

Our Lady and St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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Friday 10th February 2023

Lenten Activities



During the season of Lent, we are inviting all our children and their families to join Cafod's Big Lent Walk. The challenge is to walk 200km in 40 days, and we can all do this together. There will be lots of opportunities in school for children to take part, and we will launch the Big Walk on Ash Wednesday (22nd February) when Key Stage 2 walk to St. Joseph's church to join the parish for mass.

We would like everyone to use the fundraising page <https://cafod.enthouse.com/pf/ourladyandstjosephs> as a way to share the children's walks, in and out of school. Please share the link with others to gather sponsorship and donations for all the walks that take place. All children have also bought home a sponsorship form today to pass to friends and family. On **Saturday 18th March**, we would like to hold a Family Big Walk and warmly invite everyone to join us on this day. Further details will be available soon but please put the date in your diaries. In the meantime, gather sponsorship, get your walking shoes ready and plan a Spring term full of walks, for a very good cause. For further information, or photos and updates for the fundraising page, please email Mrs Machen at f1@olsj.org.uk

The children in Key Stage 2 have been discussing the devastating situation in Syria and Turkey this week and many of them would like to help in some way. We will work with the children next term to see how they can raise money or, if possible, collect donations. If anyone would like to be involved, please email Mrs Machen at f1@olsj.org.uk. Further information to follow. Families wishing to donate immediately can use the CAFOD link here. <https://cafod.org.uk/>

Dates for your Diary

Monday 20th February – Y6 Residential

Information session via zoom 5pm

Monday 20th February – school opens to all pupils

Monday 20th February – VEX club

Tuesday 21st February – Whole School Pancake Toss

Tuesday 21st February – Library Club Y1

Wednesday 22nd February – Ash Wednesday KS2 children walk to church/KS1 in school

Wednesday 22nd February – Y6 Booster

Wednesday 22nd February – Y3/4/5 Girls' Football

Thursday 23rd February – Y4 Outdoor Games Club

Thursday 23rd February – Y4 Craft Club

Thursday 23rd February – Y6 Girls' Football

Friday 24th February – Y1 Gymnastics

Monday 27th February to Friday 3rd March – Scholastic Book Fayre

Tuesday 28th Feb 2023 – Industrial Action

Tuesday 28th Feb 2023 – Exploring Bullying Virtual Event

Thursday 2nd March – World Book Day

Monday 6th March – Fire Safety session Y3

Wednesday 15th March 2023 - Industrial Action

Thursday 16th March 2023 - Industrial Action



Mini Vinnies are re-launching Foodbank Friday during Lent. Next term, every Friday, there will be a Mini Vinnie representative on both our school gates ready to receive any non perishable food and toiletry items.



Industrial Action

As you aware the National Education Union (NEU) has announced national and regional strike action for teachers in England on the following dates:

- **Tuesday 28th Feb 2023**
- **Wednesday 15th March 2023**
- **Thursday 16th March 2023**

Teachers who are members of the NEU are not required to inform their schools if they are taking part in strike action beforehand. In theory, they could just be absent on the day, with no prior warning. This makes it extremely difficult to have an accurate picture of staffing levels for the days of industrial action.

Any information about future days of Industrial Action will be shared as soon as possible.

Parents/carers should be prepared for disruption to school opening.

Jess Cup

Congratulations to this week's winner of the Jess Cup, Bella Hulse! Well done!



Attendance and Punctuality

Congratulations to Y6 who won the Attendance Bear with a very strong 98% this week. Winners of the Golden Bear for this half term are the children in Y2 – well done!

Whole School Attendance 92% Target 96%

It is very important that pupils arrive at school in time for the start of the day.

The following information is from our Attendance Policy which can be found on the school website:

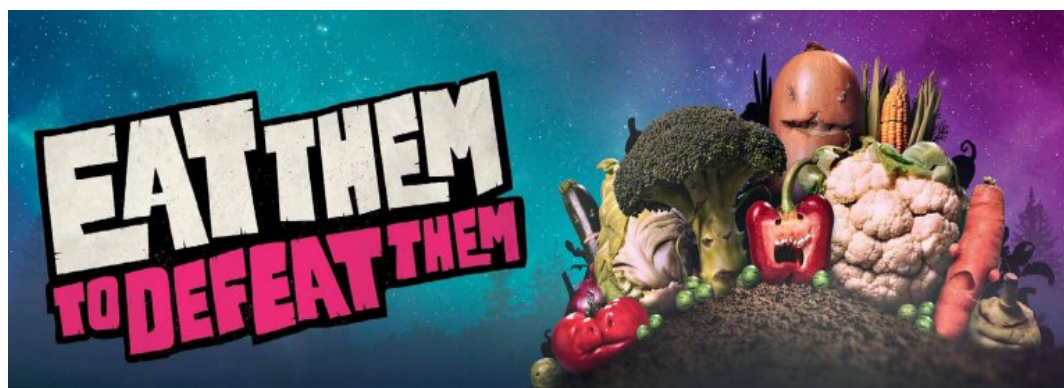
The register is taken at 8.45 am. Pupils arriving after this time must enter school by the main entrance and report to Reception where their name and the reason for lateness will be recorded. Children arriving after this time will miss important information given by the teacher and part of the first task of the day. This can also be disruptive to other pupils. The register will close 30 minutes after the register has been taken (DfE May 2022). Pupils arriving after the register has closed will be marked as late after registration (Code 'U') and this will count as an unauthorised absence. Frequent lateness after the register has closed (Code 'U') will be discussed with parents and could provide grounds for prosecution or a Fixed Penalty Notice.

World Book Day

This will be on Thursday 2nd March and there will be lots of activities planned in classes. The School Council are running a competition for WBD. Here is a message from them:

Recently, the Y6 House Captains have decided to host a competition. The children will be creating a bookmark for their house colour. You can add as much decoration as you want but ensure it is your house colour. There will be a winner from each class so make sure you try your hardest. Good luck and the house captains are excited to see the results!

Please note that we will not be dressing up for WBD but instead will be running activities to engage children further in reading for pleasure.



Eat Them to Defeat Them

We are taking part in this campaign once again, encouraging children to eat more vegetables in order to stay healthy. There will be delicious additions to the menu after half term and children have brought home their information pack this week.