

# OLSM Newsletter

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## Foundation Phase family engagement sessions

Dear OLSM Foundation Phase families. We are pleased to inform you that we are restarting our family engagement sessions. Below you will find dates for the first of these.

Monday 6th March Year 2 parent stay and play session from 2pm.

Tuesday 7th March Rec parent stay and play session from 2pm.

Thursday 9th March Year 1 parent stay and play session from 2pm.

During these sessions, families will have the opportunity to work with their child on a range of activities which the children have been working on in classes.

## Afterschool clubs-Week beginning Sunday 5/3/23)

| Club               | Day       | Time                                            | Eligible for            | Number of places |
|--------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| FP/PS1/2 Art club  | Mondays   | <b>3.30pm – 5.00pm</b>                          | Year 1 and 2.           | 15.              |
|                    | Mondays   | <b>Please note the extended time this week.</b> | Year 3 and 4 initially. | 20.              |
| KS2/PS2/3 art club |           | 3.30pm – 4.30pm                                 |                         |                  |
| 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.              |

## Pupil council groups.

Criw Cymraeg and community/Mini-Vinnies will meet on Tuesdays from 3.30-4.30.

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

**Please note- there will be no afterschool clubs/groups next week, due to the parent/carers consultations.**

## March 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> Strike days

The next NEU strike days will take place on Wednesday and Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> March. Due to Health and safety guidance, the school will be open to all children **except those in Year 3** on those days.

## 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.

### **Thank you to our school families.**

We would like to thank all our school families for supporting the school last week, ensuring the children were able to take part in both our Saint David's Day and World Book Day celebrations.

### **Early notification of parent/carers consultations**

Parents and carers with children in the **Reception class, Year 1, Year 2, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6** will have the opportunity to chat with teachers and look at their children's books on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March from 3.40- 6.00 pm.

Parents and carers with children in **Year 3** will have the opportunity to chat with the class teacher and look at their children's books on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March from 3.40- 6.00 pm.

We will use the Parent Cloud system to allow parent/carers the opportunity to book an appointment. Details on how to book an appointment will be sent out in the first week back after half term. The booking system will also go live from 3.30 tomorrow 6<sup>th</sup> March. Information on how to log onto the system will be sent home tomorrow.

### **Would you like to have a tree?**

An opportunity has arisen, where school family members can apply for a up to 3 trees, that may be planted within their own garden (if they have one) or may be planted in our school. Information on what trees are available and what you have to do to apply for the trees, will come out tomorrow. This work will form part of our Wales in Bloom schools award application this year.

### **Class trips**

Information letters for class trips for Year 1 and 2 to Cardiff Castle and Year 3 and 4 to Big Pit should have been received. Please contact the school office tomorrow if you haven't received this information.

### **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**-Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023. Please note the additional Bank Holiday for the King's Coronation will take place on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

### **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.

**St. Michaels Centre** is available for booking for family events and functions, such as children's parties etc. Info available at [www.stmichaelcentre.org.uk](http://www.stmichaelcentre.org.uk) or 01873 857570. Or e-mail to [saintmichaelscen@outlook.com](mailto:saintmichaelscen@outlook.com)

**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

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** - every Friday of Lent at 6pm in Church.

**PARISH AGM** – Parish AGM on Sunday, 26th March at 11.30am. Accounts for the year ending June 30<sup>th</sup> 2022 will be presented. If any parishioner would like to raise an issue at the meeting could they please inform Fr. Matthew in writing by next Sunday 19th March. The agenda for the meeting was available in Church today.

**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](http://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](https://www.facebook.com/OurLadyandStMichaelChurch)