

DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY  
OUR LADY OF PITY ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL  
A VOLUNTARY ACADEMY



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Dear Parents / Carers,

You should be so proud of your children! We send our thanks to them. They are working so hard and thinking about others as they go about their school day. It is a privilege to drop into lessons and see the teachers leading the children so skilfully through challenging lessons.

Year 5 gymnastics lessons this week demonstrated how well our children work as a team. Year 1 children impressed visiting headteachers with their beautiful writing and drawing. And throughout the school, children everywhere explore what it is to be part of a Catholic community in the modern world.

St Francis was a popular focus for the children this week; they find huge inspiration in his love of nature and his courageous generosity. Our Thursday lunchtime prayer group was attended by a continuous stream of juniors - boys and girls - who came with friends to enjoy the stillness and to pray for loved ones. It was very touching to see the support they offered each other in this way.

**Practicalities**

A couple of requests to help us in the smooth running of the school day: please keep water bottles simple as the trend for large, expensive bottles is problematic. Please avoid sending flasks of hot food as part of a packed lunch: an accident can happen in seconds.

**Reading**

Reading remains our 'main thing' this year. We want every child to be a really fluent reader and that means daily practice at home. Please, please prioritise reading above all other homework. A fluent reader finds everything in school much easier and is set up for success in later life!

**Catholic Life of the School**

We are supporting three charities this half term. The first one is **World Homeless Awareness Day, on October 10th** and we have asked the children to bring in toiletries on this day. If each child donates one small item, we can make a huge difference. A bar of soap, a toilet roll, some toothpaste... Please support this worthy cause; help your child to see how our small acts become truly great when we all pull together as one to help those in need.

**And so we pray...**

Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.  
Where there is injury, your pardon Lord,  
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.  
Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there's despair in life let me bring hope.  
Where there is darkness, only light,  
And where there's sadness ever joy.  
Oh, master grant that I may never seek  
So much to be consoled as to console,  
To be understood as to understand,  
To be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace.

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

In giving to all, that we receive,

And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Warm wishes,

OLOP Team