

OLW School Update – Friday 1st May 2020

We pray:

*God of compassion, be close to those who are ill,
afraid or in isolation.*

In their loneliness, be their consolation;

in their anxiety, be their hope;

in their darkness, be their light;

through him who suffered alone on the cross,

but reigns with you in glory,

Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen



Praying through Coronavirus

As our Government faces the incredibly difficult task of a coronavirus exit strategy, this week we have included a prayer reflection from Sacred Space.

Lord, in times of national and international crises, we look to our elected leaders for guidance and protection. For many of them, the Covid-19 pandemic is like nothing they have ever seen or handled before. But if ever there was a time to lead, this is it.

Give our leaders humility and wisdom to learn from each other. Bless them with the empathy they need to understand our fears, the foresight they need to mitigate the consequences of the actions they must take, and the strength of character to lead us out of this crisis.

Guide them as they work. Inspire them to speak with words that persuade us to do what must be done, words that encourage us to keep going, words that inspire us to make the best of the situation we are in. As we place our trust in You, Lord, make them worthy of the trust we must place in them.

Reading: Proverbs 4:7-15

The first principle of wisdom is: acquire wisdom; at the cost of all you have, acquire understanding!

Hold her close, and she will make you great; embrace her, and she will be your pride;

she will provide a graceful garland for your head, bestow a crown of honour on you.'

Listen, my child, take my words to heart, and the years of your life will be multiplied.

I have educated you in the ways of wisdom, I have guided you along the path of honesty.

When you walk, your going will be unhindered, if you run, you will not stumble.

Hold fast to discipline, never let her go, keep your eyes on her, she is your life.

Do not follow the path of the wicked, do not walk the way that the evil go.

Avoid it, do not take it, turn your back on it, pass it by.

As I put my trust in my elected leaders, Lord, grant that I too, might lead the way by the words I use, the information I share, and the support I give to others.

OLW's Keepy-Uppy Toilet Roll Challenge



Thank you for all the clips of your children doing their keepy-uppy challenges. We have had an overwhelming response, receiving over 300 clips! These have now been uploaded onto Youtube. The links are listed below for each class. Staff have really enjoyed seeing the children again through the clips.

Nursery https://youtu.be/Xsad1VcDO8	Reception Red Group https://youtu.be/3Z4UJ0lxZqk	Reception Blue Group https://youtu.be/Xx7uS0ReT0
Class 1C https://youtu.be/icwNmAxHdvq	Class 1CS https://youtu.be/lrqQrBxLNSs	
Class 2B https://youtu.be/SXKd8YJtezK	Class 2S https://youtu.be/zuHkLPBusoc	
Class 3M https://youtu.be/dQRZd7KxNXQ	Class 3Y https://youtu.be/y9KKGf5lo44	
Class 4CU https://youtu.be/knaqamVlqy4	Class 4S https://youtu.be/qRMr4lJ9Wmc	
Class 5H https://youtu.be/sJuSuKU0nWA	Class 5O https://youtu.be/qNFC9eLbo9g	
Class 6H https://youtu.be/jZ9YaVl_N2U	Class 6P https://youtu.be/A5s-Pqaq8MY	

Our thanks to Miss Bell for producing the videos. We would like to extend our gratitude to everyone for their generosity in donating to our Just Giving page. The total now raised for the NHS Solihull Charity now stands at an amazing £1,710. If you still wish to make a donation, please click on the following link:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/waysidetoiletrollchallenge>

Young Carers Award

We are pleased to inform you that this week we have been awarded a Young Carers Bronze Award. This is in recognition of all the work and support we give to our Young Carers. As a school, our staff and Governors are fully committed to ensuring that our Young Carers get all the support they need to ensure that they achieve their full potential. Many thanks to Mrs Lloyd for co-ordinating this work and for all the effort she puts into supporting young carers and their families in school.



Congratulations

Congratulations to the Doyle family on the birth of their new baby daughter. Lily Grace was born on 23rd April weighing 7lb 10oz. We wish the Doyle family lots of happiness together.



Keeping in Touch

Following the success of our teacher-pupil phone calls over the last few weeks, we have set up a second cycle of phone calls. If your child would like a phone call from their class teacher, the process is exactly the same as before. Visit www.schoolinterviews.co.uk, enter the event code **ep8ve** and follow the steps to book a time slot for when you would like to receive a telephone call. Below is a timetable of dates when staff will be available to call your child. Staff will endeavour to keep to appointment times.

