

# NEWS

OCTOBER 2023

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October**

End of term doughnut sale

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October**

First day back to school

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November**

Friends of OLOP Christmas Fair and Santa's grotto

(Grotto tickets will go on sale after the half-term holiday)

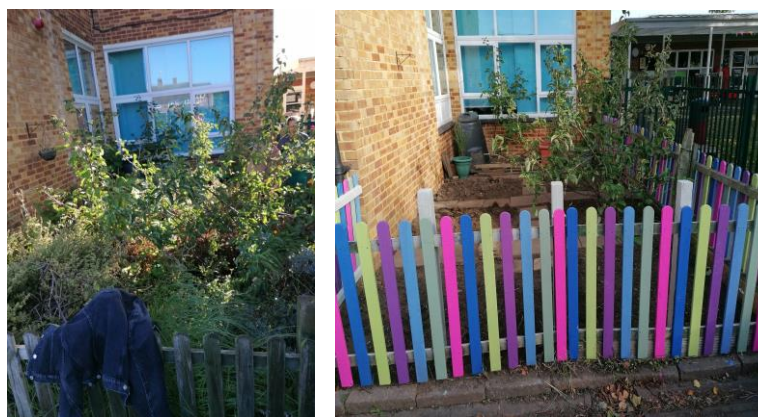
## Re-use and Recycle

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. We hope you have been enjoying the unseasonably warm weather. Our volunteers have been making the most of the clement temperatures by restoring a previously unloved part of the lower school playground. You can read more about how they got on below and see the before and after photos. There's certainly lots coming up over the next few weeks and plenty of ways for you to get involved.



## Pitching in for garden project

Friends of OLOP volunteers have been getting their hands dirty to help transform an overgrown space in the lower school playground and give it a new lease of life.

Volunteers have spent hours weeding, clearing, pruning and painting over the last couple of weeks to give the area a complete makeover.

Friends hope to turn the small patch of land into a place where the children can come and take part in planting and caring for the area. There are ideas to include a herb garden, flowers and growing vegetables.

If any parent or grandparent who has a love of gardening would be interested in volunteering to help take care of the area or support a gardening club please email [friends@olopprimary.co.uk](mailto:friends@olopprimary.co.uk)

## Christmas is coming!

We hope Saturday 25th November, 11am-2pm, is in your diary for our Christmas Fair. We are still looking for any new, unwanted toiletries, toys or beauty products for our hugely popular tombola stalls. We will hold a non-uniform day on **10<sup>th</sup> November** in exchange for bottle donations.

If anyone would like to book a stall for £15 at the fair's Christmas Market please email [friends@olopprimary.co.uk](mailto:friends@olopprimary.co.uk). We would love to include a range of stalls including those selling jewellery, toiletries, decorations and gifts.



## Scarecrows on show

Meet our very own OLOP scarecrows. The pair have been lovingly created by Liah, one of our amazing volunteers.

The scarecrows will be on display at Cliveden this half-term. Our Lady of Peace was specially selected to join other community groups to create and display their scarecrows for all to enjoy on the autumnal trail.

Admission charges apply to visit Cliveden, but once inside, the scarecrow trail is free and runs from Saturday 21st to Sunday 29th. For more information [visit here](#).

## FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who donated bags of clothes, shoes and household linens for our Bag2School collection. We managed to collect 437kg, 80kg more than last time, which resulted in us receiving a cheque for £218.

We are very excited to let you into a little secret. Thanks to all your support last year and the fabulous amount we were able to raise, Friends of OLOP is treating all school pupils to a special surprise on Friday 17th November. We can't give too much away just yet, but we have paid for some special guests to visit the school. We hope the children will enjoy this wonderful opportunity. More details to follow soon!

**JOIN US AT OUR NEXT MEETING**  
**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 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 20<sup>th</sup> October from 3:15pm. Doughnuts will be priced at 50p each and will be available to buy from both playgrounds. Please remember to bring some change.

If you can help us run the doughnut stalls for around half an hour, please get in touch.



## Festive designs

You should soon receive 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 25th October, during half-term, to allow plenty of time for printing, so please don't miss the cut off!