



CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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November 2022 Newsletter

Dear Parents

Welcome to our November newsletter and the start of the second half term of this academic year. Many thanks for your continued support it is very much appreciated. We are very excited to be offering some lovely Christmas celebrations and we hope to see you at one of our Christmas performances (details attached). As we speed through Autumn and into winter, please remember to wrap up warm as we will still be outside at playtime. Please remember that it is school policy that only children wearing a helmet are allowed to cycle to school... With the darker mornings and evenings please check that lights are working too. Thank you.

Lest we forget



They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.

Robert Laurence Binyon

A two-minute silence was observed at 11 o'clock on Friday, 11th November. We offered our prayers for all who serve, or have served, in the forces and their families.

Curriculum and Enrichment

Year 4 Maths Workshop

Thank you to all parents who attended the Multiplication Parent & Child workshop. We explored the Multiplication Check that children in Year 4 will take in June and practised on the computer together! We know that not all parents could attend the session - please find the PDF and video used in the workshop on our website.

Gardening Club

Gardening Club have been very busy making 'flower bombs'!

Children mixed seeds with compost into special balls which were then distributed around our wild garden.

We look forward to seeing the different flowers that will 'spring' up later in the year!



Music Making

A big thank you to Mr Williams, the new Head of Music at Priestlands Secondary School, who came for a singing and keyboard session with Year 5/6 today! We are learning some super songs and are hoping to sing them at the Priestlands Christmas Concert – details to follow for Year 5/6 parents.



Year R Pip and Pap Phonics

Year R have nearly completed the 'Orange Phase' of their phonics, having learned 23 different phoneme-grapheme correspondences already (matching sounds to letters.)

Year R parents have very much enjoyed attending our 'Pip and Pap Phonics' workshops with their children.



Priestlands Sports

Y5/6 Mixed Football

Well done to Year 5/6 who took part in a football tournament at Priestlands, playing in mixed teams. The 'A' team came 2nd in the competition which was a fantastic result - and our 'B' team also played very well, with some of our new players scoring goals on their debut. Both groups of children worked very well as a team together.



Gymnastics Success

Well done to our Year 4 Gymnasts who took part in an artistic gymnastics competition against other New Forest primary schools. They were delighted to finish in second place! They performed two stunning routines to music (one focusing on 'travelling' and one focusing on 'balance') which were very well received! Thank you to Miss Bellows and to Mr Clark for helping to choreograph the performances.



Y6 Gymnastics

Well done to Ava, Frankie, Cerys and Daisy who also performed a beautiful routine at Priestlands, as part of an external PE event. They also got to try out some of the equipment at the secondary school, including the trampoline and vault!

Attendance Prize

Well done to Natasha who won a £25 cinema voucher as part of our Attendance Raffle! For each full week a child completes in school, they are rewarded with a raffle ticket that goes into the raffle drum! The more your child is in school - the more raffle tickets they receive - therefore the more

entries into the draw! Our next draw will be at the end of the Autumn term.

In Class

Year R

In Year R this term, we have been thinking about Diwali. We have immersed ourselves in the festival of light! We have a brand new home corner that allows us to dress up and celebrate! During Writing, we have been using our new phonics knowledge to write words and phrases about Diwali including Rama and Sita. In Expressive Arts and Design, we have created salt dough to make our very own Diva Lamp. To mirror this, we have learnt to mix our primary colours to create secondary colours. We made beautiful firework pictures. In Maths, we are focusing on our number to 10 while developing our formation, counting and ordering skills.

Year 1

In Autumn 2, Year 1 have been learning about...

Writing: We were asked to help Norman, the slug with a silly shell, find a new shell as the shell he previously had caused him many problems! We have worked together on forming adjectives and using them in sentences to help Norman consider why he should choose each specific shell. In Maths, we have been learning about subtraction. Lion less came back to help us, reminding us that we jump backward on our number line when subtracting and the number will always get smaller. We have been using a range of different resources to support our understanding. In geography, we have been learning about our local area. We have explored the world in which we live and discovered what our Country, the Closest city, and Town are! In Science, we received a message from the three little pigs! Their youngest brother Percy needs our help in building a house. To help him we have been learning all about different objects and their materials, helping us to consider what material would be best for different parts of the house and why.

Year 2

In Year 2 we have done some excellent writing to make our own incredible recipes to turn evil Grandmas into the sweetest Grandmas around! We have really been working on adding conjunctions into our writing to extend our fabulous ideas! We have done lots of exploring in the Rainforest looking into animals and the different layers of the Rainforest! We are very passionate about protecting the Rainforest and Year 2 have learnt some super facts about why the Rainforest is so important!

Year 3

Year 3 have been enjoying writing their own devious trick chapter for The Twits. Here, they have thought up many mischievous plans in order to pay back one of the Twits. They have also enjoyed learning how to use and apply the column method in Maths! In History, the children have been learning about Walter Tull, one of the first black officers and footballers who showed great resilience despite the hardships he encountered. The children have been able to link him to other significant figures they've met from the past and have been reflecting upon diversity, uniqueness and equality.

