

OUR LADY & ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC NURSERY AND PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Living, Loving and Learning in God's Way



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HEAD TEACHER UPDATE

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached the end of the autumn term and what a busy one it has been. All remains now is for all the staff to wish each and every one of you a happy and holy Christmas.

Have lots of fun with your families and we will see you all, rested and ready for the new term on Tuesday 3rd January.

God Bless

Mrs Cathy Blatchford





24th December	3:00 pm	Crib Service	Our Lady & St Patrick, Teignmouth
	6:00pm	Vigil Mass	St Agatha, Dawlish
	11:30pm	Midnight Mass	Our Lady & St Patrick, Teignmouth
25th December	9:00am	Dawn Mass	St Ignatius, Shaldon
	11:00am	Day Mass	Our Lady & St Patrick, Teignmouth
26th December	12:00	Mass	Our Lady & St Patrick, Teignmouth
27th December	11:00am	Mass & Coffee Morning	OLSP, Teignmouth

EARLY YEARS



EYFS have had a very festive week starting with their Nativity, a trip see Santa at Kents Cavern, Christmas crafts and a party to finish off the week.



YEAR 1 & 2



I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for such a warm welcome and all of your support this half-term. It has been extremely busy and the children have worked really hard, right until the end. I am very very proud of them! I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and I will look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

Your children will have come home with their moving Christmas card which they made in DT this half-term. They learnt about levers, sliders, pivots and wheels before designing and making their own card.



YEAR 3

This week the children have been busy preparing and thinking about lots of scientific experiments surrounding light and creating shadows. We looked at the best materials to create blackout curtains and the differences between, opaque, translucent and transparent objects.



YEAR 4

Across the Autumn term, Class 4 have been really engrossed in learning about the different gods in Ancient Greece. The children researched different Gods in their writing unit as well as exploring interesting facts about each one including what they represented.

I hope you all have a lovely Christmas and a deserved break. I shall see you all in the new year.

YEAR 5

This half term, our science focus has been animals including humans. We finished our unit with a survey of physical development starting with some of our youngest children, middle children, adolescents and adults. The children enjoyed conducting this survey and collecting the data.



YEAR 6

What a term Year 6 - we have been very busy getting used to the Year 6 way of life. I am so proud of you all! Here is some writing completed this term as writing in Year 6 is a huge priority.

Christmas jumper day



Wednesday the 7th of December 2022
 IAT write about an escape:
 Rapidly he ducked for his robot like. Searching for a way out...
 He hoped he had found the exit as all the...
 After finding his way to a trap, this way in a paper he...
 But something was wrong for after he had searched...

Wednesday 7 December 2022
 IAT write about an escape
 Clutching it tightly, he controlled his energy and...
 Scanning the horizon, this unwanted creature...
 he doubted he would be able to escape...
 this mess. Falling out of the polluted misty...
 sky came what looked like like...
 massive bullets but turned out to...
 be two smaller robots chasing after him!
 Hiding his true feelings, he courageously head...
 leaped onto his dirt covered motorbike...
 speeding ahead. Racing through and a dark...
 gloomy tunnel, flashing bright lights followed. First...
 rickety, it at the tunnel he escaped and...
 defeating his monstrous enemy.
 Polluted polluted polluted polluted polluted
 courageously

RUDOLPH RUN

A huge well done to OLSP this week. We participated in the Rudolph Run to raise money for Rowcroft Hospice Care. In total, the school managed to run 2086 laps of the playground which equates to 146 kilometers or just under 91 miles which is amazing. We have managed to raise a total of £758.50 so far for our efforts with still some sponsorship to come in, which is going to make a difference to so many lives. Thank you.

Special shout out to Ivie-Beau Jones who was already raising sponsorship for the RNLi before the Rudolph Run and she has managed to raise a staggering total of £430 on her own so far. A huge well done to Ivie.



HOT CHOCOLATE REWARD - 15.12.22

Two children from each class who consistently demonstrate excellent behaviours and attitudes were selected by their class teacher to have hot chocolate with Mrs O'Sullivan this week. Well done to Noah and Elliot from FSU, Vlad and Poppy from Y1, Paddy and Josh R from Y2, Joey and Olivia from Y3, Elsa and Archie from Y4, Willow and Celia from Y5 and Maddision and Alice from Y6!

