

OLSM Newsletter

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We live, we love, we learn, we grow in Jesus.

Illness in school.

We are very pleased to inform you that the number of cases of winter vomiting virus have greatly reduced again this week. However, we will continue to keep in place our additional handwashing processes for another week. To support the school keeping cases low we urge you all to follow the following advice-

While in your care, if your child vomits or has diarrhoea or is feeling genuinely sick do not send them to school. **They should then not return to school until 48 hours (2 days) after their last symptom, for example if the last time they vomited was Tuesday 8.00pm they can come back to school on Friday.** This is because you can still excrete and pass on the virus to other people even though you may feel better.

If you receive a telephone call from the school advising that your child isn't well, please make arrangements to collect your child as soon as possible.

Particularly while this illness is in our community encourage your child to wash their hands regularly with liquid soap and warm water and dry them thoroughly. This is very important after they have used the

Afterschool clubs

Superstars club for year 1, 2 and 3 pupils has started. Half termly cost, £10 payable via ParentPay. School run clubs have started. If your child wishes to take part, please register them by contacting the school office.

Club	Day	Time	Eligible for	Number of places
FP/PS1/2 Art club	Mondays	3.30pm – 4.30pm	Year 1 and 2.	15.
KS2/PS2/3 art club	Mondays	3.30pm – 4.30pm	Year 3 and 4 initially.	20.
Football club	Mondays	3.30pm – 4.30pm	Year 4, 5 & 6.	20.
Netball club	Tuesday	3.30pm – 4.30pm	Year 5 & 6.	20.
Gardening club	Thursdays	3.30pm – 4.30pm	Year 3 & 4.	15.

Please note-Art clubs £10 per term to cover the cost of resources. Payable via ParentPay.

Pupil council groups

Next week, on Tuesday 14th Feb the Community/Mini Vinnies and Criw Cymraeg groups will meet at 3.30-4.30 pm.

Eco, standards and digital groups will meet on Thursdays from 3.30-4.30.

We have decided to move these groups to afterschool to ensure greater consistency in meeting regularly. If children are unable to take part afterschool, they will still have the opportunity to attend lunch time meetings when they occur.

Year 4 swimming

The Year 4 class are taking part in their swimming sessions on Tuesday. Please make sure the children bring their swimming costumes, a towel and goggles if needed on the day. Children should come to school in their PE kit. The leisure centre has informed us that children will be unable to swim if their ears are recently pierced and they must not wear earrings on the day.

Healthy lunch box and drinks.

Our school is a healthy eating school. Therefore, children should not bring in chocolate and sweets as snacks or in their lunch boxes. The healthy eating status also means that children should only be encouraged to drink water or milk while in school. Information from the welsh government accompanies this newsletter this week.

Contacting teachers

There will be times when you need to pass information on to teachers. Messages can be passed on via the school office but below you will also find a list of teacher email addresses. Please beware that teachers will only respond to emails during school-working hours 8.30-5.00pm Monday – Friday and then only when not teaching. If a message is urgent, please always contact the school office.

Reception class. Mrs Elias - EliasS5@Hwb.cymru.net

Year 1 class. Miss Forder - ForderG6@Hwb.cymru.net

Year 2 class. Mrs Bowden / Mrs Griffiths BowdenK12@Hwb.cymru.net GriffithsJ694@Hwb.cymru.net

Year 3 class. Miss O'Reilly - OReillyS18@Hwb.cymru.net

Year 4 class Mrs Redding - AlexanderE25@hwb.cymru.net

Year 5 class Mrs Rose - RoseM10@Hwb.cymru.net

Year 6 class Miss McCarthy - McCarthyM22@Hwb.cymru.net

Mr Evans – vivianevas@monmouthshire.gov.uk

Welsh phrase of the fortnight

To support your pronunciation of the words below you may find this website useful-

[Welsh pronunciation dictionary \(forvo.com\)](http://forvo.com)

Foundation Phase/Progression step 1/2

Key Stage 2 /Progression step 2/3

Pa liw?