Phone Calls Week Commencing – Monday 4th May

	Monday 4th		Tuesday 5th		Wednesday 6th		Thursday 7th	
	am	pm	am	pm	am	pm	am	pm
Mrs Forsyth								
Mrs Sallis								
Mrs Cunnane								
Mrs Steele								
Mrs O'Donnell								

Phone Calls Week Commencing – Monday 11th May

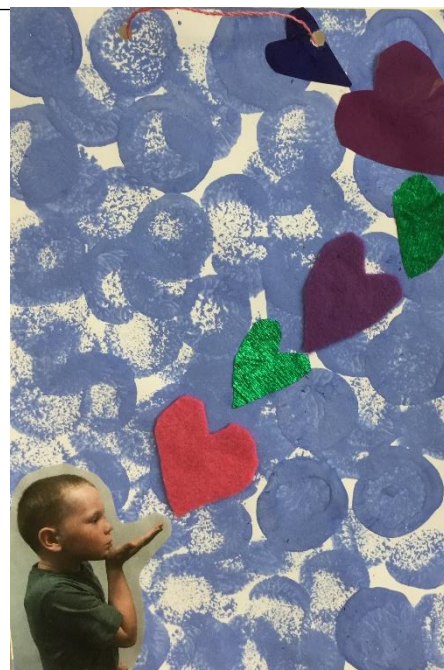
	Monday 11th		Tuesday 12th		Wednesday 13th		Thursday 14th	
	am	pm	am	pm	am	pm	am	pm
Mrs Dinning								
Mrs Oxley								
Mrs Crawford								
Mrs Upton								
Miss Pitman								
Mrs Haines								
Mrs Butler								
Miss Stanton								

Phone Calls Week Commencing – Monday 18th May

	Monday 18th		Tuesday 19th	
	am	pm	am	pm
Mrs Hayes				
Mrs Compton				

Messages of Thanks

We are still receiving any messages of thanks which children might wish to give to the NHS. These may be in the form of poem, a note, a picture – really however children wish to express themselves. Their messages will then be sent to Solihull Hospital and to local care homes. Please email your messages to s79teachers@ol-wayside.solihull.sch.uk. Please write 'Message of thanks' in the subject box. The closing date is 8th May. Many thanks for all the kind messages you have sent in so far. Children in OLW Childcare have been busy creating their own messages this week. Opposite is a photo of a poster created by one of the children sending a message of love and thanks.



Solar

The following information has been received this week from Solar - Solihull's 0-19 emotional wellbeing and mental health service

During the current pandemic Solar is still open and continuing to provide care to all our young people.

The team can be contacted Monday-Friday from 9am-5pm on 0121 301 2750. The out of hours crisis contact is available 7 days a week between 8am-8pm on 0121 301 5500.

Families may be worrying about transitions post-lockdown but rest assured we are working together across Solihull with our partner agencies to make sure we are prepared for end of lockdown and particularly when children return to school.

In the meantime, if families need someone to contact about these specific worries, Solihull Community Educational Psychology team is providing a free telephone consultation service for any parents/carers. They can call the helpline direct on 0121 779 1734.

If children and young people do require mental health support, families can call Solar directly or fill in the self-referral form on our website. <https://www.bsmhft.nhs.uk/our-services/solar-youth-services/>



Next Friday, Friday 8th May, is dedicated to VE Day and the celebration of 75 years since the end of World War Two in Europe.

Please do have a look at your child's class page on the school website for further information and ideas on how you can celebrate this at home together.

Keep Smiling



Below is a link to a short film made up of a series of clips from around the world which shows animals roaming in the empty spaces due to global lockdown. This might be something you enjoy sharing with your child!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LHBgvhD7pOE>

Family Liturgy in your Home

One Life Music are recording weekly family liturgies which are beautiful. Their latest liturgy can be found at:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bs36zxl_EE8

Birmingham Archdiocese has produced a full list of streaming services which covers Sunday Masses.

<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/parishes-with-live-streams>

Food Donations

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity in supporting our food donation scheme. We are still collecting donations of food which will be distributed by school staff to members of our community and St Chad's Sanctuary. Donations can be placed in the shopping trolley located outside the front door of school, please do not come into school. The trolley will be outside every day. Please do not make a special journey but drop in your donations when you have been food shopping and you are passing school. The trolley will be available over the weekend.

St Chad's Sanctuary are particularly short of the following food items: tinned fish, tinned vegetable based soups, tinned tomatoes, tinned vegetables, tinned pulses such as kidney beans and chickpeas, tinned fruit, (women's) sanitary towels and nappies.