

# NEWS

OCTOBER 2024

## UPCOMING EVENTS

24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> October

Bag2school collection

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November

First day back at school

Thursday 7<sup>h</sup> November

Friends of OLOP Santa's grotto tickets go on sale

## Re-use and Recycle

We are looking for donations of any outgrown or unwanted Christmas jumpers to sell at our Christmas Fair. The pre-loved jumpers will be sold at bargain prices ready for the new owners to wear them on Christmas jumper day. Please hand in any donations to the school office. Thank you.



## FRIENDS OF OLOP

Welcome to our autumn newsletter. It was wonderful to see so many of you at the opening of the school's conservation area. It really is such a great outdoor learning space that will give our children more opportunities to connect with nature. You can read more about it below...

There's lots coming up over the next few weeks and plenty of ways for you to get involved.



### Wildlife area unveiled

We were delighted to orchestrate the opening of the school's newly renovated conservation area.

Thanks to Elite Landscapes, the overgrown site was completely cleared to make way for a safe wooded area, log seating and a pond on the school grounds.

BBC presenter and conservationist Steve Backshall sent the school a personal message to congratulate us all on providing a "special little haven for wildlife."

The area will be used to enhance the children's understanding of science, wildlife and the environment, but will also provide a calming sensory space. Friends of OLOP have set up a bug hotel in the area and we hope to install wildlife cameras and a weather station in the future to maximise learning opportunities.

### Christmas Countdown

We hope Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November is in your diary for our Friends of OLOP Christmas Fair. We would be very grateful for donations of any new, unwanted toiletries, toys, games or beauty products for our hugely popular tombola stalls. Any donations can be handed into the school office.

We will also be holding a non-uniform day on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November** in exchange for bottle donations which will be used for our bottle tombola.



## Cashpot for Schools

We receive £1 for everyone who signs up to support Our Lady of Peace School on the Asda Rewards app – even if you don't shop at Asda.

We also receive 0.5% of your instore or online shop and have already raised £169 in the last few weeks.

So please sign up if you haven't already done so and share with your friends, family and colleagues so that we can continue building up the cash pot to support lots of lovely activities and initiatives for our children.

All you need to do to get started is download the Asda Rewards app

## FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who supported our second-hand book sale. We raised £137.

We will once again be collecting bags of donated clothes, shoes and household linens (no duvets please only duvet covers) for our Bag2School collection on the last two days of this term. The amount we receive depends on the total weight so please look around your house for any items you no longer use or need and we will happily take them off your hands.

We have started discussions with the school on future projects and activities we could help fund thanks to your ongoing generosity. We will keep you updated.

## JOIN US AT OUR NEXT MEETING

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 2pm in the huts in the school car park

## parentkind.org.uk

is brimming with articles for parents, to help you support your child's school life and learning, and it's open to everyone!



Friends@olopprimary.co.uk



Please follow our [Facebook page](#) for updates and reminders.

## Doughnut sale

Our popular doughnut sale will be back on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October from 3:15pm – ready to celebrate the start of the half-term holidays. Doughnuts will be priced at 50p each and will be available to buy from the school car park area.

If you can help volunteer at the stall from 3pm, for around half an hour, please get in touch via our WhatsApp group or email friends@olopprimary.co.uk



## Festive designs

You should have received your child's personalised Christmas design and details on how to place an order. As well as cards, there are a range of other products available which would make ideal gifts or keepsakes, professionally reproduced with your child's hand-drawn design on. The school makes a healthy commission on every order placed so please support us if you are able to.

The deadline for all orders is Wednesday 23rd October to allow plenty of time for printing, so please don't miss the cut-off date!