



Our Lady and St Patrick's Primary School Newsletter

Executive Headteacher: Mrs Angela Folland

Living, Loving and Learning in God's Way

3rd September 2021

Headteacher's News

We hope that you have all enjoyed family fun and some sunshine this summer!

Children - we are really looking forward to seeing you on Monday and have been busy over the last two days getting the school ready for you.

September is a really exciting time of transition which can bring some anxiety for all children. It's fantastic that the children were able to spend some time in their new classrooms with their new teachers before the end of term to reduce the first day nerves.

We hope and pray that this year is less disrupted and are really excited to be able to work closely as a school family in ways that we have not been able to do since March 2020.

Important Information

School Timings

Please remember that school starts at 8.45am from Monday 6th September. The gates and classrooms will be open from 8.30am and children will go straight into their classrooms. Please note that children will still be received by their teachers at the door.

ALL children from Nursery to Year 6 will finish at 3.15pm. Nursery, Reception and Year 1 parents are welcome to come to the classroom doors to collect their children. Year 2 parents please wait on the playground. Years 3 - 6 children will be brought to the platform for hand over.

One way system

For the time being we have decided to continue with the one way pedestrian system at the start and end of the day. Please use the car park area to access the school and the pathway to leave.

Covid - Devon - Enhanced Risk Area

We plan to start this year as a school family. With bubbles no longer in place, the children will be able to mix for breaks, lunchtimes and join together for worship and other activities. We are so looking forward to feeling like a family again! However, please be assured that there remains a risk assessment in place and always the possibility of having to reintroduce tighter measures should the situation arise.

Forest School

This will start again on Monday 13th September for Nursery, Reception and Year 6. Please make sure children bring their outdoor clothes.

Water bottles

Regular drinking supports mental alertness and learning!!

Please make sure your child has their own labelled water bottle in school at all times. Nursery and Reception children will need their own water bottles too! Milk and water will also be available during the day.

Breakfast and After School Club

The clubs open on Monday and we have a number of bookings already. Please remember to use this link to book your children into the club in advance. If you need an emergency booking please ring the school office on the day. <https://ourladyandstpatricksschool.kidsclubhq.co.uk/rdr?u=home>.

School Dinners

Devon Norse are keeping the same menu for the beginning of this term. A copy is attached; we are starting on week 1 (the dates shown at the bottom of the weeks are still from last term but we hope that Devon Norse will be updating these soon). Please note, **sandwiches will no longer be an option** but Jacket Potatoes are.

Reintroducing Houses - Families together across the school

Over the last 18 months we have kept the House system going through house points awarded for positive achievements.

This year we are going to take the House System even further and develop them as families across the school to support social, emotional and personal development!

Next Thursday and Friday the children from Years 1-6 will be working together in their House families looking at the values of our school and taking part in team building games, art work, story time and other fun activities as we start to rebuild the sense of social interaction and identity across the school community.

St George

St Patrick

St David

St Andrew

Loving Father,

We look forward to the beginning of a new school year with excitement.

Help us to unwrap this new year as a gift from you and give thanks for all the new opportunities we will have to live and learn together.

Bless this new beginning and bless our school.

Through Christ our Lord,

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 Governors for Child Protection: Mrs Lorraine Coulter