



# OLA NEWS



8 January 2021

Dear Parent and Carers,

It has been a very tricky start to the new term but I would like to thank you for your patience and understanding, and for the kind messages of support which we have received throughout the week. I am sad not to be welcoming all of our children back after the Christmas holiday, ready for another great term, especially after all the hard work and progress of the Autumn term.

During this lockdown, we will continue to provide remote learning online for those children who cannot attend school. We appreciate that remote learning can be challenging to juggle at home, so we want to make it as simple as possible for our families. Teachers will be posting videos on the school YouTube channel and uploading work onto Seesaw or Class Dojo. They will also be inviting the class to get together on Zoom which will be a great way to stay in touch.

If your child does not have access to a laptop, please get in touch with school as we have a number of laptops which we can loan to families during the lockdown. We can also support with Internet access if you do not have this at home.

## Values and Virtues



This term we will be focusing on understanding the virtues of **Grateful and Generous**. We show these virtues when we are grateful for the gifts God has given to us, for the gifts of other people and the blessings of each new day. When things seem really difficult in our lives, like now, it is good to reflect on, and be thankful, for the good

things in our lives and the people who love us and care for us. Also, when we are generous with our gifts and use them in the service of others or we are generous with our time and give of ourselves to serve others as God wants us to. Try to think of ways that you can show these virtues whether you are in school or at home.

*Generous God,  
Make our hearts like yours, always ready to give.  
Help us to see opportunities to give our time,  
so we can achieve amazing things together.  
Teach us to be grateful for all the good gifts in our lives  
and to be generous when giving to others.  
Amen*

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## **Highlights This Week!**

### **Nursery & Reception**

The children that returned to Reception this week were happy and excited to be back and settled in quickly.

Our learning has been focused around castles and the story 'The Very Last Castle' by Travis Jonker. The children made beautiful crowns and built a castle from junk modelling. We then followed with the traditional tale of Sleeping Beauty. The children created vines to surround our castle and performed the action to the song 'There Was a Princess Long Ago'. We have some wonderful prince and princess actors.

In maths, the children have been learning about 2D and 3D shapes. They have sorted and been identifying the 3D shapes of everyday items in our environment.

### **Years 1 & 2**

Happy New Year! The children have enjoyed making animals using their hands this week.

### **Years 3 & 4**

The children have started to look at fractions; denominators, numerators and equal parts. They have enjoyed writing a book review and have designed a healthy packed lunch.

### **Years 5 & 6**

The children have enjoyed learning some new socially distanced PE games in the hall.

## **Welcome Ms Boothby**



This term we are happy to welcome Ms Boothby who has joined OLA as the School Business Manager. We are delighted that she has joined the OLA team.

## **Class Dojo**

Class Dojo is the main way in which teachers communicate to parents on a day-to-day basis especially at the moment with the majority of our children working at home. It is a quick and easy way for parents to ask questions and get a quick response. Also, teachers can let you know how your child is getting on and share their work with you. If you have not already signed up, please do so. This will avoid you missing important updates that are just for your child. If you have already signed up, please make sure your notifications are turned on. Please contact your child's class teacher if you have any questions.

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## Extra Clothing

In order to reduce the transmission of the virus, we are making sure that all our classrooms are well ventilated. For those children in school you may wish to send your child in with an extra layer of clothing to keep them warm during the colder weather. This could be a fleecy top or jumper, sports skins or even an extra pair of socks! If you find that providing extra clothing is difficult for you, please do not hesitate to contact the school for support.

## Lunch Orders

For those children currently attending school, please continue to complete your child's lunch order weekly via our texting system T2P. The text messages will be sent **every Tuesday**; please ensure you respond with your child's lunch choice for the following week. The school orders food based on your selections and therefore if you do not respond it will mean we will contact you requesting you to provide a packed lunch for your child.

## Appeal for Governors

We currently have vacancies on our Board of governors for Foundation Governors. The role of a Foundation Governor is to work with the other governors, the head teacher and all the staff to ensure that the distinct Catholic nature of the school is preserved, as set out in its mission statement. If you, or someone you know, is a practising Catholic and would be able to commit to at least two Governor meetings a term, this could be an exciting opportunity to contribute to the Catholic education of the pupils at Our Lady's. For further information, please contact Mrs Askew.

