



Our Lady and St Patrick's Primary School Newsletter

Executive Headteacher: Mrs Angela Folland

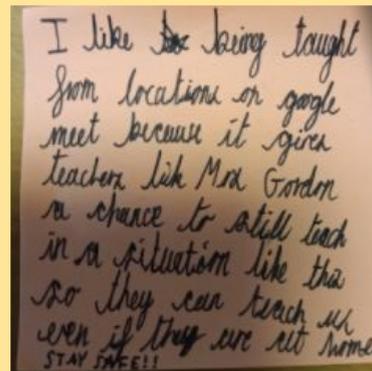
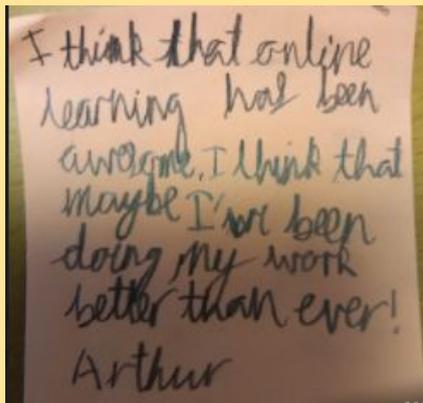
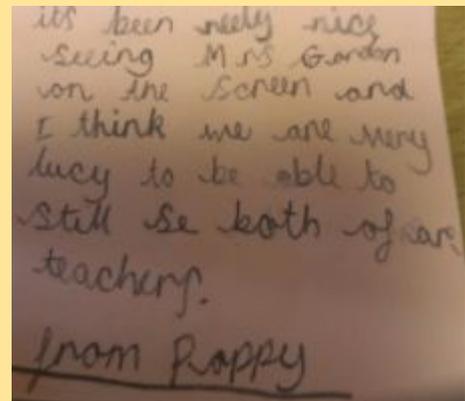
Living, Loving and Learning in God's Way

27th November 2020

Headteacher's News

My huge thanks to the staff team at OLSP for their professionalism and commitment this week as changes have been made regularly to ensure the school runs smoothly whilst staff members are isolating. Further information received from Test and Trace today has resulted in a revision of the precautions taken and the advice is that all staff currently isolating can safely return to school on Monday.

Mrs Gordon has been our guinea pig this week as she remoted into Class 5 from home and taught via Google Meet and Google Classroom! The children in Class 5 responded really well and not a moment's learning was lost. The children have written some evaluations of how they found the experience.....



Attendance

We are working hard to ensure that children catch up with their learning as much as possible following the return to school in September and a high level of school attendance is essential for us to achieve this. We are continuing to monitor individual attendance weekly and, whilst we understand that these are unusual times, we are required by law to follow up absences in line with our policy. Be aware that if your child falls below 95%, we will be sending home the first attendance letters to inform you of your child's current attendance; it's very easy for one or two absences to accumulate quickly without really. An attendance percentage of 95% equates to 1 missed session every fortnight.

Important Information

OLSP talent shines...



Huge congratulations to Grace in Year 4 who has passed an audition for the Royal Ballet School and secured a place on The Junior Engagement Programme. Grace will be having virtual classes as part of the programme every Saturday. Well done Grace, we look forward to hearing more about this.

Well done also to our budding artist Mille, from Year 5, for winning the 'Marvellous Merchandise' competition run by local artist Laura Wall as part of the Kids' Takeover day. Laura described Millie's design as 'capturing the heart and spirit of Teignmouth's heritage'. We look forward to seeing your design in print soon!

Congratulations to Poppy from Class 4 who will be representing our school for Gymnastics at the Dartmoor School Sports Partnership County Finals which will be held virtually in December. Several children in KS2 took part and the competition was very tight with only a point between competitors. Well done to all the children involved!

Google Classroom and Relationship Education

Thank you for the response to our Life to the Full consultation. Some of the feedback we received asked that we inform parents of the content to be covered in the following week on their Google Classroom page. This will serve as a prompt to parents so you are aware of the lesson content for the week ahead; engaging with the content through conversations will deepen the learning for your child.

You are still able to access the parent portal using the following link:

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/courses/parent-consultation-tool-primary/>

Username: ol-stpats-tq14

Password: human-41

Nursery Applications

Our nursery still has places available for children age 3, for January 2021. Please enquire at the school office for application information.

Christmas Tree Competition 2020

We are again taking part in this year's **Dartmoor Christmas Tree Schools competition**. They will kindly be donating a Christmas Tree to the School which will be decorated by the children. A picture of the finished tree will be posted on Dartmoor Christmas Tree's Facebook page on week commencing the 7th December and the tree with the most likes after 1 week will go into a final where DCT staff and Forestry England will pick one winner who will receive a £250 prize for their school. As part of the competition Dartmoor Christmas Trees have asked us to pass on the attached e-voucher for you to claim a FREE Father Christmas hat and £2.50 off the purchase of any Dartmoor Christmas Tree from their retail outlets at Haldon Christmas Tree Centre, their Dartmoor Farm or at Morrisons Paignton & Totnes. Keep watching our Facebook page for our finished tree as we will share Dartmoor Christmas Tree's post on there.