Year 4

This half term we have been busy. In English we have continued to develop our recount that retells an event where a superhero prevents disaster from happening. This is coming along nicely and should be a good write. In History we have continued our Roman learning. We have been lucky to have a special guest from St Barbe come and visit us for a Roman workshop. The children have been enjoying making and investigating circuits and electricity in science.

Year 5

In English the children have been creating speeches on the magic, mystery and importance of our ocean and the devastating effects that plastic and pollution is currently having on it. In Maths, Year 5 have been

learning multiplication and the different formal methods within this topic. They are currently focusing on learning long multiplication method with increased speed and accuracy.

Year 6

In Year 6 we have begun our new Writing unit which is all about being the best we can be! Each of us are researching a person who we admire and who has overcome difficult hurdles in order to be a success! The children have also recorded some beautiful videos which can be seen on our new school website – reading extracts from our class book “Boy 87,” and also performing WW2 poetry.

Rotary Shoe Box Appeal Update

We are delighted to inform families that our Christmas Shoeboxes collected for the Rotary Appeal are now on their way to Eastern Europe. 217 shoeboxes were collected across Lymington, and OLSJ's 47 boxes made up nearly a quarter of the total!

We have been informed that our boxes will be going to Lviv and Kyiv in Ukraine to be given to children in orphanages in these cities. Additionally, our boxes will be going to Lublin in Poland, where there is a large number of refugee children in homes, orphanages and community groups. Additionally, our boxes will also be sent to Chisinau (Moldova), Targu Mures (Romania) and Ulcinj (Montenegro) where they will also be given to Ukrainian refugees.

Thank you so much to our parents and children for your kindness and generosity this Christmas time - the shoeboxes you have collected are very much supporting those in need.



Allergies

We have a number of children with severe nut allergies. With this in mind, I ask that families do not have any snacks and ensure that all packed lunches are 'nut free'. This includes peanut butter or Nutella which can be a major cause of anaphylactic shock in some children. Your care and support in this is greatly appreciated



Tours of the School

We will be offering individual tours of the school for our New Year R (Sept 2022) entrants. Please do encourage any of your friends to visit our lovely school and consider a place for their child here.

Year R (infant/primary school) places deadline: **15 January 2022 at 23:59**

Please ensure you have submitted your applications on time and used all 3 preferences. Late applications can result in your child missing a place at your preferred school.

Christmas Post

Our Christmas letterbox will be in the school office from 1st December for children to send each other Christmas cards, should they so wish.

Please ensure each envelope is clearly marked with the recipient's name and their year group, so that our little elves can ensure they are delivered to the right classroom!

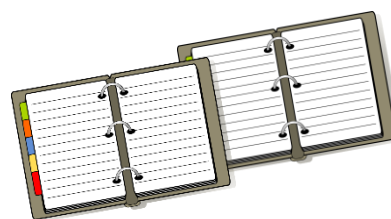
Nightingales Vacancy

We have a vacancy for an after school supervisor at OLSJ, from 3.15-5pm, Monday to Friday - term time only. Please email adminoffice@olsjschool.com for further details or an application form.

A full DBS check will be required.

Dates for your Diary

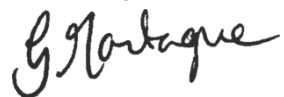
- Monday, 21st November- Robin Stevens Author Q&A – KS2 Book Club – Book via Tucasi
- Tuesday, 22nd November- Y5 Calshot Trip – note 17.15 finish.
- Tuesday 22nd – Monday 28th November – Scholastic book fair (details to follow)
- Monday, 28th November – Jenny Pearson Author Q&A – KS2 Book Club – Book via Tucasi
- Wednesday, 30th November – The Great Christmas Robbery Pantomime in the hall
- Thursday, 1st December – Y3/4 to see Matilda the Musical in London
- Monday, 5th December – Y3/4/5&6 Showcase Musical 2.30pm
- Wednesday, 7th December – Christmas Sing-a-long 3.15pm
- Thursday, 8th December – Y2 to see the Jolly Christmas Postman in Poole
- Friday, 9th December – 9am YR Christmas Performance
- Monday, 12th December – Christmas Dinner
- Tuesday, 13th December – 9am Y1,2,3 Christmas Performance
- Wednesday, 14th December – Y4,5,6 Dress rehearsal at Church for Christmas Performance
- Wednesday, 14th December – YR,1,2,3 will be bussed to watch the Dress rehearsal



- Thursday, 15th December – 2pm Y4,5,6 Christmas Performance at the Church
- Friday, 16th December – Christmas Jumper Day - £2 for Save the children
- Tuesday, 3rd January 2023 – Back to School

I wish you all a safe and happy Autumn 2!

Kind Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Montague', written in a cursive style.

Mrs Montague

Executive Headteacher