## School Nursing Team

Please follow the link for the latest newsletter from the School Nursing Team

<https://ourlady.coventry.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/School-Nursing-Newsletter-January.pdf>

## Reception – September 2021

The closing date for making an application for a Reception place in September 2021 is **15 January 2021**. Applications can be made via the Parent Portal on the Coventry City Council website.

[https://emsonline.lea.coventry.sch.uk/CitizenPortal\\_LIVE/en](https://emsonline.lea.coventry.sch.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en)

## Family Learning Courses

Please follow the links below for the Coventry Adult Education Family Learning courses that are happening in Spring 2021. These sessions are being delivered to parents face to face at Southfields Old School, or online, using MS Teams.

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Stay and Play Online – suitable for nursery aged children and their parents / carers.



New Stay and Play Online Spring 2021 Family Learning.pdf

Positive Family Foundations - a parenting course based on the principles of Triple P, Thrive and Families Connect from Save the Children.



New Positive Family Foundations Spring 2021 Family Learning.pdf

Maths in Primary School – these sessions will enable parents to help their children with learning at home.



New Maths in the Primary School Spring 2021 Family Learning (2).pdf

English in Primary School – these sessions will enable parents to help their children with learning at home.



New English in the Primary School Spring 2021 Family Learning (1) (00000002).pdf

## PTA NEWS

### School Lottery

**YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY**

**Sweep The Floors With This Prize!**

**WIN**

Landscape Robotic Lawnmower + Eufy BoostIQ RoboVac Cleaner

- Support your school this term
- Weekly cash prizes up to £25,000
- Ticket cost just £1 a week
- Help boost school funds when we need it most

**Buy A Ticket**

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older. Offer ends 20th Feb. Terms and conditions apply (see website for details).

### New Mega Prize!

Happy New Year from the team at Your School Lottery!

On 20th February Your School Lottery is giving away a fantastic Robot Prize Bundle consisting of a Landxcape Robotic Lawnmower and a Eufy BoostIQ RoboVac Cleaner so don't wait! Purchase your ticket to be in with a chance to win!

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**Next draw date: 9 January 2021**

**£25,000.00 JACKPOT and £8.40 Guaranteed Prize to 1 OLA supporter – remember this will increase if we get more supporters!**

Big congratulations to our latest School Lottery guaranteed prize winner who won £9 and very generously donated it back to us!

Thank you to all our School Lottery supporters! Currently we are projected to raise £603.20 of the £1,040 target. We have 41 people registered who currently do not buy tickets. Remember if you all buy just one ticket per week we would smash our fundraising target and you would be in with a chance to win fantastic prizes! What are you waiting for? Help support **YOUR** PTA!

To find out more and help support our lovely school please visit the following link:

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/our-lady-of-the-assumption-primary-school-coventry>

### **Future Fundraising**

This New Year remains very different in many ways, not least of all fundraising opportunities for small schools such as OLA, if you have any suggestions/ideas please feel free to contact the PTA/school (details below) to discuss! Remember as parents/grandparents of the pupils we are all part of the PTA.

### **PTA Facebook Group**

This is a friendly group, please feel free to join - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/OurLadyOfTheAssumptionPTA/> you will be asked your child's name and year group to confirm you are eligible for membership, please answer these so that approval can be granted to the group.

**Contacting the PTA; via Facebook, email – [pta@ourlady.coventry.sch.uk](mailto:pta@ourlady.coventry.sch.uk)**

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## **Foodbank**

***"The foodbank was there when we really needed it, it was an absolute lifeline."***

We don't think anyone in our community should have to face going hungry. That's why we provide nutritionally balanced emergency food and support to local people who are referred to us in crisis.

Our local foodbanks are:

**St Oswalds Foodbank**

St Oswalds Church

Jardine Crescent

CV4 9PL

**Opening Times** – Tuesday 10.00 – 12.00

Thursday 10.00 – 12.00

**Canley Family Centre**

45 Glebe Close

Canley

CV4 8DJ

**Opening Times** – Saturday 11.00 – 13.00

If you are worried about accessing the foodbank, please contact the school and speak to Mrs Lucas.

***Anyone can reach crisis point and we are here to help.***

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