

# SS OSMUND & ANDREW'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL, BOLTON

## NEWSLETTER: Thursday 23rd November 2023



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### Thought for the Week:

Please chat through at home with your child(ren) the school's Thought for the Week which on Monday will be:

**I can work, play, rest and pray each day.**

### Please note these forthcoming dates:

#### Invitation to Pray

On **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December** at 3.10pm you are invited to come into your child's classroom and listen and perhaps join in with the children say their home time prayer.

We say our prayers 4 times a day and we would like you to be part of this special time. Please wait at your child's classroom door at 3.10pm and your teacher will welcome you into the classroom.

#### CHRISTMAS FAIR IN THE SCHOOL HALL

Please note the new date: **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December: 3.30pm – 5.00pm**

#### Christmas Fair – 2 Non-Uniform Days

**THIS FRIDAY!!! Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November** - Children are being asked to bring a bottle for the bottle tombola.

**NEW DATE!!! Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December** - Children are being asked to bring chocolate for the chocolate tombola

Thank you so much for your support.

#### School Photographs

Family photograph day is **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November**. If your child has any siblings who **do not** attend our school and you would like them to have their photograph taken together, please arrive at school at 8.30am that day as these will be taken first.

#### Wear Purple for Advent

On **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December** will be having an assembly from CAFOD to begin the season of Advent. Children may wear something purple, this could be anything from a ribbon, socks, t-shirt or a full outfit.

Please send in a £1 donation for our Advent charity, CAFOD.

If your child does not have anything purple, another colour will do.

Thank you so much for your continued support.

The House Captains

#### Patron Saint Party

Please note that on the afternoon of **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November** the school will be having parties to celebrate St Andrew's Feast Day (30<sup>th</sup> November). This is also school photograph day so your child should wear school uniform that day. **The 30<sup>th</sup> is NOT A NON-UNIFORM DAY**. Your class teachers will be in touch if there is anything they'd like the children to bring. St Osmund's Feast Day will be the 4<sup>th</sup> December.

#### Reindeer Run

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December**, a fund raiser for Bolton Hospice, organised by our House Captains. More details soon.

#### Christmas Events

EYFS Nativity: **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** 9.30am and **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December** 2pm

Y1/Y2 Nativity: **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** 1.30pm and 6pm for parents

Carols around the playground - **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December** 2pm

EYFS Christmas Party - **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December** morning

KS1 Christmas Party - **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December** afternoon

LKS2 Christmas Party - **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December** afternoon

UKS2 Christmas Party - **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December** afternoon

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### Prayers

Sometimes we all need that extra support and as a school we come together every day to say prayers. If you would like the school community to pray for you, your family, friends or any other intentions please email the office ([office@ss-osands.bolton.sch.uk](mailto:office@ss-osands.bolton.sch.uk)), speak to the office or write a little note and send it in with your child.

You do not need to write a prayer if you don't wish to, just your intention. For example: please pray for my friend who is having difficulties at this time; please pray for my grandma who is in hospital; please pray for the people of Ukraine etc. We will not mention your name or other names if you do not wish us to but we can add your prayer intentions to our prayers in class and in assembly.

### Roll of Honour

***Please check if your child is on this list.... If they are, you are warmly invited to come into school on the following Monday morning for our 9am assembly to see them be awarded their certificate!***

**Please note, due to events which have been happening in school, Nursery, Reception and Y6 will be doing double certificates next week...**

Nursery – Star of the week is Iona C for being such a kind and caring friend to all our new Nursery visitors. Well done Iona.

Nursery 2 – Star of the week is Zayaan R for beautiful singing. Well done Zayaan.

Reception 1 – Star of the week is Eliza B for amazing listening and working so hard in class!

Reception 2 – Star of the week is Renesmae H for working really hard in class and listening to her teachers. What a superstar!

10 – Star of the week is Heavenly-Joy B for getting 10/10 in her spellings and for super reading.

1A - Jaden B for trying so hard with his beautiful poem and being a kind member of our class!

20 – Star of the week is Leon G for displaying his outstanding mathematical knowledge in our Year 2 assessments last week.

2A – Star of the week is Aliyah A for showing how much she has learnt in year 2 so far. Superstar!

30 – Star of the week is Madeline H for fantastic effort in English, making sure she is including all the features learnt. Well done!

