

Newsletter No. 346 – 4.11.16

Dear Parents,

During the month of November, we remember all those who have gone before us and next Thursday evening, 10th November, there is a special Mass (8pm) at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, in memory of our loved ones who have passed away and a special mention to those who have died in the last year. Our children will be singing at the Mass and if you can attend, please do.



You will have received our message from Pope Francis reminding us of the importance of prayer during this month of November. On Tuesday, Feast of All Saints, Key Stage 2 walked to Our Lady of Lourdes Church to attend 9.30am Mass with Fr. Kevin. As always, they showed great reverence and respect and continue to be a credit to our school. The older parishioners commented on their outstanding behaviour and love to see them coming to Mass.

On Monday, 7th November, I will be taking two students from Year 6 to attend the End of Year Mercy Mass at Brentwood with Bishop Alan and other children, all representatives from the Brentwood diocese.

We are very proud of our 2015/16 academic year results.

End of Key Stage 2 - 1st in Southend

End of Key Stage 1 - 1st in Southend

Early Years - 2nd in Southend

Year 1 Phonics - 5th in Southend

We all work in partnership with each other and I would like to thank all the staff for their sheer hard work and dedication, as well as our parents and grandparents for being such a big part of our success. Of course, as you know, we are not simply about academic achievement; we are about the uniqueness of every little child, embracing the joy and talent that each one brings to our school community.

Our Singapore Maths Workshop will take place on Tuesday, 22nd November at 6.30pm. Please return the Maths Workshop slip by Monday, 7th November to allow forward preparation for numbers attending.

Under Southend Sports Award 2016, we have been announced the winners of this year's Health and Wellbeing Award. Mr. Abel accepted the award at Garon Park on behalf of the school. Many thanks to Mr. Abel for his continuous passion and hard work in putting our children forward for so many sports events and providing so many wellbeing activities in our school, enabling us to reach such a high standard.

Congratulations to Carmel on winning the House Cup! Off to Harry Potter World they go on Wednesday next with Mr. Burns.

Many thanks to Nick Vaughn who painted our latest mural, the Rainforest in contrast to the Polar Regions, enhancing our learning environment for all to see.

We look forward to seeing you all at our All Saints Fireworks Party next Friday, 11th November. Tickets can be purchased from the school office or are available on the night.

Children's Achievements

During the summer holidays, Skye Nicholls (4H) stayed at a 160 acre farm in Wales where she helped a young disabled girl and generally helped on the farm where she could. "I pushed a girl around in her wheelchair because she couldn't do it herself. I liked helping around the farm." Well done Skye – we're sure all your help was really appreciated!

Well done to Imogen Phipps (6B) and Isabel Holland (3B) who took First Place Gold in the pairs Kata at the Westwood Karate Competition on Sunday, 16th October. Both girls are looking forward to the next competition.

Congratulations to Luana Bull (6M) who has been selected by Southend Diving to represent the Borough at the prestigious Thistle Trophy National Diving Championships, being held at the Royal Commonwealth Pool in Edinburgh at the beginning of December. She will have the opportunity to dive alongside and against young divers from across Great Britain, including some who are already representing their Country at a national level. Luana has also been selected to dive at the White Rose Diving Championships in Leeds on the 12th & 13th November. She has only been diving for two and a half years and hopes she will inspire other athletes to work hard and never give up on their dreams.

All Saints Fireworks Party

Come along to our fantastic **All Saints Fireworks Party** on Friday 11th November, from 7.00-8.30pm. As well as the SPECTACULAR fireworks, there will be hot and cold refreshments, entertainment, lots of stalls and, for the chance to win a prize, dress up as your favourite saint. Donations of cakes would be gratefully appreciated for the teas/coffees stall.

Tickets are £5 each (under 3s free) and are available from the school office or on the night. Thank you for your support.

Fundraising

Bake-it Better

A big 'thank you' to everyone for raising £350 for Great Ormond Street Hospital through the Bake-it Better biscuit sale. Our budding Reception bakers toiled all day making over 200 cookies (well worthy of a Paul Hollywood handshake) with chefs Mrs. Mitchell and Mrs. Cracknell. Look out for their next Bake-it challenge! You can keep up to date with fundraising on my Just Giving page –

www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Litza-Smith2

Mrs. Smith

Mega Marathon

Martin Palmer (Connie 5J & Lulu 1W) is taking part in an ultra-marathon, raising money and awareness for The OSCAR Campaign. This campaign funds two research teams at The Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children. He will be running 165 miles through the Omani desert in 40+ degrees carrying all his own equipment, including food and sleeping bag. His children are intrigued by his kit list which includes anti-venom for snake bites and a signalling mirror in case he gets lost in the desert! You can support Martin by visiting his Just Giving page at www.justgiving.com/fundraising/MartinPalmer-ODM16
GOOD LUCK Martin!

Our Lady of Lourdes Requiem Mass – Thursday 10th November

If your child is singing at this Mass, please could you bring them to the loft at the back of OLOL Church at 7.40pm in school uniform.

Baby News

Para la familia Ayerbe (Paloma 5J & Juan 2A) Felicidades a la maravillosa familia Ayerbe por el nacimiento de su séptimo bebé. Esperamos que el pequeño Jaime os traiga muchos años de felicidad.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is open Monday to Friday 7.30 – 8.30am. If you would like to book a place for your child either on a regular basis or as an ad-hoc arrangement, please phone the school office on 475689, or arrange to pop in and see it in action.

We can accept Childcare Vouchers for payment and each session is £5.50 including breakfast. Mrs. Dex

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop will be open on the following dates – 4th Nov, 18th Nov, 2nd Dec, and 16th Dec.
Please hand in any second-hand uniforms from 5th December and these will go on sale on 16th December.
Contact Details: loluniform@outlook.com / 07764222825 Danielle Bertella

Dates to Remember

Nov 7 th -11 th	6B Bikeability	
Nov 9 th	Harry Potter House Cup Trip	
Nov 10 th	Requiem Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Church	8.00pm
Nov 11 th	All Saints/Fireworks Party	7.00-8.30pm
Nov 14 th -18 th	6M Bikeability	
Nov 16 th	Flu Immunisations in School	
Nov 18 th	Staff Training Day (Year of Mercy Retreat Day)	
Nov 21 st	Open Tours for Reception 2017 Parents	9.30am 2.00pm
Nov 22 nd	Singapore Maths Information Evening for Yrs 1-5 Parents	6.30pm
Dec 13 th	Reception Nativity Play in the afternoon	
Dec 15 th -16 th	Infant Nativity Play	10.00am
Dec 19 th	Christmas Dinner for children	
	Christmas Extravaganza	7.00pm
Dec 21 st	End of Term – school closes at 1.30pm for pupils	

DECEMBER 22nd - JANUARY 4th CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

Have a lovely weekend with your families.

Mrs. M. Sullivan
Headteacher

