



# Our Lady and St Patrick's Primary School Newsletter

Executive Headteacher: Mrs Angela Folland

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

**23rd October 2020**

## Headteacher's News

We hope that this half term has felt far more normal (under the continued strange circumstances!) for our children and families. For parents, one of the newest things to get used to is the use of google classroom for homework and home learning. Please stay in touch with your child's teacher if there are any questions about this. The DFE have limited funding available for families where there is limited access to the hardware required to learn at home. Please let us know if this is an issue for you and we will try and apply for funding. Thank you so much for your continued support and cooperation during this half term. The systems and processes seem to be working well so far.

We hope you have a lovely half term within the guidelines allowed. Time shared together to relax, play and laugh. We look forward to seeing all of our children back on **Tuesday 3rd November**.

## Important Information

### Governor appointment

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Governor elections. We are delighted to have appointed Sophie Farleigh to the position of Parent Governor for the next 4 year term. Working with Governors is a privileged part of a Headteacher's role and I look forward to Sophie joining the existing team working together for the benefit of all our children. A huge thank you to the two other candidates who also stood for the role.

### Parents' Evening

These are scheduled for 24th and 26th November and will now be remote sessions for you to meet with your child's class teacher. Further details will follow after half term.

### Nursery Flyers

We have had some beautiful flyers printed to promote our Nursery. Recruiting new children and families is important to secure funding to keep our Nursery open. Many of you will have children who will have benefitted from the care and provision within our Nursery and we want to share this with local families. If you would be happy to take some leaflets to distribute in letterboxes on your road, please let either the office or a member of the Friends know.

### BASC - Breakfast and After School Club

Thank you to everyone who responded to the survey about the Breakfast and After School Club proposition. The number of positive responses indicates that parents would use this provision which is great. The next step is to meet with the Trust and have the business plan approved which would mean we could then go ahead and advertise for staff and purchase resources to enable us to open in January. A very exciting prospect for OLSP!

### Office Staffing

We are delighted to have appointed Mrs Natalie Dyson to the Administration post from Monday 3rd November. Natalie joins us with a strong background in administration with an educational and social work background. Many of you have been asking when Mrs Tucker's last day is and I can confirm that she will be back with us for two days at the beginning of next half term to support Natalie's induction so her last day for goodbyes is Tuesday 3rd November.

## Disciples of the Week

### Kindness

Early Years	Paddy
Year 1	Ffion
Year 2	Paris
Year 3	Shelby
Year 4	Phoebe
Year 5	Elsie-Rose
Year 6	Jacob

*Well done to you all!*



## Friends' News

The Friends of OLSP need a new logo and we want the children and young people to design it! The children will be hearing from our wonderful Teignmouth based artist Laura Wall about a new logo competition being launched this week through a video shown in class, which will include great hints and tips! The Friends are here to support the children, parents and teachers. We want to help everyone enjoy their time at OLSP and help us to raise money for the school to buy things that help them learn. We want to work with you to make a difference, like on the Ground Force days. We would like you to try hard to think about what the Friends try to do to help you design your logo.

Laura Wall has also agreed to pick the final winner and has so kindly donated a prize! There will also be a smaller prize for the best design in each class. Please make sure entries are in, with a donation of 50p to each class teacher by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November. We are very excited to see what the new logo will be!!

Also, OLSP- bay is here! This week we have had our OLSP-bay box outside the office to collect donations of second hand uniform. Thanks so much for any donations you have made! We will have these items up for sale next week on the Friends Facebook page from 9am on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October. Please keep an eye out for this. The uniform you buy will then be available for you to pick up the following week from school, again in the box outside the office. You can pay by leaving cash in our honesty box on picking up your items!

Huge thanks too for those who were able to donate for Bags2School. You all raised £54 for The Friends. Every bit helps!

### Prayer

What a privilege to serve, to share your love through word and deed.

What a joy to know that what we say can bring such peace.

What a blessing to see hearts touched by the riches of your grace.

What a harvest to be when seeds we sow produce fruitfulness.



### Healthy Eating

All of our Reception and KS1 children are entitled to free fruit every day which is delivered to school twice a week. Recently children have been leaving their fruit in place of snacks brought in from home. We would like to encourage healthy eating in school if you can support us by encouraging your child to have fruit.

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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