(What colour?)

melyn- yellow

gwyrdd- green

oren- orange

coch- red

glas-blue

porffor- purple

Pa liw ydy hwn?

(What colour is this?)

melyn- yellow

Mae'n wyrdd- It is green

Mae'r bwrdd yn goch- The table is red

Mae'r siwmpwr yn las- The jumper is blue

Reading books

For those families that have filled in the home/school agreement, children should be bringing reading books home on a regular basis. If your child brings home a reading book, this book is to be read over the week and returned with their reading book & record book/card, weekly. If a book has not been read entirely, books still need to be returned to allow teachers to monitor home reading. Book bags can be purchased from the office if required.

Early notification of parent/carers consultations

Parents and carers will have the opportunity to chat with teachers and look at their children's books on Monday 13th and Wednesday 15th March from 3.40- 6.00 pm. More details of how to book appointments will come out next week.

Congratulation to our kitchen team

We are very proud to announce that our school kitchen team, led by Miss Warner, achieved a 5 out of 5 'Food Hygiene Rating' during a recent environmental health assessment. Well done one and all!

Term dates for the 22/23 academic year.

Term	Start	Half term start	Half term end	Term End
Autumn	02/09/2022	31/10/22	04/11/2022	23/12/2022
Spring	09/01/2023	20/02/2023	24/02/2023	31/03/2023
Summer	17/04/2023	29/05/2023	02/06/2023	21/07/2023

INSET Days for 22/23-Monday 27th February 2023, Friday 30th June 2023.

School car park ticketing

Unfortunately, due to repeated dangerous parking in the school car park, the school will begin to ticket dangerously parked cars from Monday. Cars must be parked in designated spaces and not present a danger to the safety of others.

Parish News

SUNDAY MASSES - at 8am, 10am and 6pm, Children's liturgy during the 10am mass in term time.

BAPTISMS – Fr. Matthew welcomes applications for Baptism of infants and children in OLSM Church. For further info contact Fr. Matthew – 851051.

CWTCH ANGELS – COMMUNITY SHOP, at Hatherleigh, near Homemakers, place of Union Rd West, with food items and household items for families in need. They have a lot of food, baby equipment, clothes and other essentials all free. A small donation can be given but is not expected. No documents e.g. for benefits are required. Open weekdays 11.30 to 2.30 and on Sat and Sun between 10 and 12 tele 07982435560

WARM WELCOME CLUB – The Parish is running a “warm welcome club” through the winter months on Thursdays between 11am and 2pm every Thursday, in which anyone and everyone is welcome to come along, and find a warm venue, hospitality and basic refreshments. Other local churches are making similar arrangements.

PARENTING FOR FAITH COURSE – ARCHDIOCESE FAMILY LIFE COMMISSION.

Would you like help to share your faith with your baby or toddler? Join in an online CELEBRATE Parenting for Faith course for 5 weeks starting 8pm 23rd February on Thursday evenings, with bitesize sessions lasting around 45 minutes. The goal of the course is to help parents discover that they are perfectly positioned to show their children the reality of a life with God and to empower them to have their own vibrant two-way relationship with Him. Through the easily accessible and relaxed input you will receive help to introduce faith in simple steps. For more information and to register on the course see www.celebratetrust.org/parentingforfaith

CAR PARK – Please only park in marked bays. If there are no spaces available, please park off site.

The parish and school reserve the right to issue warning notices from the company “Flash park” who we have an agreement with. Parents/carers should only use the car park at the beginning and end of the school day, thus enabling parishioners and users of St. Michael Centre to park here.

Please co-operate in keeping the car park a safe place for your children.

LIVE-STREAMING - All services from Church continue to be live streamed on the parish website, in particular our Sunday masses at 8am, 10am and 6pm. www.olsm-abergavenny.co.uk

ONLINE EVENING PRAYER – every day, apart from Saturday, at 5pm on both the parish Facebook page and the parish website - www.facebook.com/OurLadyandStMichaelChurch