



OUR LADY & ST TERESA'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – 14TH FEBRUARY 2020

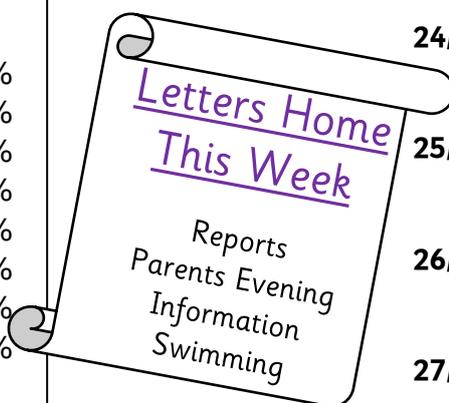
Year 4 shared some wonderful learning this morning from their geography topic all about our own country – The Land of Hope & Glory. Thank you to Year 4, to Mrs Whelan and to Miss Williams for all of their hard work in producing such a lovely assembly. A letter has come out earlier today regarding arrangements for swimming – please read carefully as it is different this year. Also you should have received your child's report and a parents evening letter – if you have not or you are a separated family and need two copies of correspondence please do inform the office and we can make this happen. Have a lovely half term. *Mrs Wilson*- Head Teacher

Attendance

Our attendance target is **96%**

This week:	Reception	98.1%
	Y1	94.4%
	Y2	95.3%
	Y3	97.4%
	Y4	95.2%
	Y5	96.2%
	Y6	96.9%
	Whole school	96.3%

Whole school since September
95.7%



Dates for the Diary

24/02	3.30-4.30pm - Netball
	3.30-4.30pm - Sewing Club
	3.30-4.30pm - Y6 booster classes
25/02	3.30-4.30pm - Football
	3.30- 4.30pm - Craft Club
	3.30 – 5.30pm – Parents Evening
26/02	10am – Ash Wednesday Mass at Our Lady's Church, Lillington
	5pm – 7pm Parents Evening
27/02	3.30-4.30pm - Dodgeball
	3.30-4.30pm - Lego Club
	3.30-4.30pm - Y6 booster classes
28/02	9.15am – Celebration Assembly

Reading at Home

Please can we encourage all parents to make sure that they are listening to their child read regularly at home. Even if a child is a fluent reader it is still important that they get the opportunity to read aloud to an adult or to share a book and be read to by an adult on a regular basis. Whilst we do endeavour to provide lots of reading opportunities in the school day, reading at home too will encourage a lifelong love of reading and greater progress in this area. Thank you for working in partnership with us.

Uniform

Please ensure any missing uniform is sorted over the half term – we have lots of trainers and random non-school jumpers creeping in. Please can all children be in full school uniform when we return on Monday February 24th. Thank you.

Event	Date	Time
School Disco - Reception & KS1	06/03/20	3:30 – 4:45pm
School Disco – KS2	06/03/20	5:00 – 6:15pm
Dress Down Day – Donations of Easter Eggs	27/03/20	All Day
Day Easter Bingo – Family Event	27/03/20	Doors open at 6pm
Film Night – Whole School	15/05/20	3:30 – 5:30pm
School Disco - Reception & KS1	19/06/20	3:30 – 4:45pm
School Disco – KS2	19/06/20	5:00 – 6:15pm

Are you Ready to Dance?

Friday 6th March will see our spring school disco which is being organised by our wonderful PTA. KS1 disco will be 3.30pm – 4.45pm with KS2 disco 5pm – 6.15pm the cost is £3.00 and this includes a drink and a party treat. Tickets are available now online at www.pta-events.co.uk/olstpta and PTA representatives will be on the playground every day from the Monday after half term for cash sales

Thank You!

As most of you know we were visited by Ofsted this week. We will of course be sharing the outcome of that visit and the full report once we have this from Ofsted. However I wanted to extend a sincere thank you to all of the parents who spoke to inspectors, filled in questionnaires, wished us well and even provided snacks and treats for our staff team. We really appreciate the support not only through the inspection but all throughout the school year. That sense of community and the spirit of support is what sets our school apart. Thank you all so much!

ARE YOU ON BOARD YET?



Do you fancy your chances of winning up to £25 a month? If so, what are you waiting for? The Bus lotto is a fun way of raising money for school which is solely used on school trips, this helps reduce the overall cost to parents and has the extra bonus of your number being entered every month into the prize draw. Win Win!

The cost is £12 for the year which works out at just £1 a month!

The first draw will take place on the 28th February 2020 so, make sure you have your lucky number before then.

How can you pay for your number?

We can accept Cash, Cheques and Online bank payments:

Bank Details are:

Name: OLST PTA 100 Club

Account number: 3 014 196 8

Sort Code: 30 94 93

Cash and Cheques can be handed to the office in a clearly marked envelope including your details or to a PTA member on the playground.

World Book Day

Thursday March 5th is World Book Day and as ever we will be focusing on books and our love of reading that day here at school. Children are more than welcome to come to school dressed as their favourite book character with that book ready to chat about it. Please use book characters and not movie characters or sports stars as the focus is on reading and books.

Confirmation

Friday 28th February will be spent as a retreat day here at school for our Year 6 class as part of their Confirmation preparation. Parents/families are more than welcome to join us that day at 2.30pm for a prayer service led by the children.

Then on Tuesday 3rd the children will receive the sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Kenney at St Peter's Church at 7pm. We are really looking forward to a wonderful evening of celebration with the children.

Ash Wednesday

Please join us at Our Lady's Church, Lillington at 10am on Ash Wednesday for mass with our Key Stage 2 children. Our Key Stage 1 and EYFS children will receive ashes here at school. Please note if the weather is inclement then we will not walk the children down to church.

Online Issues

Along with other schools, we have recently been dealing with an increasing number of issues arising from children using social media platforms. As ever, technology develops at a rapid rate, so monitoring your child's usage is essential. It is a real challenge as a parent to keep abreast of these changes, and often children are one step ahead of us. If you do allow your child access to social media Apps such as Facebook/Instagram/TikTok/WhatsApp/SnapChat/Xbox Live/PS Live, I would advise you to closely monitor what they have written and received. As adults, it is important that we guide and control what the children are exposed to. We cannot do this alone, as a school; we need you, parents and carers, to be active partners to ensure that the children are safe online. We may get to a stage where we will not be able to deal with issues that happen outside of school, if this continues to be a problem.

In summary, it is very important that you monitor closely your child's use of technology and check age restrictions on APPs.

*Let all that you do be
done in love*

