

## Mrs Sergeant's Desk

I would like to welcome all of our children and their families to the new school year.

The website is a valuable resource for parents with lots of information about the work that the children are doing in school. The link below will take you straight to the curriculum pages on the website. [www.oliprimary.co.uk/curriculum](http://www.oliprimary.co.uk/curriculum)

**HAVE YOU RECEIVED YOUR INVITATION TO DOWNLOAD OUR NEW SCHOOL APP?** You will be receiving a text inviting you to download our new school app – Connect @ Parentapp. This app has replaced our previous app and will allow us to communicate through push notification to individual parents and both class and year groups. Events information, letters home, class pages and direct links to our school website are all features of the new app. Users of the app will be able to add term dates and events directly into their phone calendar and even report absences to the school via the online form.

Please look out for the text and follow the simple instructions to keep up to date with your child's school life.



## TERM DATES

Term dates for the coming year are available on our school website and also on our new school app.

**Our Website is**  
[www.oliprimary.co.uk](http://www.oliprimary.co.uk)

## OCTOBER HALF TERM

*Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2019*

**Everton Kids Holiday Club will be available throughout the October half term.**  
**Please contact Laura on 07799 062730 for more details and for advance booking.**

## INSET DAY - Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2019

**The school will be closed to children as staff will be taking part in training.**

## Parents Evening 12<sup>th</sup> November

More information will follow with appointment times after half term. Parents will be able to meet your child's class teacher and discuss their targets for the year.



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**Our Lady Immaculate  
Catholic Primary School  
Early Years  
CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER  
Autumn 2019**

If you have any questions about your child's curriculum this term, please make an appointment with their class teacher.

Class teachers are available at the end of each day by prior arrangement.

Our curriculum maps are available on our school website which can be found at:  
[www.oliprimary.co.uk/curriculum/curriculum-maps](http://www.oliprimary.co.uk/curriculum/curriculum-maps)



## The Gingerbread Man

We have begun reading the traditional tale, The Gingerbread Man in Reception. We are learning to recite the story with actions which will lead to us creating our own story maps and stories. Please follow us on Twitter [@oli\\_primary](#) to see pictures and videos of the children performing the story. The children have been initiating play based around the story, creating Gingerbread houses and acting the story out.

## Mathematics

This half term we have been focusing on number recognition to 10 and understanding different ways of representing amounts to 10. The children have enjoyed taking part in sorting activities to support pre-addition skills.

## Outdoor Learning

A big focus for this term is supporting children's physical and imaginative development as well as their understanding of the world through play based activities in our outdoor learning environment. They will take part in a variety of activities including maths, literacy, communication and language, creative and exploring the world around them. The children will be playing in the outdoor environment in all weathers, wearing their waterproofs and their wellies.

We ask for your support in encouraging your child to dress and undress themselves at home. If your child doesn't already have a pair of wellies in school can you please ensure they are brought into school with their name in each boot.

## Phonics

We have started learning the phase 2 sounds during our daily phonics session. Practice singing the jolly phonic songs at home with your child, you can listen to the songs on Youtube by searching 'phase 2 jolly phonics'.

Phonics supports your child's reading and writing development. Encourage your child to write independently at home, sounding out each word, as well as looking for the sounds they can recognise when reading the home school reading book.

So far we have been working with the sounds, (SATPINMDOGCK) and beginning to read some common irregular words (I, the, no, go)

## Reading in Reception

As well as daily phonics sessions, home readers are a very important part of helping your child's reading to develop. Your child be heard reading in school, please support us by reading with your child at home as much as possible and changing your child's reading book in the mornings when you bring your child to school. If you would like to know more about supporting your child's reading please speak to their class teachers. We will soon be holding a reading stay and play for children and their adults.



## How can I help my child this term?

### Here are a couple of ideas...

- Practice hearing the initial sound in words by playing a game of 'Ispy'
- Practice writing your name, please speak to your child's class teacher if you would like a copy of your child's name card.
- Can you read with your child for 5 minutes each night?
- Begin to find one more and one less of a given number.
- Count in everyday activities eg. How many fish fingers are on your plate?
- Talk about the signs of Autumn with your child.
- Please make sure they have their PE kit in school every week. We do PE on a Tuesday and Dance on a Thursday.
- We kindly ask that children do not bring to school toys from home. This can cause upset if toys are damaged or lost.
- Children have constant access to drinking water throughout the day. Please do not bring a bottle with juice in as we support the Healthy Schools initiative.

