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9th February 2021

Dear Families,

I hope you are well. We have started our fifth week of online learning following the Christmas break. Many thanks for all the positive feedback we have received – it is very much appreciated by all staff across the College.

Children's Mental Health Week

Thank you to those who have been in touch to show us how you spent your free afternoon last Thursday. I have enjoyed seeing pictures of things pupils have made, edible and crafty creations, but I think my favorite story was that one of our Year 7s got to visit his Grandad on his 80th birthday. However you spent the afternoon I hope it was enjoyable and relaxing.

Online Safety Week

This week is 'Online Safety Week'. Miss Bell has planned an assembly for pupils to view and other activities. Following a parental survey, it was clear that parents preferred a newsletter with advice and information rather than a Zoom meeting. The 20-21 newsletter has been added to our website. Please take some time to read it, online safety is even more important during lockdown and with the absence of being able to socialize face-to-face.

<https://www.olcc.lancs.sch.uk/page/?title=Online%26%23160%3BSafety&pid=81>

I would encourage you all to take part in the quiz which is found in The Year Group Team e.g. Year 8 20-21, in the Online Safety channel. You must guess which member of staff each of the photo-shopped pictures are. I am on there too and am amazed at how different you can be made to look. It is part of this year's theme of 'An internet we can trust' and is certainly food for thought.

House Events

Miss Jones's 'Dance Battle Challenge' has started this week. Please take a look in your year group Team for more information.

Remote Learning

At the end of this half term, we will be rewarding pupils for attendance and each teacher will nominate a 'Star of the Term' for each class. We understand that completing schoolwork at home can never be ideal and has been very challenging for pupils and families so want to recognize everyone's efforts. We will also reward pupils throughout next term so, even if your child hasn't been attending lessons or submitting all the work, they can begin to do so and still have a chance to win a prize.

If you or your child is struggling please don't hesitate to contact us at school. We are here to support you and your children manage as well as you can with this situation.

Chaplaincy

Next week we will celebrate Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent. Rachel Cortes, our Lay Chaplain, has set up an Instagram account and we encourage pupils and parents to follow it to receive some encouragement and to keep in touch with school. The account is olcc_chaplaincy.

This will be my last communication with you before the holidays. I would like to thank you again for all your support and wish you all a happy holiday. I hope the sun shines for you all and you enjoy a relaxing week.

Yours sincerely,

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