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NEWSLETTER: Thursday 16th November 2023



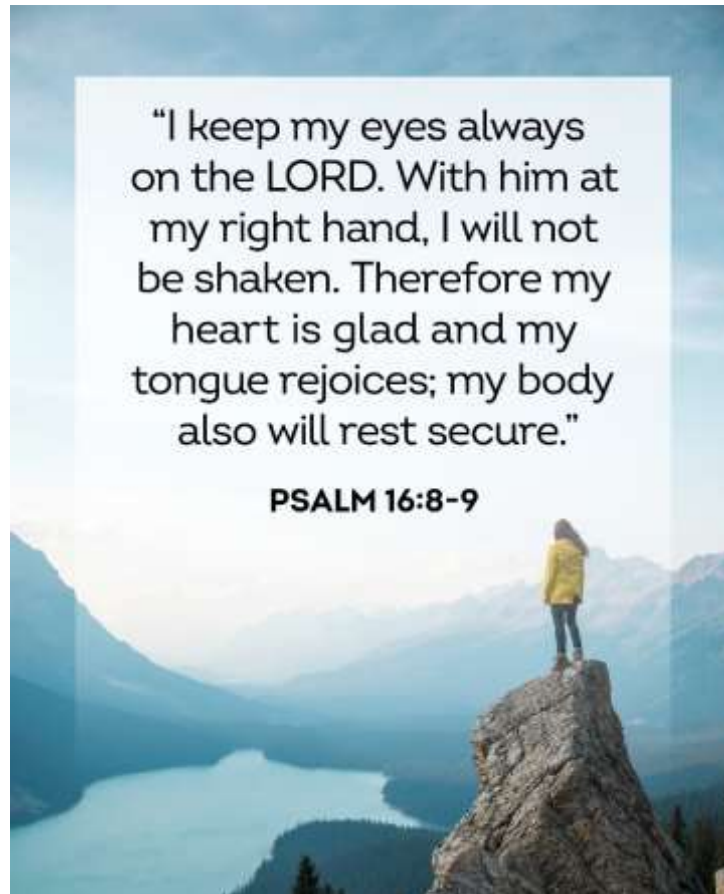
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Thought for the Week:

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

Simple Things Can Make Us Happy



Illness

To clear up some confusion when a child is ill and absent from school for more than one day, school requires a phone call or email **each day** of the child's illness. There is a misconception that a phone call or email on the first day will suffice. However, we are unable to authorise Day 2 (and any subsequent days) if we do not get a call or email for Day 2 (or subsequent days). Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Children in Need – TOMORROW!

Message from our House Captains:

Own Clothes Day – **Friday 17th November**. Children to wear at least one colour from their House Team: Blue, green, red, yellow. Whichever Team that you are in, please wear that colour. If you've not got that colour, something similar, please. £1 (or less) per child (suggested donation). Thank you.

New Look Website!

Our website has had a revamp! Please click on www.ssoarc.co.uk and take a look. You'll notice that the website has a calendar on it with lots of school events in an easy to find way.

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)

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CHRISTMAS FAIR IN THE SCHOOL HALL

Please note the new date: Friday 8th December: 3.30pm – 5.00pm

Well done!

Congratulations to Jake in Y5 who is now a World Champion for Kick-Boxing!! We are all very proud of you!



Remembrance Sunday

Well done to all our pupils who took part in the Remembrance Day events in Bolton at the Town Hall Square.



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Christmas Fair – 2 Non-Uniform Days

Friday 24th November - Children are being asked to bring a bottle for the bottle tombola
Friday 1st December - Children are being asked to bring chocolate for the chocolate tombola
Thank you so much for your support.

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), 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.

Wear Purple for Advent

On Thursday 7th 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

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 going on in school, Nursery, Reception and Y6 will do double certificates next week...

Nursery - Carried over to next week...

Reception 1 - Carried over to next week...

Reception 2 - Carried over to next week...

10 – Star of the week is Jason O for working incredibly hard in his assessments and for always being a joy to teach.

1A – Star of the week is Phoenix FH for trying so hard during assessment week! Well done!!

2O – Star of the week goes to Kai T for super effort in our Reading assessment and working hard to improve his presentation.

2A – Star of the week is Annie H for super effort and progress in her assessments this week.

3O- Star of the week goes to Lillie O for doing so well in her assessments and for always producing beautiful work!

3A – Star of the week is Duriel A for fantastic effort in his assessments and being a lovely member of our class!

4O – Star of the week goes to Chester B for stepping up into the role of bugle player on our Y4's Remembrance Assembly.

4A – Star of the week is Carter W for great maturity with his learning, for stepping up with his times tables and doing well in his assessments - keep going!

5O – Star of the week goes to Ferne M for always showing perseverance and stamina in her learning. Well done!

5A – Star of the week is Phoebe S for fantastic listening skills and for working super hard in class!

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6O - Carried over to next week...

6A - Carried over to next week...

Reading Award - Una T (20)

Deputy Head Award - Jake M (6O) for following the teachings of Christ by warmly welcoming a new child to our school.

Headteacher Award - Tommy G (3A)

For an incredible show of maturity, team effort and a sterling performance of "Don't Worry Be Happy" during music
With Mrs Piri

PE Kit

Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct PE kit.

The PE kit is:

- White t-shirt (*The school polo shirt can be worn or a 'round neck' white t-shirt*)
- Blue shorts
- Black slip on pumps for indoor lessons
- Black pumps or trainers for outdoor lessons
- Black tracksuit bottoms for (winter) outdoor lessons
- School jumper for outdoor lessons (over the top of the t-shirt)

Sometimes children turn up in a kit for PE that includes branded (e.g. Nike, Adidas, Puma, etc) t-shirts and tops, hoodies, football shirts, and so on, often without their parents' knowledge.

When it is your child's PE day, please ensure that they come to school in the correct PE kit. If your child is unable to wear the correct kit, please send them with a letter so that we know that you are aware they are wearing something different. Thank you for your support in this matter.

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.

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School Car Park

For the safety of our families and staff, the school car park is not to be used by parents. Thank you.

Parking

Please do not park on Falkirk Drive. Thank you for parking respectfully for our neighbours. 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:

School Photographs

Family photograph day is Thursday 30th 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.

Parents Evenings:

- Thursday, 23rd November 1.30pm - 6.30pm
- EYFS stay and plays week commencing 20th November all week
- Thursday, 29th February 1.30pm - 6.30pm
- EYFS stay and plays week commencing 12th Feb all week

Christmas Events

- EYFS Nativity: Wednesday, 13th December 9.30am and Thursday 14th December 2pm
- Y1/Y2 Nativity: Wednesday 13th December 1.30pm and 6pm for parents

End of term Mass - Friday 15th December

Carols around the playground - Wednesday 20th December 2pm

- EYFS Christmas Party - Tuesday 19th December morning
- KS1 Christmas Party - Friday 15th December afternoon
- LKS2 Christmas Party - Monday 18th December afternoon
- UKS2 Christmas Party - Tuesday 19th December afternoon

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

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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
<i>First Holy Communion</i>	<i>Church</i>	<i>Saturday, 8 June 2024, 11am</i>