



Our Lady and St Patrick's Primary School Newsletter

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Living, Loving and Learning together in God's Way

9th October 2020

Headteacher's News

Much work has been done to improve our curriculum over the last few months. There is a new structure to each subject and last week, all of the teachers met to look at the progression across the school in science and geography - a focus for this half term.

Next week sees the introduction of our blended learning approach. This will mean that all children will be able to access the full curriculum if they are absent due to an individual family or a whole bubble self isolating. You will be aware from the local news that this is an increasing likelihood over the coming weeks and months.

In the first instance, all children's homework will be to log on to the new platforms: google classroom and IXL at home where the teacher will have set a simple activity to get them started. (we have ironed out the technical issues experienced last weekend by some parents). ***Next week you will receive a log on sheet with your child's personal log on details. You will need to log on using these details so that your child can complete their activities.*** Over the rest of this term we will add to these logins with Accelerated Reader (Year 2 upwards) and Schooljam (for Reception, Year 1 and 2)

The children will get used to using google classroom and IXL within lesson time as well so this will get easier over time. If children are self isolating these are the platforms we will use to make sure they are completing similar learning to those still in school.

Important Information

Safeguarding Reminder

If there is a change to collection arrangements for children, we ask that you please call the school office to let them know rather than emailing class teachers. The office staff will then be able to relay this information to the teachers. Teachers are often unable to check their emails during the teaching day.

Photographs

Tempest will be in school this coming **Monday 12th October** for school photographs. Due to the COVID restrictions they are not able to offer family groups which include you bringing younger siblings in that are not currently at the school. They **will**, however, be taking family group photographs of sibling groups where the children currently attend school. We have ensured that siblings are not mixing in classrooms but they will be able to have their photograph taken together.

Term dates

We have had some requests for the term dates for 2021/22. The setting of these dates now rests with the Trust, not individual schools and we are just waiting for them to confirm for us when they would like the Non Pupil Days to be set. As soon as we have them we will let you know and put them on the website.

Year 6 Prefects

This year we have awarded Prefect badges to all of our Year 6 children. This is to recognise the contribution they have made to the school over their time with us and award them responsibilities across the school (although these are restricted at the moment due to COVID). We have made the decision not to elect a Head boy and girl but rather to recognise the unique gifts that each child has and to use all of these gifts for the benefit of the whole school. We are very proud of them all!

ACN Bible Project

We have received this certificate from Aid to the Church in Need UK (ACN), for our participation in the Child's Bible project last year. Louie Hancock read a line from the bible which contributed to a country-wide recording of bible passages.

<https://acnuk.org/resource/childs-bible-project/>



PE work with SDSP

As part of our work with the South Dartmoor Schools' Partnership, we have a number of days booked across the year where a specialist coach will work alongside both teachers and students to support the delivery of high quality PE and physical activities across the school. On Monday, we had Shelley Betty from the partnership come and work with all teachers in KS1 and KS2 to evaluate their PE planning for this term. This was a really valuable experience for the teachers and allowed them to gain from Shelley's expertise. During the afternoon, Shelley worked with small groups of KS2 children to look at COVID-secure activities which they could deliver at break and lunchtimes for other children in the bubble. Each class has been supplied with a play box of equipment from Mrs Gordon. As you can see from the pictures below, the children had a great time and have lots of ideas for activities planned:



Outdoor Learning

Year 6 has been taking part in Outdoor Learning with our Forest School's leader, Andy Baylis, this half term. The children have relished the opportunity to be outside and learn new skills. This week, the children learned how to safely light fires:



Race for Life

On Saturday 26th September, Mrs Emmerton, Mrs Evans, Mrs Newton-Browne, Mrs West, Mrs Tucker and Mrs Golpin, completed a walk for life for Cancer Research. Mrs Grout was poorly on the day but will be completing her walk this weekend. They enjoyed a 7 mile walk from Teignmouth to Dawlish and back and raised an amazing £375 between them in memory of Mrs Cuddy. A very well done to them all!



Request from Mrs Gordon and Mrs Grout

If you have any unwanted shoeboxes at home, please could you send to school via the school office (they will be isolated for 2 days). This is for an art project the children will be working on.

Disciples of the Week

OLSP stars become disciples next week!

As you know, each Friday one child from each class is chosen to be awarded Star of the Week. We have been doing lots of work on attitudes to learning based on the Gospel Values.

From next week each Tuesday's whole school liturgy will be based on one of the 8 Gospel Values of our school and then on a Friday one child will be awarded Disciple of the Week linked to how they have lived out that value in their learning and play during the week.

As soon as the COVID restrictions are lifted you will be able to come in and watch them be awarded!

Friends' News

A huge thank you firstly to everyone who was able to bring in bags for the Bags2School collection this week! Every little bit helps to get new resources for the school, and it was really appreciated!

You may have seen the relaunch of the 100 Club on our Facebook page. If you would like to join, there is definitely still time to buy a number for the year. A number is bought for £12 and covers you until and including next August (we will hold 2 draws this month to make up for last month). You choose a number between 1 - 100.

At the end of each month there is a draw and if it's your number you will win a money prize.

The prize depends on how many numbers are sold, so there are even more reasons to encourage your friends and family to support the Friends in this way! Ideally payments should be made through PayPal if possible: Friends@olsp.uk, but cash or a cheque is also accepted.

Prayer: October - The month of the Rosary



Dear Mary
Through the rosary we
can honour the
wonderful moments of
your life as the mother of Jesus.
Help us to be aware of the moments in
our lives that change us and bring us
closer to your Son.

Help us to see that you and your Son
light our path to holiness.

Amen



Community News

Have your say on NHS proposal for health and care services in Teignmouth and Dawlish

Between 1 September and 26 October 2020, the local NHS is asking people to consider its proposal for services in the Teignmouth and Dawlish area, given that a new £8million Health and Wellbeing Centre is due to be built in the heart of Teignmouth.

The NHS is proposing to move some services currently provided at Teignmouth Community Hospital to the new centre and some to Dawlish Community Hospital. It also proposes to reverse an earlier decision to provide 12 rehabilitation beds at Teignmouth Community Hospital, saying successful community services have made them unnecessary.

For full details, visit

*www.devonccg.nhs.uk/teignmouth-and-dawlish or
call 0800 0520029.*

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Our Lady and St Patrick's School is committed to safeguarding children.

Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Rachel O'Sullivan Deputy Child Protection Leads: Mrs A Folland, Mrs R Gordon, Mrs S Emmerton, Mrs J Osborne Named Governors for Child Protection: Mrs Lorraine Coulter