3A – Star of the week is Arabella E for her enthusiasm for learning and trying really hard to improve her maths skills.

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40 – Star of the week is Chloe B for being an excellent role model in class and for working hard in everything she does! A massive well done!

4A - Star of the week is Pippa R for being an extremely helpful, polite member of 4A and working so hard with her times tables and her recent assessments.

50 – Star of the week is Kendice M for being such a kind, caring and hardworking member of the class! Thank you.

5A – Star of the week is Jasmine H for a super effort to work out square and cube roots in maths lessons this week!

60 – Star of the week is Louie C for working selflessly at Robin Wood and being an incredible role model for his team.

6A – Star of the week is Olivia-Mae M for approaching the challenges at Robinwood with a determined but mature attitude! Well done.

Reading Award - Esme H (20)

Deputy Head Award - Natalia S (60) for being a kind member of the Laudato Si Club.

Headteacher Award: Ella M (30). Working really hard in maths and not giving up. Superstar!

### **Attendance Winners!**

Congratulations to Class 1A who last week had 100% attendance! They will be rewarded with a treat this week. Attendance overall last week was as follows:

<b>Class</b>	<b>% Attendance</b>
Nursery AM	95.2
Nursery FT	98.3
Reception 1	97.5
Reception 2	96.7
1O	95.2
1A	100.0
2O	95.2
2A	91.9
3O	90.3
3A	96.7
4O	95.9
4A	97.2
5O	94.7
5A	97.9
6O	97.2
6A	96.6
Whole School	95.9

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### **Foundation Unit – Important Notice – From Last Week**

After much thought, advice from Bolton LEA and from seeing how successful this is in other settings, the governors have taken the decision to place the Reception classes and the Nursery class alongside each other to create a Foundation Unit. As our numbers have been affected by the low birth numbers for the year, this has presented itself as an opportunity.

It means that we will have around 50 children in the Foundation Unit. The Nursery class will stay as a class, and the 34 children in Reception will merge together. Mrs Davis will move to Key Stage 2, and the unit will be staffed by Mrs Passarello, Mrs Callaghan, Mrs Eddisford, Mrs Valentine, Mrs Lucan, Miss Budd and Miss Beard. Mrs Passarello and Mrs Callaghan will be the teachers of the Reception Class – which will be known as Foundation 2 – and Mrs Eddisford and Mrs Valentine will be the teachers of the Nursery – known as Foundation 1. However, as an amalgamated Foundation Unit, the children will have the opportunity to engage with all the teachers in the unit, regardless of the class they are in! The children in Foundation 1 (Nursery) will enter and exit through their current classroom door and the children in Foundation 2 (Reception) will all enter and exit through the current Reception 1 classroom door from January 2024.

### **Mrs Qadeer**

We are very sad to announce that Mrs Qadeer is leaving us at Christmas. She has been with us for 12 months and we are very grateful to her for all she has done for the children in our school. She will be missed.

You may remember that a few years ago, Mrs Davis was very successful when teaching a Y3/4 class.

The creation of the new Foundation Unit means Mrs Davis will be coming out of the Nursery and will teach Year 3O in January for the rest of the year. Mrs Davis is very excited as there are some children in the class who she taught in Nursery!

### **Miss Palmer**

Congratulations to Miss Palmer who has been appointed Deputy Headteacher at Holy Family in Aspull from January. Whilst this is fantastic news, it is tinged with sadness as we will be sorry to see her leave and we will miss her. Thank you to Miss Palmer for all she has done for our children, staff and parents.

You may remember a teacher called Miss Marrs from a couple of years ago who taught in Year 1. We are pleased to announce that Miss Marrs will be returning to teach Year 2A from January.

### **Parking**

Please do not park on Falkirk Drive. Thank you for parking respectfully for our neighbours. For the safety of our families and staff, the school car park is not to be used by parents. Thank you.

### **Code of Conduct: Parents & Visitors**

Thank you for:

Respecting the school's caring ethos.

Working with teachers for the benefit of children.

Always remaining calm and respectful.

Always resolving issues through school.

Always correcting your child's behaviour when you need to.

A more detailed version of the Code is on our school website.

