



Our Lady and St Patrick's Primary School Newsletter

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Living, Loving and Learning in God's Way

18th December 2020

Headteacher's News

Who could have thought this time last year as we broke up for Christmas that 2020 would turn out the way it has. A year like no other in our lifetimes, and one that has challenged us all in ways we never dreamed possible.

But.....we are a community of hope and this is what has shone through during the last 8 months. We have learned to do things differently and, despite not being together in the ways we are used to, we have found new ways of making sure the children feel safe, special and part of our wonderful whole school community.

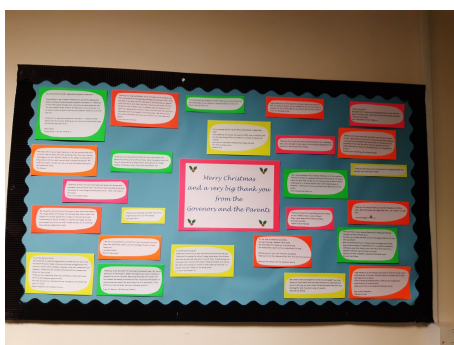
Let's hope that 2021 brings us some sort of normality based on all the wonderful things we enjoyed pre-covid blended with the many new things that we have learned to enjoy and do in recent months.

On behalf of the staff, I would like to wish all of our children and families a very happy Christmas with your loved ones.

Best wishes,
Angela Folland



Important Information



Thank you!

We would like to say a big thank you for all the lovely messages we have received from parents and Governors for the work we have done to keep the school running over the last few months. This was the lovely message board that greeted us on Wednesday morning - it brought a few tears amongst the staff!

Thank you Friends!



Thanks to all the cutter outers and wool measurers from the Friends who provided such great Christmas craft fun for the whole school this week. It was lovely to see so many different activities all prepared for the staff to give the children (as the Friends were unable to come in this year due to Covid). Class 6 are pictured above enjoying their's! A big thank you to Liz Wooding for coordinating the mammoth task of Christmas craft for 175 children!

AR Launch!

Last week saw the launch of Accelerated Reader. All of the children from Nursery to Year 6 got to visit the new and improved library and selection of books on offer including many new titles from the Devon Library Service. The Friends very kindly donated some lovely new book marks for each child in the school so a big thank you to them. The children have already had a chance to take a book back to class to enjoy and begin to quiz on it. More on this in January so watch this space!



Cruise Ship Christmas cards

Many of the children have taken part in the appeal for Christmas cards for the staff still on board the cruise ships in the bay. The ships are such a part of life for us now as they sit quietly out on the water but many staff are unable to go home for Christmas. The children at OLSP responded to the local appeal for cards and enjoyed making some great works of art that will be sent off to the ships to brighten up their Christmas.

Prayer

*May the joy of the angels,
the eagerness of the shepherds,
the perseverance of the wise men,
the obedience of Joseph and Mary
and the peace of the Christ-child
be yours this Christmas.*

Amen.



Community News

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve: 8pm

Midnight Mass on Zoom – contact Fr Mark
(mark.skelton@prcdtr.org.uk) for log-in details

