



# Our Lady and St Patrick's Primary School Newsletter

Executive Headteacher: Mrs Angela Folland

*Living, Loving and Learning in God's Way*

**12th February 2021**

## Headteacher's News

This was not quite the half term we were expecting but, once again, there are many successes to celebrate. We have been closely monitoring the engagement of all children in their learning and are really pleased that almost all have now settled into the routine of using Google Classroom for their learning - both in school and at home. The Class Meets have been really successful in keeping all of our children in touch with their friends and teachers during the lockdown and it has been lovely to see them all on screen having some fun and being guided on their weekly learning tasks.

All of our KS2 children have been asked to give their teachers some feedback about what has worked well and what needs tweaking with regard to the online learning. This questionnaire closes today and we will be looking at the responses to see how we can improve things for the children. After half term we will be seeking parents' feedback about the remote offer as we constantly seek to improve in what we do.

We hope that all of our children and families enjoy a break over half term, despite the restrictions. Please remember it is vital that, if your child has been attending school this week, you email [office@olsp.uk](mailto:office@olsp.uk) to inform us of any positive Covid test outcome over the half term so that we can take the necessary track and trace steps.

And finally, to our Key Worker and vulnerable children attending school - please do not forget that Monday 22nd February is a staff training day as published last year. **School is closed to all children on that day.**

## Important Information

### **World Book Day - 4th March - Enter our school competition!**

As part of World Book Day this year we will be holding a variety of different activities for the children including the Masked Reader inspired by the popular tv programme and we will also be holding a 'Design a story scene competition' for all of the children. We are asking the children to design their favourite scene from a story over half term and then submit a picture of this to their class teacher by Friday 26th of February. The winners of each class will be chosen by Mrs Folland and announced on class google meets the first week back of term. Entries will also be shared during class google meets so the children can have a go at guessing the stories.

Mrs Newton-Browne and Mrs Gordon are also arranging ebook vouchers for the children instead of the traditional book token so that all children can still have the opportunity to get a book.

Here are some examples of the story scenes to inspire you. We look forward to seeing the entries:



### Free school Meals - February half term

Please see this message received from Devon Local Authority this week:

[www.devon.gov.uk/coronavirus-advice-in-devon/document/free-school-meals-holiday-voucher-scheme/](http://www.devon.gov.uk/coronavirus-advice-in-devon/document/free-school-meals-holiday-voucher-scheme/) .

We don't want eligible families to miss out on this support, so please redeem the codes as soon as possible (and before Sunday 18 April) would be much appreciated. Similarly, there are a small number of the codes we issued at Christmas still haven't been redeemed, so please remind your families they need to do this before Sunday 21 February.

If you or any of your families have any queries or issues relating to the vouchers, please contact our free school meals team on 01392 383829 or email [freeschoolmeals@devon.gov.uk](mailto:freeschoolmeals@devon.gov.uk)

### British Law and Democracy in Year 5

Inspired by the book 'Journey To the River Sea' and the work of embassies and consulates, the Year 5 children have shown a real interest in the British justice system and were lucky enough to be able to have a google meet this week with Jamie Dyson from local law firm Scott Richards. Jamie spoke to the children about studying law, working as a lawyer and then answered some very interesting questions the children had come up with. The children thoroughly enjoyed the meeting. Inspired by this, they will be holding a mock trial next half term and Jamie has even kindly offered to lend the class some gowns for the occasion. Thank you to Jamie for his time and for allowing us to record the Google Meet so the children at home could still be involved.



### 3D Art and Year 1

Year 1 have been busy with their art this week - a rather tall Big Ben appeared today - taller than all of the children and even Mrs Webber! Well done Year 1.

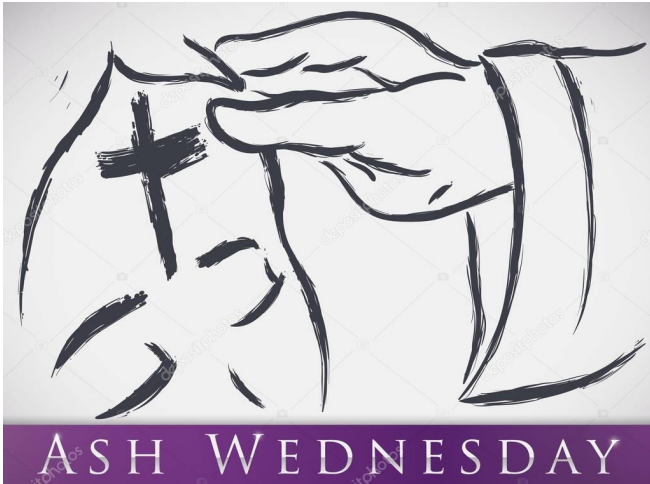
### Active Devon

Attached to this email are some active activities that families might enjoy over half term as part of our linked work with South Dartmoor Sports Partnership.

## Prayer

As we approach Ash Wednesday and the start of the Lent season, we pray:

***'Create in me a clean heart O Lord, and put a new spirit within me'***



## Community News

Please see the link for vulnerable and key worker children accessing holiday camps with Kinetics in Torquay during the half term:

<https://www.kineticsportsgroup.co.uk/webshop/torquay-camp>

**Our Lady and St Patrick's Primary School and Nursery**  
Website: [www.olsp-rc.com](http://www.olsp-rc.com)

**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**