will be issued for this. Please remind your child what they have ordered for each course. We will send a reminder 'tweet' the evening before. Please also ensure your child has money on their card.

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/>

Whenever you shop online, click the app, then select the website and we will get a donation for every purchase. It is that easy and doesn't cost you any extra.

Christmas Festive Days

As Advent and Christmas will be a bit different this year, we would like the children to experience as much festive cheer as possible throughout Advent. We are holding a few festive days as detailed below and hope the children will enjoy participating in them.

December 4th - Decorate your classroom door. Prizes will be given to some of the classes.

December 11th - We will be having our annual Christmas Movie and Pyjama Day. We will be charging £1 per family and all proceeds raised will go to Missio. Your child will have a choice of movie, and our Parent Council are gifting the children a snack (all allergies have been taken into account).



December 14th - Christmas Socks/Odd Socks Day. Wear your favourite Christmas socks to school or mismatch your snazziest cosy socks for the day.

December 18th - Christmas Accessory Day. Are you a fan of Reindeer Antlers? Do you enjoy wearing crazy feely-boppers and Santa hats? Then this is a day for you. Wear any Christmas accessory for the day and have fun.

December 22nd - Christmas Jumper Day. We all love a Christmas jumper. Wear your Christmas Jumper on this day and get in the festive spirit. If you have any Christmas jumpers that are too small and would like to donate, we would be very happy to take them. Please hand them in at least 3 days before the event, so they can be quarantined.

School Uniform

We pride ourselves on our beautiful uniform here in OLSF. Please note that all school shoes/boots should be black, and children should wear their shirt and tie every day to school with the exception of PE days. Our PE uniform consists of a blue polo shirt and dark joggers/tracksuit bottoms. Please also note, that jewellery should be kept to an absolute minimum, and the only ear-rings that are permitted are studs (for health and safety reasons).

Christmas Holidays

Please note that school closes at 2.30pm on Tuesday 22nd December for our Christmas break and reopens on Wednesday 6th January. We wish you all a happy and holy Christmas.

