

Friday Flyer

Friday 4th December 2015

Autumn Term 13

Living, Loving and Learning Together in God's Way

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Stars of the week



FS2	Luis	1	Abigail
2	Louie	3	Grace
4	Molly	5	Charlie
6	Jonah		

This week's loving awards

FS2	Lara	1	Daisy
2	Bethany	3	Jaxon
4	Ruby	5	Leah
6	Brian		

Attendance Award

The results for week commencing 23rd November are as follows:

Class FS2	97.61%	
Class 1	97.93%	3 rd
Class 2	94.09%	
Class 3	98.93%	1 st
Class 4	97.14%	
Class 5	93.33%	
Class 6	98.57%	2 nd

Congratulations to Class 3!

Job Vacancy for a Meal Time Assistant

The school **still** currently has a vacancy for a Meal Time Assistant to help in the school between 11:45am and 1:00pm. The vacancy can 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 the school office.

Christmas Post Box

There is now a post box in school for children to post their class Christmas cards. Please could envelopes be clearly written with the child's name and class that it will be going to.

OLSP Pupil Films at Greenway



On the 26th November Leah in Class 6 went to Greenway to film a documentary about Agatha Christie. Leah told us that "Greenway is owned by the National Trust and was Agatha Christie's holiday home. Agatha Christie was a very famous writer who did not go to school and had imaginary friends".



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Advent Prayer Journey Wednesday 9th December

As you will know, we are planning again this year on Wednesday 9th December to take the children from school to visit Our Lady and St Patrick's Church, in Teignmouth. The children will be travelling by coach, two classes at a time, to take part in an Advent Prayer journey around the church, where they can stop at various stations and pause to reflect, pray, carry out an activity or simply enjoy the quiet space. They will be at the church for approximately 20 – 30 minutes and then return to school for the rest of the day.

There will be an opportunity for parents and parishioners to take part in the Advent Journey from 11am – 12 noon that day. We warmly invite all parents to our short Advent Liturgy at 2.00pm which will last for approx. 45mins, with children from classes 5 and 6. This will give everyone plenty of time to return to school in time for our Christmas Fair at 3.30pm.

Key Stage One Christmas Celebration Evening – Monday 14th December, 5:30pm

Parents, carers and families of children in classes 1 and 2 are warmly invited to join the children as they celebrate the wonder of Jesus' birth through an evening of songs and readings on Monday 14th December at 5:30pm in the school hall. We hope that you can join us on this special occasion.

Christmas Fair – Wednesday 9th December



This year our Christmas Fair will be held in the school hall from **3:30-5:30 on Wednesday 9th December**. There will be the usual range of stalls, a raffle, the photo booth, refreshments including mulled wine and of course a visit from Santa himself. We will need some helpers to run the stalls, so please inform the school office if you are able to help in any way. If you have any unwanted toys or books for us to sell, gifts for the raffle including chocolates and wine, we would be very grateful. We will also be having a cuddly toy adoption stall this year so donations of clean cuddly toys that you no longer require will be greatly received too. Please drop off any items you wish to donate to the front office, many thanks.

Parents/Carers Coffee Morning

Tony Johnson, our Family Support Worker, will be running a drop-in 'Coffee Morning' once a half term.

The next one is **Thursday 10th December 9am – 11am** in the school library. Teas and coffees will be available **from 8:40am** and toddlers are welcome.

Being a parent can be a tough job and our 'Coffee Mornings' are a really informal way to chat to Tony and other parents about anything to do with being a parent (especially for the little things!) This is NOT a parenting class, it is a social time to chat, share top tips, ask questions or just drink tea! You don't need to make an appointment, just pop along anytime between 9am and 11am.

Tony has a wealth of experience and lots of parents have found it really useful to chat to him.

If you prefer a confidential session, Tony can see parents/carers at school or at home. Appointments can be made through the front office.

Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 18th December will be Christmas Jumper Day. There is a suggested voluntary **£1** donation and all funds raised will be divided between Save the Children Charity, Macmillan Cancer Support Charity and Make a Wish Charity, which will be collected in class on the day. You can wear a Christmas themed jumper over your school uniform. If you don't have one, why not ask a parent to help and decorate a jumper with bells, tinsel or anything festive. Have fun!



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2nd Sunday of Advent



This Sunday is the Second Sunday of Advent.

Advent is a time of preparation.

In his Sunday's Gospel we hear all about John the Baptist calling people to prepare themselves for Christ's arrival. John alerted the people to the need to change some of their ways and to the fact that Jesus was coming.

This Gospel can serve to remind us about the importance of preparing ourselves as Christmas approaches: to repent (to come back to God and to change some of our ways), and to be busy doing the things that Jesus told us to do, loving God and loving one another through our words and through our deeds, just as our school motto asks us to. In this way we prepare our hearts to be filled with a joy that lasts long after the festivities have passed.

Things we can try this week to prepare well for Christmas are:

- Slow down and try to remember the real reason for Christmas
- Regularly give thanks to God for Jesus
- Read the Bible and/or The Wednesday Word together
- Say a prayer each time you open a window on your Advent Calendar
- Make an extra effort to consider other people's needs
- Give a little extra to charity during Advent

The Catholic Church encourages us to prepare for Christmas through the 'Sacrament of Reconciliation'. During Advent our parish churches offer special Reconciliation Services or evenings for us to experience God's love, mercy and forgiveness. All are warmly invited. There is a Reconciliation service at Our Lady and St Patrick's Church next Tuesday 8th December at 7pm.

Adapted from the Wednesday Word

Best wishes

Mrs Sarah Barreto

Head Teacher

**Lord, please help us to prepare well for Christmas and show us how we can help others to do the same.
Amen**



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



“The Lord is coming. May we await him with open hearts!” Pope Francis

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