The children enjoyed a cup of hot chocolate, marshmallows and biscuits whilst also playing some games. It was lots of fun and well deserved!

We look forward to our next hot chocolate reward at the end of next half term.



DISCIPLE OF THE WEEK

	9.12.22	16.12.22
	Tolerance	Integrity
Early Years	Ellie	Sarah - Anne
Y1 & 2	Josh R	Max S
Y3	Flynn	Ossie
Y4	Freddie	Edward
Y5	Archie	Marnie
Y6	Adam	Grace



STAR OF THE WEEK

	9.12.22	16.12.22
Early Years	Tyler	Tommy
Y1 & 2	Arthur	Emilia
Y3	Darcie F	Taylor
Y4	Laila	Ada
Y5	Thelma	Willow
Y6	Oliver E	Scarlet



Diary Dates

These are the dates we have so far. We will keep you informed if more events need to be added in.

3rd January	Start of Spring term
1st February	Year 5 and 6 to watch Matilda at TCS
Provisional - 28th Feb 2023	Junior Speaks heats
Provisional - 7th March 2023	Junior Speaks final
28th March	Dawlish Water Rotary Quiz - Y6
9-12th May	Y6 SATS week
15-19th May	Y6 residential to Simonsbath

THIS WEEK'S DISCUSSION POINT

Would you rather have a red nose that lights up or have pointy elf ears?????



NEXT TERMS CLUBS (SPRING 1):

Open library from 3:15-4pm with Mrs Newton Browne Mondays

Footlights Dance Academy - Monday evenings

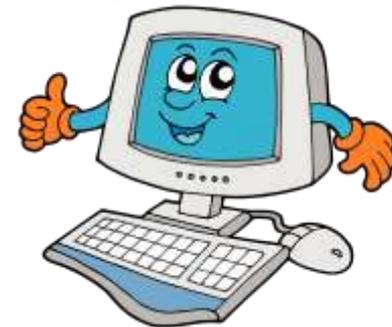
Spanish with Dani 3:15-3:45pm from Wednesday 4th January (£7)

Ultimate Frisbee with Mr Selley (Premier Sports) Thursdays, 3:15-4:15pm

Multi-Skills with KS2 with Mr Mason, Wednesdays 3:15-4:15pm

Computing Club with Mr Meehan, Friday 3:15-4:15pm

SATs Maths booster sessions 8:00 am-8:30am on a Tuesday- Miss Wathen (Miss Wathen will be contacting individual parents regarding this)





FRIENDS NEWS

Christmas is finally here!

We just wanted to say a huge thank you to all the parents, carers, children and school staff for all of your continued support, we have all had an amazing term and we couldn't have done it without you all, so from the bottom of our hearts, THANK YOU!

We would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.





SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding at OLSP is always a priority. Should you have any enquiries or concerns, please contact our Designated Senior Lead for Child Protection: Miss Wathen, or Deputies: Mrs Blatchford or Mrs Emmerton on 01626 773905 Our named governor for child protection is Mrs Lorraine Coulter

WELFARE

Our Family Support Worker is Rachel Ripley. Please let us know if you would like her to contact you for ANY support. Everyone needs a Rachel in their lives!



ATTENDANCE

Justine Williams is our attendance officer. She will liaise with any families who have a child with below 95% attendance to offer support. Please remember if attendance is below 95% your child will be noted as persistently absent.

CPOMS and Operation encompass

At OLSP we use CPOMs as our system for recording information that we consider to be safeguarding information. As a parent you are entitled to see this information and may request to do so.

Further information about the programme can be found here -

<https://www.cpoms.co.uk/privacy-statement/>

Operation Encompass is the reporting to schools, prior to the start of the next school day, when a child or young person has exposed to, or involved in, any domestic incident.

Operation Encompass will ensure that a member of the school staff, known as a Key Adult, is trained to allow them to liaise with the police and to use the information that has been shared, in confidence, while ensuring that the school is able to make provision for possible difficulties experienced by children, or their families, who have been involved in, or exposed to, a domestic abuse incident.