Children in Need

The children attended school wearing their pyjamas on Friday 13th December. This was to raise money for this year's Children in Need appeal and the final total was £207.10. Thank you to everyone who contributed.



Christmas Cards

Many of you have been asking whether the children can exchange Christmas Cards this year. We have decided that the only way we can do this safely is for the children to bring their cards into the classroom and put them into a 'card jail' box. We can then quarantine the cards for 72 hours before they are sorted

and distributed. Please make sure that all cards are marked clearly with a child's name and class before bringing them in. The 'card jails' will be open for one week only - Monday 7th December until Friday 11th. The cards will then be distributed later the following week.



Change to the School Dinner Menu Thursday 9th December

Please note on your calendars that, due to Bishopsteignton School having their Christmas dinner on this date (and resulting reduced oven-space), there will be a choice between Sausage and Chips or Quorn Sausage and Chips, only. There will not be a jacket potato option. Thank you for your understanding.

English Hub Reading Advent Challenges

Through our work with the Ilsham English Hub, we would like to encourage your child to take part in the Reading Advent Challenges which will be available to children on their Google Classroom page. This is themed around promoting a love of reading, talking through stories and an awareness of how reading goes beyond fiction books.

They will also be sharing various Christmas and Winter themed books that they love on their twitter page so if you don't follow them already, you can find them on Twitter at: @IlshamEngHub

Books recommended reading at this time:



PATCHWORK PARENTING

PATCHWORK have put together a short survey to look at the feelings of parents in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and what we at PATCHWORK can offer in terms of support. Please use the link to give your views <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/QVFB3V2>.

Breakfast and After School Club

We remain committed to setting up this provision at OLSP however, after careful thought we have decided to work towards an April opening due to the ongoing uncertainty in relation to Covid19. Unfortunately, as Devon is in Tier 2 and there is the real possibility of parents continuing to be furloughed and not needing the provision, this is too much of a financial risk for us to take at this moment in time. We will keep you updated next term and apologies for any disappointment.

Disciples of the Week		Friends' News
W/B 16th November <i>Integrity: Using our gifts and talents wisely</i>		<p>A huge thank you to everyone who entered the Logo Competition. We have had some brilliant entries and it will be very difficult to judge!</p> <p>We are also delighted to be able to let you know that the OSLP Christmas gift shop will be coming back, although a little differently this year!</p> <p>A selection of gifts will be available for the children to choose from via a catalogue and have gift-wrapped and delivered back to them in class. Gifts can be for</p>
Early Years	Jake	
Year 1	Jasmine	
Year 2	Ada	
Year 3	Harley	
Year 4	Scarlett	

Year 5	Archie
Year 6	Beau
<i>W/B 23rd November</i> Compassion: Jesus said 'whenever you help someone; you help me'	
Early Years	Iyla
Year 1	Ossie
Year 2	Eli
Year 3	Thelma
Year 4	Finley
Year 5	Lexie
Year 6	Malachi
<i>Well done to you all!</i>	

parents/grandparents/siblings/friends or any special person. It will cost £2 per gift to purchase in advance online at

www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofolsp

Please do get your orders in before the 4th December.

We are also working to support the school with other Christmas projects behind the scenes, in a Covid safe way, too!

Prayer - Christ The King

Lord Jesus,
King of love, King of compassion,
King of heaven and earth;

Give us, we pray, your eyes and ears so
that we may recognise the suffering of
those around us and in our world.

Fill our hearts with your compassion so
that our hands and feet can do your work
to show others we care.

We make our prayer through Christ our
Lord.
Amen



Community News

Some of the things we need at Teignmouth Community Larder...

- Tinned food - meat balls, curry, stew, sausages, meat pies etc
- Tinned food - macaroni, beans, vegetables, and fruits,
- Pasta and rice, spaghetti
- Tinned or long-life rice pudding, custard, long life desserts
- Cereals, jams, part-baked bread (which will keep)
- Tea, coffee, fruit juice, long-life milk and sugar
- Washing and sanitary goods, hand gel
- Nappies and baby foods
- Treats like crisps and biscuits, sweets



Or monetary donations, one off or a standing order - here are the bank details:

Unity Bank: Account Name: Teignmouth Mutual Aid
Sort Code 608301 Account number: 204 254 32

Thank you so much!

Jackie Jackson,
07917428680 The Old Cottage, Higher Ringmore Road, Shaldon, TQ140HG

Teignmouth Mutual Aid Community Larder

Community Larder



Teignmouth Mutual Aid Community Larder is open!

WHEN: Every Wednesday morning between 10.00 am and 12.00 mid-day.

WHERE: At the Meadow Centre, Kingsway.

WHY: To help people who find in these difficult times, that their income is reduced and they are having to choose between paying bills and buying food.

WHAT FOR: Free food, basics, household and personal items.

AND: You don't have to be referred by anyone. Just come if you need support, and we will try to help.

Phone Jackie Jackson on
07917428680
Or email for information,
teignmouthmutualaid@gmail.com

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Our Lady and St Patrick's Primary School and Nursery
Website: 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