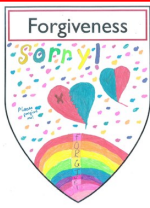


Oldswinford Cof E Primary School

'Believe, achieve and shine brighter together'



Autumn Newsletter: 1st December 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been lovely to see Year 3 enjoying their Monarch day this week and Year 4 have had a special visitor to help with their story writing. Our St Andrew's Day Captains led worship on Thursday and did a great job. Thank you Tilly and Poppy.

Don't forget it is Mufti day on Monday and bring Bottles/Chocolates if you are able. It is also Christmas Jumper Day on Friday and our Christmas Fayre. We hope lots of you can join us.

Thank you for the donations for our secret present room - if you've not had chance to look yet, there's still time! Thank you for your support with this.

Don't forget as the weather gets colder to make sure your children come into school in warm coats etc... Thank you.

Have a lovely weekend,
From Ellie Game

Value of the half term...

Gentleness

This week we shared the fable of the Sun and Moon. We learnt that there is a quiet strength in being gentle and that being loud doesn't mean we are stronger than others. Gentleness is a strong hand with a soft touch and it is compassionate towards others.

From this we looked at how our words can be powerful but we don't have to shout or be mean for people to listen.

Let your gentleness
be evident to all.
The LORD is near.

Philippians 4:5

Fundraising update

Thank you for all the donations that have come into school this term towards such worthwhile causes.

This is what we have collected as a school!
Well done everyone!

Libya (British Red Cross) - £ 85.70

Children in Need - £ 343.14

Cake sale (Antibullying) - £ 415.71

Fairtrade £ 95.10

School fund donations - £ 184.77

Thank you!

Thank you to everyone for raising donations for Oldswinford CE Primary School with easyfundraising! If you haven't signed up yet, it's easy and completely FREE. 8,100 brands will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to do your everyday online shopping - at no extra cost to you!

Every donation you raise makes a difference to us so please sign up & share today.

<https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/oldswinfordceprimaryschool/5B6FRJ/at/TSX8RX7z/RTND2/facebook/>



The
Children's
Society



Let's come together to **celebrate** **Christingle**

Christingle is a great way for communities everywhere to get together this Christmas to catch up, make some special memories, and have fun.

Come and join us!

Location:

St Mary's Church, Rectory Road,
Old Swinford, Stourbridge, DY8 2HA

Date: 3rd December 2023 **Time:** 4pm

To find out more, contact:

01384 441003 & st.mary.os@btconnect.com

christingle.org

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ST MARY'S OLDSWINFORD Christmas services

3RD DECEMBER:
4PM CRISTINGLE
6.30PM ADVENT CAROLS

10TH DECEMBER:
10AM TOY SERVICE*
6.30PM CANDLELIT COMPLINE WITH CHOIR

17TH DECEMBER:
6.30PM CHRISTMAS CAROLS

24TH DECEMBER:
4PM CRIB SERVICE
11PM MIDNIGHT MASS

25TH DECEMBER:
10AM HOLY COMMUNION

*YOU ARE INVITED TO DONATE A NEW, UNWRAPPED GIFT, TOY, OR TOILETRIES WHICH WILL BE DONATED TO THE DUDLEY WOMENS REFUGE

Rectory Road, Old Swinford,
Stourbridge, DY8 2HA
Contact us on 01384 441003 and
st.mary.os@btconnect.com



*Now may the Lord of peace give you peace at all times in all ways.
(2 Thessalonians 3.16)*

St Mary's Old Swinford, Stourbridge

PRAYERS FOR PEACE In the MIDDLE EAST

Thursday 7th December 2023

2.30 pm - 5.30 pm

- 2.30 pm: Introduction with prayers from Christian Aid and Embrace the Middle East.
- 3 pm – 5 pm: St Mary's Church will be open for silent prayer and for the lighting of candles for peace.
- 5 – 5.30 pm: Conclusion with more prayer and reflections

'...we pray without ceasing for justice, reconciliation, peace, and an end to hatred and war....' (++ Hosam E. Naoum, Anglican Archbishop in Jerusalem)

Find us on Rectorv Road, Old Swinford, Stourbridge, DY8 2HA

Winter

WELLBEING

HELPING KEEP YOU WARM AND WELL THIS WINTER

Keep warm

Get advice on staying warm at home. Contact Dudley Energy Advice Line (DEAL) during weekdays on **01384 817086**

Find places across the borough offering a safe space and a Warm Welcome. Call **01384 573381** or visit www.dudleycvs.org.uk/warm-welcomes



Get money advice

Services that provide free advice, information and support with managing your finances if you are struggling.

Visit: www.dudley.gov.uk/costofliving

To check if you are entitled to any benefits get advice from the Welfare Rights Team on **01384 815002**



Look after yourself

Take a daily vitamin D supplement of 10 micrograms. If you are eligible get your free flu and Covid-19 vaccine. Visit your local pharmacy for minor ailments.