Christmas Day

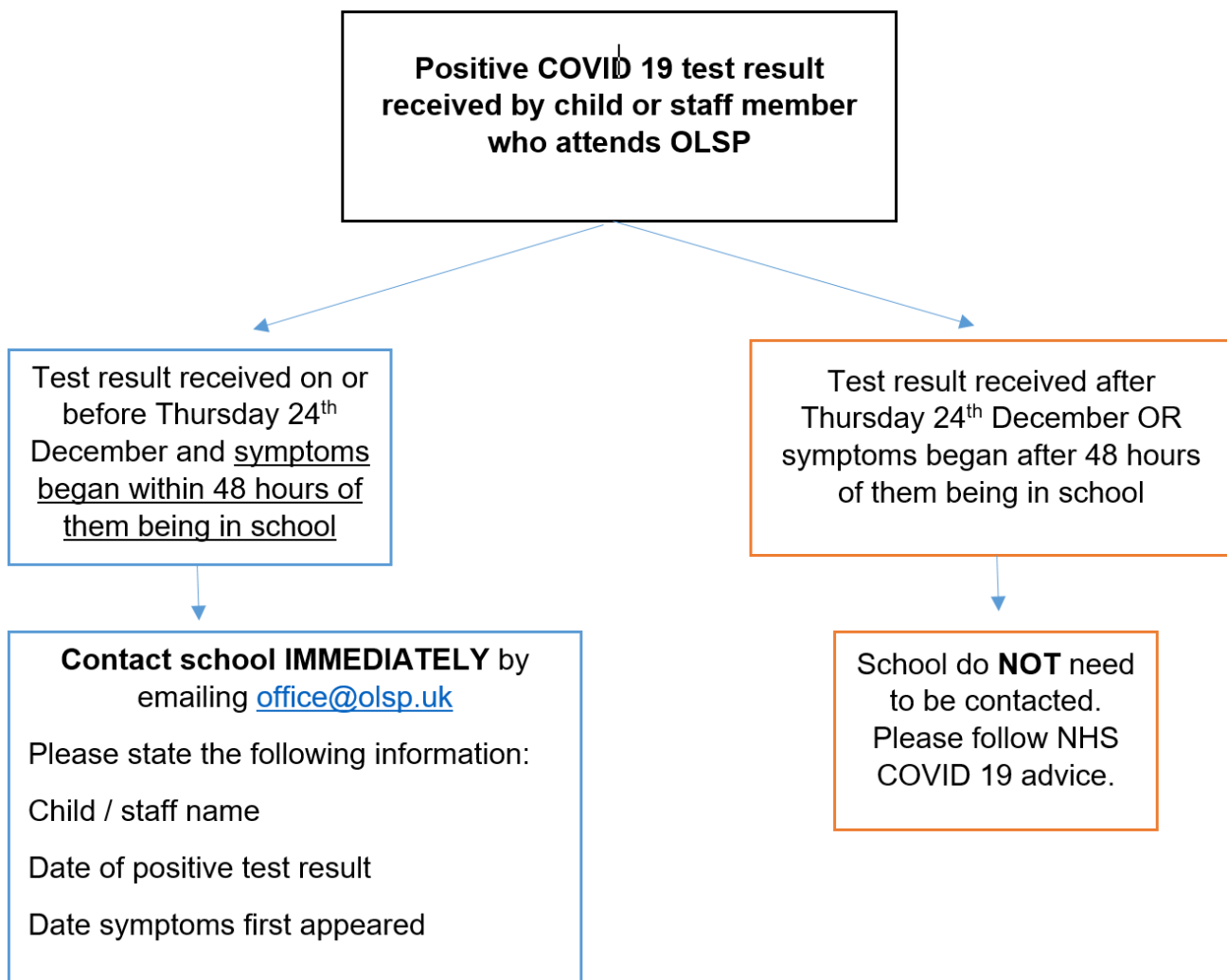
8:00am St Ignatius of Loyola,
Shaldon

9:30am Our Lady and St
Patrick's Church, Teignmouth

11:00am St Agatha, Dawlish

4:00pm Our Lady and St
Patrick's Church, Teignmouth

What to do if you receive a COVID 19 positive result over the Christmas holidays.



Schools do NOT need to be contacted if you are self-isolating over the Christmas holidays unless you receive a positive COVID 19 test result (as above).

If you are self-isolating and this means your child will not be returning to school on Monday 4th January please email office@olsp.uk to let us know.

Only positive COVID test result emails will be responded to over the Christmas holidays.

Emails will not be checked after 3pm on Thursday 24th until the staff return to school on Monday 4th January 2021.

Please continue to keep yourselves and others safe if you have to self-isolate over the Christmas Holidays. It's a legal requirement to self-isolate if you test positive or are told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace. You could be fined if you do not self-isolate.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/>