### **Dates for the Diary:**

#### Class Assemblies

All our parents are welcome to come along and join us for the following assemblies:

Nursery	Friday, 5th July (9am)
Reception	Friday, 21st June (9am)
Y1	Friday, 16th February (9am)
Y3	Friday, 24th May (9am)
Y5	Friday, 15th March (9am)
Y6	Thursday, 18th July (Leavers' Assembly 2pm)

#### Parents Evenings:

Thursday, 29th February 1.30pm - 6.30pm

EYFS stay and plays week commencing 12th Feb all week

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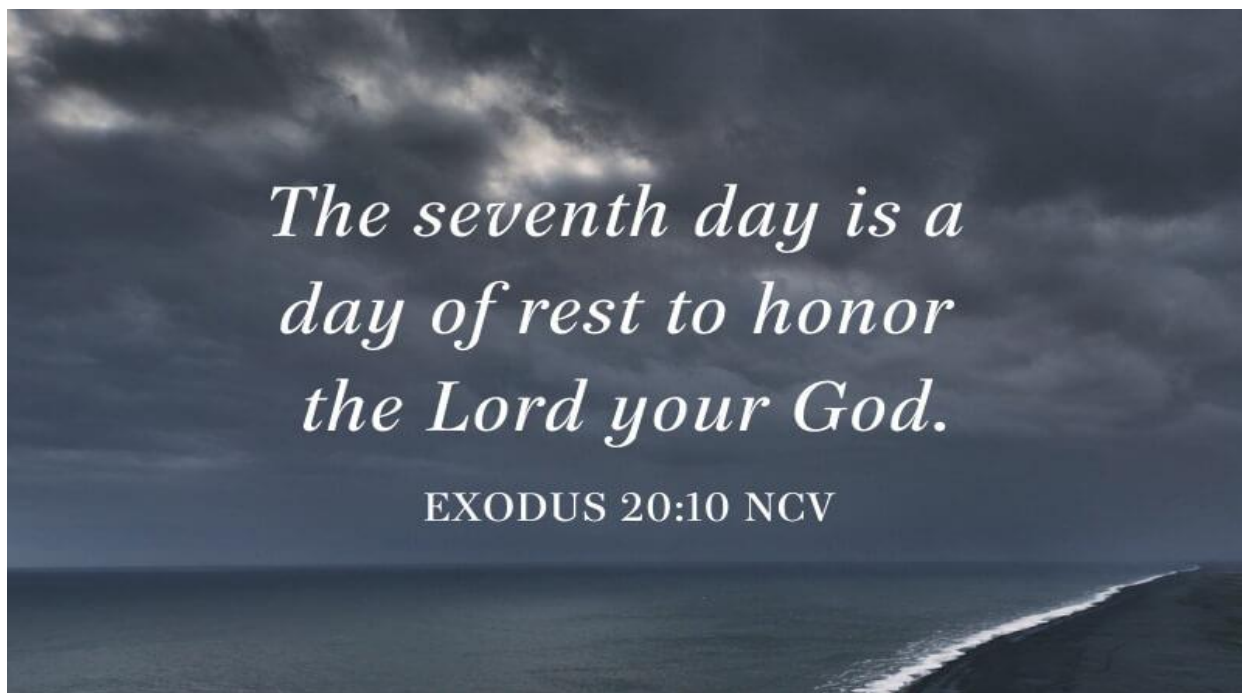
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### Easter Events:

21st March - Easter Bonnet Parade  
 Afternoon Easter Performance (Y3/4) - Tuesday 26th March 1.30pm  
 Evening Easter Performance (Y3/4) - Wednesday 27th March 6pm

### Summer Events:

Afternoon Play Performance (Y5/6) - Tuesday 9th July 1pm  
 Evening Play Performance (Y5/6) - Wednesday 10th July 6pm



### **First Holy Communion**

The dates that you need are as follows...

EVENT	VENUE	DATE & TIME
First Confessions	Church	Wednesday, 6 December 2023, 7pm
Sunday Liturgies	Church	3 December 2023 @ 11:00am 14 January 2024 @ 11:00am 11 February 2024 @ 11:00am 17 March 2024 @ 11:00am 21 April 2024 @ 11:00am 19 May 2024 @ 11:00am
Second Parents' Meeting	Church	Wednesday, 15 May 2024, 6pm
First Holy Communion Rehearsal	Church	Friday, 7 June 2024, 10am
<b><i>First Holy Communion</i></b>	<b><i>Church</i></b>	<b><i>Saturday, 8 June 2024, 11am</i></b>