

Friday Flyer

Friday 18th December 2015

Autumn Term 15

Living, Loving and Learning Together in God's Way

LEARNING



Stars of the week



FS2	Xavier	1	Casey
2	Alexi	3	Tay
4	Jesse	5	Eliza
6	Lauren		

This week's Loving awards

FS2	William	1	Tessa
2	Samuel	3	Elliot
4	Harry H	5	Oliver
6	Olivia		

Stars of the term



FS2	Millie	1	Keira
2	Lewis	3	Miya-Louise
4	Sienna	5	Grace
6	James		

Head Teacher Awards

Congratulations to Jonah, Caitlin and Keeley (Class 6) Molly (Class 4) and Megan (F2) who received a Head Teacher's Award, well done!

Prefects

Congratulations to Olivia, Hannah, Caitlin and Callan who have become Prefects. Well done for all your hard work!

Star Writers

Congratulations to our latest Star Writers: Tristan F1, Charles F2, Beau C1, Sebastian C2, Luke C3, Ellie C4, Ava C5 and Olivia C6. Their writing is displayed in the corridor by Class 2 and includes poetry, instructions, report writing and stories.

Attendance Award

The results for week commencing 7th December are as follows:

Class FS2	93.17%	
Class 1	96.90%	3 rd
Class 2	98.18%	2 nd
Class 3	95.00%	
Class 4	96.43%	
Class 5	98.79%	1 st
Class 6	92.50%	

Congratulations to Class 5.

100% Attendance Autumn Term 2014

Congratulations to all who have been at school every day this term. We have presented a total of 65 certificates at our celebrations Assembly yesterday, that's 33% of our children have been here every day this term. Well done to you all.

FS2	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6	Whole school
9	8	7	13	10	7	11	65



Social Media

It has been brought to our attention that a number of videos/pictures have been posted on social media which contain images of a number of our children. We kindly ask you to remove any of these images or videos from all media, social networking sites etc. as this is against the policy explained before all our plays and liturgies this year. Failure to do so is likely to mean that in future we will have to disallow any pictures or videos at future performances, which would be a huge shame for all of us. We are always careful to obtain permission for all images used on school websites and reports etc. and encourage parents only to share images of children they can give or already have consent for. We really appreciate your cooperation in this matter and thank you for your continued support.

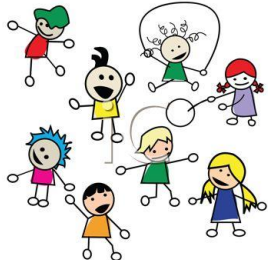


Nut Allergies

Please may we remind you that we ask all parents not to send any nut products (including chocolate spread) into school for their child, either for snack time or for lunch. We have children with severe allergies so please check product labels and ingredients carefully before sending them into school.

Colouring Competition

A few of our class 5 Girls organised a colouring competition in school which raised £12.59. They have donated this money to the Friends. Well done girls and thank you!



Job Vacancy for a Meal Time Assistant or Play Leader

Are you the one - or do you know the person we may be looking for? We have a vacancy for a Meal Time Assistant or Play Leader to help in our school hall or playground between 11:45am and 1:00pm each day. The vacancy could be for 5 days a week or 2-3 days a week. If you are interested or know of somebody who may be interested, please check the school website for application details or contact Mrs Doody in the school office.



LOVING 4th Sunday of Advent



Christmas Eve Vigil Mass

The Children Christmas Eve Vigil Mass will be at 6 p.m. in St Agatha's church in Dawlish this year. Please get in contact with Frank O'Friel on 07971 060 594 or francisofriel@aol.com if your children are interested in reading or singing in the choir. We will be having a practice at 4.30 in St Agatha's, Dawlish on Saturday the 19th of December.



First Holy Communion

Parents: If you would like your child to take part in the First Holy Communion Preparation Programme it is imperative that you attend the meeting to be held on **Tuesday 12th January at 6pm at Our Lady & St Patrick's Church.**

Waiting in Hopeful Expectation

We are an Advent people—a people who wait. Something (or even better- someone) is coming, and the best thing we can do is to wait in hopeful expectation.

Here is how the great prophet of Advent puts it: "Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay and you are the potter: we are all the work of your hands" (Isaiah 64:7).

Now does this mean that we do nothing? That we sit like lumps waiting for God to do something with our lives? No. In fact, there is something very "active" about waiting.

Do you remember how lively and attentive you are when you are eagerly waiting for someone to arrive? When you watch for every car that comes by when you are waiting at the airport? Every sense strains to take in what is happening; your mind is alive with expectation. Your spirit is jumping. This is, I think, what waiting means in the spiritual sense; this is the mood of Advent.

Here are some practical suggestions for these remaining days of waiting.

First, examine your conscience on a regular basis. Realize the prevalence and power of sin in your life, being especially attentive to the recurrent problems.

Second, pray. The Liturgy, the Scriptures, the Rosary, visits to the Blessed Sacrament, the Jesus prayer— whatever works for you. But lean into God with a special fervour and attentiveness during these final days of Advent.

Third, ask for forgiveness. Seek the forgiveness of those who you have hurt because of your sin. There is no better way to access our own helplessness before God.

(Adapted from Word on Fire by Bishop Robert Barron)



During the month of December, our Values Award will be given to people who we show love to others.

"May every Church and Christian community be a place of mercy" Pope Francis



Are you showing love and mercy for others at home and in school this week?

Best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all from everyone at OLSP. Thank you so much for all the wonderful support and kindness you have shown us so far



We look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 5th January 2016. Beginning of term Mass Wednesday 6th January 9.10am in the school hall. All welcome!

Mrs Sarah Barreto
Head Teacher