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Prayer for the Easter Season



God our Father, amidst the vastness of space you treasure mankind and you call each of us by name.

You so love our world that, in the fullness of time, you sent Jesus your Son, to live among us.

Inspire us each day to live in wonder and appreciation of all that is around us, and may your love, seen fully in Jesus, your Son, surround us this day and forever.

Amen.

HAPPY EASTER: This is the final Newsletter before the Easter Holidays. I am struggling to believe that Easter is upon us once again. This academic year has gone by in a flash. However, I can see that everyone, children and staff, are ready for the break. Even parents are looking forward to not having to get up early and rush out to school.

I think we can all see, so much more than before, what a valuable place school is. It gives us purpose, routine and friendship. It gives us a connection to our community and a sense of belonging. We also recognise that there is great value in space to rest and recuperate. The children as much as anyone else need this. So please enjoy the holidays free from remote learning. Enjoy the fine weather and brighter evenings.

I wish you all a very Happy Easter. Enjoy the break and time with your children. Have fun and eat lots of Easter Eggs.

TRACK AND TRACE: The school will be supporting test and trace up until 6th April. We have a duty to notify any close contacts within school to limit the spread of Covid-19. Therefore if your child is in school on Tuesday 30th or Wednesday 31st and develops symptoms on Thursday 1st or Friday 2nd and then has a positive test you are required to email the school on admin@olovrc.com so that we can make the necessary arrangements.

CAFOD: Thank you for your generosity once again. We raised £252.60 for this very worthy cause.

RELATIONSHIP AND SEX EDUCATION CONSULTATION(RSE): We sent a letter with a link to the scheme of work we will be using to teach this very important important subject on Tuesday 2nd March. The letter also contained a link to a parent survey. So far this survey has been completed by 22 parents/carers. If you want your say about what is taught then it is essential that you complete this survey. The link to the survey has been sent to you today and is also attached here.

Please complete the survey by Wednesday 31st March so that your thoughts can be analysed and the scheme finalised before its launch in April.

A National Day of Reflection was marked on Tuesday 23rd March. We had a reflection in the morning which recognised and prayed for all those who have helped throughout the pandemic, all those who have suffered and the hope of a better life to come.

MASS: Today the whole school took part in a virtual Mass that was attended by all schools across the Westminster Diocese. This was approximately 90,000 students.

EASTER LITURGIES: This week and next week the children in year 3 to 6 will be leading Holy Week Liturgies, telling the story of the events of Holy Week. These will be put onto the school website for you to watch next week.

Red Nose Tennis Challenge Report

On Friday 19th of March 2021, OLOV took part in a tennis challenge which many other schools also took part in on Red Nose Day. This challenge included five activities that would develop tennis skills, increase fitness and most of all raise money for this worthy cause.

Mrs Wildman worked extremely hard at bringing this event together. In a video which was posted out to all the schools taking part, Mrs Wildman was one of the main stars, which I think is an amazing achievement! After this incredible video, Mrs Wildman - who had a helping hand from Mrs Bell - prepared the school for the event.

On the day, all the year groups took part in a couple of the activities set. The Sport Ambassadors Team, of which I am a part, got to help out Mrs Wildman gather the balls, prepare equipment, encourage and help the year 1, 2 and 3s. All the year groups gave us a run for our money but it was extremely enjoyable and I loved every second of it!

In the upper year groups, we all gathered our scores and the top three pupils won a 3rd, 2nd and 1st prize. This event gave the pupils determination to do their best and try and win one of those three spots. It also showed that being the top three is not the main thing about competing, the main thing is to beat your own personal score.

This concludes my report of an enjoyable, money-raising, fun-filled, action-packed event!

Thomas Corley

VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE: A reminder, if you have not already done so, to take time out during Holy Week to take part in the Deanery Pilgrimage.

This is something that all the Catholic Schools in Ealing are taking part in. I would like to thank Don Tito Pereira, the headteacher at St Anselms Catholic School in Southall for creating the pilgrimage for us all to share. It is an opportunity to focus on our faith together as a family.

Any money collected can be brought into school by the children after Easter and will be donated to the Catholic Children's society.

Please click on the attached link to join in the pilgrimage.

<https://forms.gle/Qq6Z8VSc9tQsfXMa7>

END OF TERM: We will be having a socially distanced Easter Parade on the last day of term. **WEDNESDAY 31ST MARCH:** Hopefully the sun will be shining. This will be a non-uniform day. Please come to school wearing bright, happy colours, and your Easter Bonnet or wear the one you make in school.



A reminder that **Wednesday 31st March** is the last day of term and that school finishes for the Easter Holidays at 1.30pm for all children. Children in the afternoon Nursery will finish on Tuesday 30th March. They will have their Easter celebrations on this day.

Staggered Start

Nursery AM - 8.40am – 11.40am
Year 6 and Year 5 – 8.40am
Year 4 and Year 3 – 8.45am
Year 2, Year 1 and Reception – 8.50am

Staggered Finish

Nursery PM - 12.40pm – 3.40pm
Reception, Year 1 and 2 – 3.10pm
Year 3 and 4 - 3.20pm
Year 5 and 6 – 3.30pm

If you are collecting siblings please come for the later time slot to avoid congestion.

STAY SMART

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Please continue to follow the social distancing rules when coming to the school. Please wait outside the gate until your allotted time to pick up your children as the playground is still getting very busy.

RETURN TO SCHOOL: School will re-open on Monday 19th April.

May God keep you safe from harm today and always!

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