For more tips visit: www.dudley.gov.uk/winterwellbeing

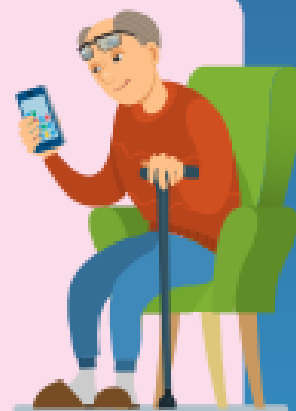


Stay connected

Find out what's happening in your local area, from groups, clubs, events, and much more.

Visit www.dudleyci.co.uk

Check on others who may be vulnerable and living on their own.

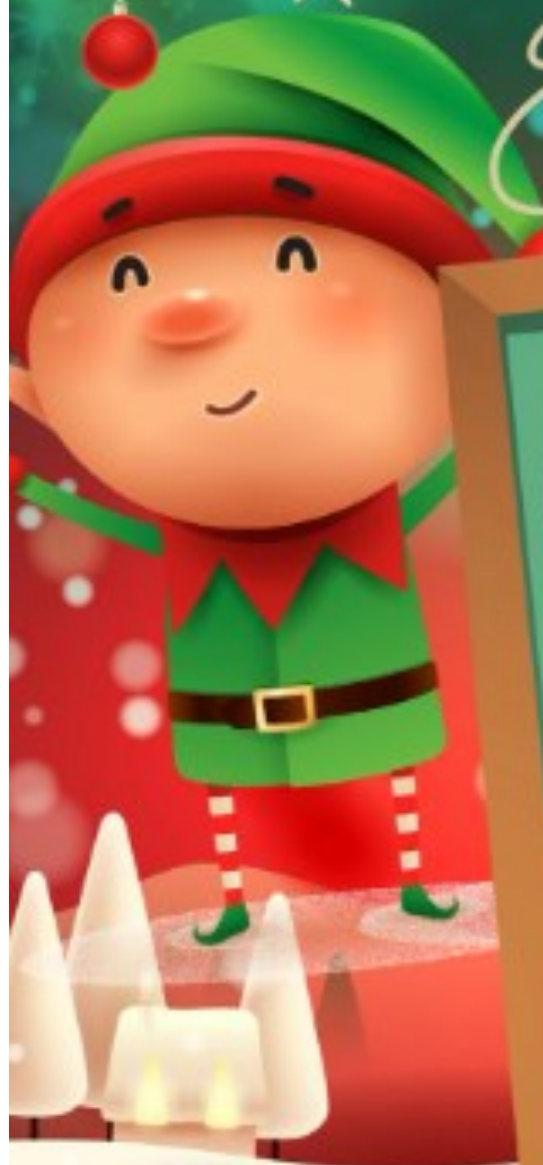




PARKFIELD
GRANGE
CINNAMON LUXURY CARE



Elf SCHOOL



STEP INSIDE OUR *Christmas wonderland* AND ENROL AT ELF SCHOOL

Enjoy various craft stations including making reindeer food, your own tree hanging decoration, writing a letter to Santa and more.

Meet the boss, Santa Claus where you'll receive a gift.

Get the family together for your 2023 Christmas picture in our photobooth with festive backdrop and props.

Completing all of this will mean that you can go home as a fully-fledged elf and will receive a graduation certificate.

Refreshments and snacks will be available.
Free to enter, £2 per picture in the photobooth which will be donated to our Christmas charity of choice, Live Well with Parkinson's.

No booking required just drop in between 3pm and 5:30pm.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
CONTACT EMILY ON 01384 912 642
OR EMAIL: Parkfield.HAA@CINNAMONCC.COM

FRIDAY 22ND DECEMBER - DROP IN BETWEEN 3PM - 5:30PM

Parkfield Grange Care Home 31 Hagley Road, Stourbridge, DY8 1QH
To view other Cinnamon Care Homes in the West Midlands visit cinnamoncc.com/westmidlands

**Christmas Half Sessions at The Fitness Factory,
Bradley Road, Stourbridge, DY8 1UN.**

www.thefitnessfactory.info

**Sessions with Gemma Calvert, who is qualified,
holds DBS & is First Aid Trained.**

Book by messaging Gemma on 07939137810.

Basic Info:

All sessions are for boys & girls aged 4 years+.

£17.50/session, all sessions to be booked.

Please send children with a drink and a packed lunch

**Friday 29th December 11am - 3pm
Trolls Inspired Dance, Fitness & Craft
Session**



**Tuesday 2nd January 10am-2pm
Circus Inspired Dance, Fitness & Craft Session**

**Friday 5th January 11.30am-3pm
Fitness Stars - Games, Dancing, Parachute
Fun & Crafts**

