

# OLOTR NEWSLETTER



## What is happening this term?

*Our Lady of the Rosary has welcomed everyone back to school and nursery in September and we have all worked hard to make the school safe and enjoyable environment for our children. We have needed to put some safety measures in place but our pupils, staff, parent/carers and visitors have all adapted well and supported us in keeping our school and nursery open – A BIG THANK YOU TO YOU ALL!*

*During this time of catching up with the curriculum, hand sanitiser and bubbles, we decided that although things would be 'different' this year, we wanted to plan events for the children leading up to Christmas for them to make some nice memories during these unprecedented times so we have put as much into our school calendar as possible.*

### Events coming up:

- **Saturday 31st of October** is Halloween. We are really excited to be joining in with the 'Peterlee Pumpkin Trail' this year! The staff will all be carving and decorating pumpkins for the children to see on Halloween. We would like to ask all of our families to get involved and decorate some pumpkins for the trail. We are hoping to get the BIGGEST display of pumpkins possible! If you would like to decorate a pumpkin and bring it to school on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October between 4:00pm and 5:00pm staff will be on the yard to take your pumpkin and display it. If it is more convenient to bring your decorated pumpkin into school tomorrow, we will add it to our trail. We hope you will join in the pumpkin trail, making some happy memories with your children.
- **Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November is Spooky Writing Day** – children can come wearing their Halloween outfits, no accessories please e.g. swords due to Covid19 safety regulations.
- **Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> November is Bonfire Night** – we will be taking part in activities during the day.
- **Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> November is Remembrance Sunday** – children will be painting a pebble after half term which will be placed in school to make a poppy arrangement around this date. A Remembrance liturgy will take place during the week commencing the 9<sup>th</sup> November and a two-minute silence will be observed.
- **Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> November we will celebrate Children in Need and World Kindness Day** in school– we will be holding a non-uniform day to raise money for charity – we are asking for a contribution of £1.00 to be paid via your child's ParentPay account. **This will show as Children in Need 2020 on ParentPay.**
- **W/C 16<sup>th</sup> November is Anti Bullying Week** – classes will be taking part in activities throughout the week.
- **Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> November** – as we are currently unable to hold after school clubs, we will be holding a classroom/bubble movie night. Children can book via ParentPay to attend at a cost of £3.00 and they will receive a hot dog in a bun, popcorn and a drink. Pick up time is 5:15pm for Rec, Y1, Y2 and 5:30pm for Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6. **This will show as Movie Night 2020 on ParentPay.**

This year we are welcoming contributions of Christmas toys and gifts (unwrapped) which will be distributed to families in need this Christmas through Peterlee Town Council. All donations will be gratefully received after half term until the beginning of December.

### Santa's Wish



## Autumn Term Holiday Dates

Half term w/c 26<sup>th</sup> October – 30<sup>th</sup> October

Christmas w/c 21<sup>st</sup> December – 1<sup>st</sup> January

### CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS:



#### Christmas Jumper Day

- On Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> December, children can come to school wearing their Christmas Jumpers with their school uniform trousers and skirts. We are asking for a donation of £1.00. All donations will be sent to Save the Children. **This will appear on ParentPay as Christmas Jumper Day 2020.**



**Christmas Dinner Day** will take place w/c 7<sup>th</sup> December and costs £2.20 for those who pay for their child's meal or for those children that would like to have lunch with their class friends and would normally bring a packed lunch. Please pay this on ParentPay the week commencing Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> December so the office staff know it is for that day.



### Christmas Parties:

14 <sup>th</sup> December Nursery and Reception	15 <sup>th</sup> December Year 1 and Year 2	16 <sup>th</sup> December Year 3 and Year 4	17 <sup>th</sup> December Year 5 and Year 6
The cost of the Christmas party will be <b>£2.00</b> with the children receiving a 'goodie bag'. This will appear as Christmas Party 2020 on ParentPay. Parties will be held in classrooms this year and bubbles will not be mixed.			

**Christmas Nativities:** Sadly, this year we are unable to have parent/carers into school to watch Nativities or Carol Services. We are looking at ways for parents to watch the performances in other means; we will keep you up dated.

**Christmas Raffles:** We will be holding a Christmas Raffle in December, the staff in the office will arrange for the raffle tickets to come home with your child.

**Raffle tickets will be 50p per strip and will appear on ParentPay as Christmas Raffle 2020.**



***If you would like to donate something for a raffle prize, please bring it to the school office in a plastic bag***

**Liturgies:** Class Liturgies will be held in the school hall on Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> December in their 'bubbles', again we are unable at this time to be able to have parent/carers attend. We are working with our ICT technician to arrange other means for parent/carers to see the exciting events we have planned.

**PLEASE NOTE SCHOOL WILL CLOSE ON 18<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2020 FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS AT 1:30PM – there will be no Wrap Around provision on the afternoon of this day.**

**School returns on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021.**