



Our Lady and St Patrick's Primary School Newsletter

Executive Headteacher: Mrs Angela Folland

Living, Loving and Learning in God's Way

14th May 2021

Headteacher's News

I hope that the recent Parents' Evenings have given you reassurance that we are focused on accurately identifying the curriculum priorities for this term and how we support all of the children in their learning post lockdown. We are already planning for September's curriculum and how we ensure the best possible learning outcomes for all of our children.

Parent consultation - School start time in September

As you are aware, for almost 12 months now, we have opened the gates at 8.30am. Interestingly almost all of our children are now on site by 8.45am and in the classroom reading or involved in morning work or group work with their teachers. In September, we propose to officially start the school day at 8.45am with the gates still opening at 8.30am. The benefits of this are that we maximise learning time for the children. Many teachers are already using this time to meet with individual children to pick up on misunderstandings in their learning the day before; work on specific vocabulary with children in preparation for the day's learning; practice daily fluency in reading, phonics and times tables and we want to use this time for all children, not just the early arrivers. We know that this start time will also enable more parents to get to work for a 9am start.

In summary:

8.30am Gates open (children can come in for morning activities and group work)

8.45am Registration starts - ***our attendance policy will be amended to this time as the time children should be in school. Children arriving after this time will be marked as late (L)***

8.55am Registration closes. ***Children arriving after this time will be marked as unauthorised late (U)***

Please have your say in the consultation by using the link

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfH8FJpsBpHw9fp_DBQvwPYxc9SoK3vo0zP8BTZF4puMrCDEA/viewform?usp=pp_url

The consultation runs from today, Friday 14th May, until 5pm Friday 18th June.

Important Information

Breakfast and After School Club Update

Thank you to those Parents who have completed the booking form and paid the £25 deposit for the new BASC in September 2021. We are now confirming details with the Trust and will update you again when we have further news.

Running Track

The children began using the new running track this week with an Inter School Athletics event against St Nicholas!



Year 5 Internet Safety Talk

Our Police Community Support Officer visited Year 5 today to speak with them about Internet Safety. The children were engrossed and listened extremely well.



Disciples of the Week

*W/B 3rd May 2021
Compassion*

Early Years	Eva
Year 1	Lyra
Year 2	Kayleb
Year 3	Iris
Year 4	Dylan
Year 5	Lacey
Year 6	Merry

*W/B 10th May 2021
Forgiveness*

Early Years	Matilda
Year 1	Joey
Year 2	Ellie
Year 3	Archie
Year 4	Ona
Year 5	Arthur
Year 6	Daisy

Well done to you all!

Friends' News

Message from Mrs Folland

Joining the Friends' committee is a great way of meeting new people and supporting our whole school community. There is a really great, active and friendly group of parents who meet with leaders and staff approximately once a half term to plan events for the children. Yes, it's been a tricky year, but the Friends have continued to support our children (and parents & staff) in lots of different ways which has been so wonderful. Without them, your children would not have the new running track, the Christmas craft, the Easter hunt and many other things. Please do consider becoming an active member for the benefit of all of our children!

Friends of OLSP AGM

Our AGM will be taking place via zoom on Wednesday 9th June at 7.30pm. All are very welcome to attend. Tune in and see what we have achieved in the last year and where your hard fundraised money has been spent.

We would love to hear from anyone interested in joining the committee too - there are specific roles like Secretary but also lots of space for others who would like to get involved in whatever way. We would love to hear from you!

Please email friends@olsp.uk if you would like to get more information. The login details for the AGM will be sent out closer to the time, but save the date now for your diaries!

Community News



Gareth the roadrunner.....

Come rain or shine, Gareth in Year 5, has put on his running shoes and is running a mile a day throughout May to raise money for local charity HITS. Knowing how much the local community has relied on the food bank, Gareth is sowing great determination to do his bit to help. If you'd like to sponsor Gareth, you can do so via the link:

<https://www.totalgiving.co.uk/mypage/mileadaymay>

Prayer

Dear God

Thank you for coming to us in Jesus. We have heard all that he taught us. We can see what he showed us when he fed the crowds and healed people and made friends with people everyone else ignored. Mostly, we are amazed and deeply thankful for his dying on the cross and rising again. His story is the most important story in our lives. Be with us as we tell that story to others and try to live like he did today and every day of our lives. We pray this in his name. Amen

Our Lady and St Patrick's Primary School and Nursery

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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 Governor for Child Protection: Mrs Lorraine Coulter