



Dear parents: A very happy New Year 2018 to one and all. With this Newsletter you will receive the main events for the Spring Term 2018. These are all now also on our OLSJ Website under Term Dates. On Monday you will receive a Curriculum Letter from your child's class teacher. This will tell you what your child will be learning this Spring and also how you can help. All the class time tables will also be on our website next week. Assemblies are fixed times but timetables are subject to constant change and flux as must be the case in a primary school. Lots of work took place over Christmas in the school and all our new LED lighting is almost complete. Classrooms are so much brighter and recessed lights look great. Read on and hope the year goes well for everyone.

School news this week

Wednesday -.. school re-opened in the pouring rain.



pics of the week ... Epiphany tomorrow and holiest day of the year in the Orthodox Church. Greek, Russian, Ethiopian, Coptic and various other Christian groups. So to all our families celebrating tomorrow have a wonderful day. Also ends our own 12 days.

School news next week

2 main items to note. 1. Please sign up for Parent Consultation week starting January 15th until the 18th.

2. Admission deadline for Reception class is Monday January 15th. All Nursery parents will get a flyer today.

Website news

Loads of new content all over even in the last 3 days.

Term Dates for 2018-2019 have also now been added.

Prayers for....

Ms Asia Begum who most of you know lost her father on Boxing Day after a long illness. A sad time for her and her family. Thoughts, love and prayers and same for anyone grieving or with a sick child.



and finally .. thanks for all your lovely gifts and cards over Christmas you have good taste and much appreciated ... I think I have my favourite word of the year already its the Netzwerkdurchsetzungsgesetz all one word in German. Its a brand new law in Germany requiring all big social media companies to take down hate speech, illegal items or fake news when requested. Sounds a great idea can't see it working however. News night Thursday night was a special about the effects of social media on young 12 year old girls. Worth a look and reflecting upon. 6 hours a day on a phone !!!! Watched the film Stronger this week ...a true story about Jeff Bowman who lost both his legs in the Boston Marathon bombing. Tough and yet inspiring film of someone triumphing over adversity and quite brilliant acting including Miranda Richardson as his mother. Powerful and makes you count your own blessings. Lots of new items in the Newsletter and on our Website starting soon. Do try and follow it and help your children to learn. Parents are the prime educators of children and we will also all do our best as well in the year ahead. Be lucky !