

Newsletter

Dear Parents, carers and parishioners,

Well done! We've made it through another week and we hope things have remained positive for you and your family. On behalf of staff, can I just say how immensely proud we are of the efforts of all of our children at home and in school. Can we again thank all of our parents and carers who are working so hard to balance the many demands of home and work life whilst also supporting the learning of our children.

I would also like to say a massive thank you to staff for the excellent work they are providing each day and for staying in touch with our families in such a positive way.

As the acting headteacher, I am very lucky to be able to look in on the learning of every class and child in school and that of each child at home through Class Dojo. I wish I could give responses to all of our children to thank them for the work they are doing and to say how much we are inspired and motivated by their energy and enthusiasm. Our Stars of the week could only highlight the work of a few children selected by their teachers for great effort, but I would like to ask every parent to pass on a well done message from me to all your children for their personal achievements this week!

Look at who's been shining brightly this week ... it's our Stars of the Week!

Einstein AM

Harriet Murphy, for her beautiful Gruffalo drawings!

Einstein PM

Ronnie Gould, for working hard on our Gruffalo's Child story activities

Mrs Brown's Class

Charlie Chase, for fantastic work with his Lego on the pairs of numbers that make 10 and

Amelia Brown, for making a wonderful Gruffalo and reading the tricky words while doing a Gruffalo stomp!

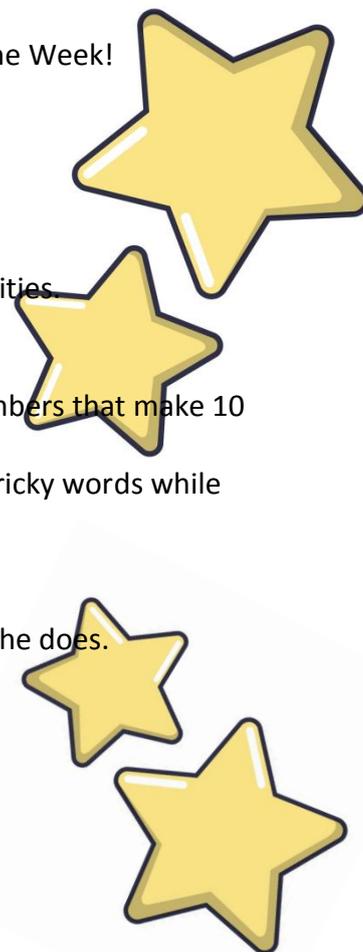
Mrs Kebell & Mrs Young's Class

Sebastian Winder, for always putting 100% effort into everything he does.

Mondrian

Madeleine Storey, for going above and beyond in all she does and

Lily Hedley, for working hard across all areas of the curriculum!



Constable

Bradley Gardiner, for making a really big effort with his work.

Rousseau

Pearl Fairclough, for always working really hard and for being an excellent role model to others!

Seurat

Harry NG, for a fantastic recipe!

Kandinsky

Jude Brown, for excellent effort in all he does.

Picasso

Callum Fraser, for working hard and producing high quality work every day!

Himid

Oliver Cook for his excellent effort with all tasks set.

Dali

Hayden Tobin for helping to extend our learning

Caravaggio

Jakub Walencik for always giving 100% in all he does and for his positive attitude.



Well done everyone, such fantastic news! We are so proud of you all!

We all welcome hearing good news at the moment - if you and your family have any good news or proud moments about anything at all, that you would like to share with the school community, please get in touch with Mrs Ludford via Weduc or admin@olqoprcprimary.org.uk. We know many of you are sharing fantastic photos via Class Dojo but unfortunately we can't transfer them to the app. We are looking forward to this already!!

The numbers of children in school continue to remain high and as a result all staff are in school on a full time basis. May we once again remind you that the government guidance continues to reinforce the message that 'parents and carers including critical workers' should keep their children at home if they can.'

We are still receiving enquiries about places, however many bubbles are now at capacity.

Some schools in our area have been experiencing a number of positive cases in school and are now recognising the following as possible COVID symptoms:

- Stomach-ache
- Sickness and/or diarrhoea
- Aching in limbs or other parts of the body
- Headache

If you, or any member of your family experiences these symptoms, in addition to a persistent cough, high temperature or loss of taste and/or smell, please isolate immediately and arrange to have a test.

Home learning is stressful, particularly when you are helping your child or children alongside trying to get your own work done. Some days you are just not going to be able to get everything done, and we understand that! Just be kind to yourself and remember that tomorrow is another day. Please remember that, although you are working from home, your child's education continues to be a partnership between home and school and we will continue to work with you to support your child to achieve to the best of their ability in these challenging circumstances. BBC Education Programmes began on Monday 12th January – so if there are problems sharing devices at home, why not have a break and learn whilst watching TV! The programmes promise to be both engaging and of a high quality. The Oak Academy platform is also another way to compliment remote education – some of you may have used it already.

Thank you for your support with this. We have much to deal with in the coming weeks and months. We are a community of over 280 families, including staff, each with different circumstances, needs and anxieties. We have made a great and positive start to this lockdown; let's once again pull together, offer kindness and support to one another and know that we can do this! And so when we are able to return to some sort of normality, we can do so with firm friendships and a solid community spirit behind us.

[Daily Prayers for Home and Sunday Liturgy for Families](#) links can be found on our app in the 'Newsfeed' and 'The Hub / Church/Parish links sections.

At this time

Dear Lord,

At this time of pandemic,

Let us foster respect and solidarity with others, especially those who are weak or poor.

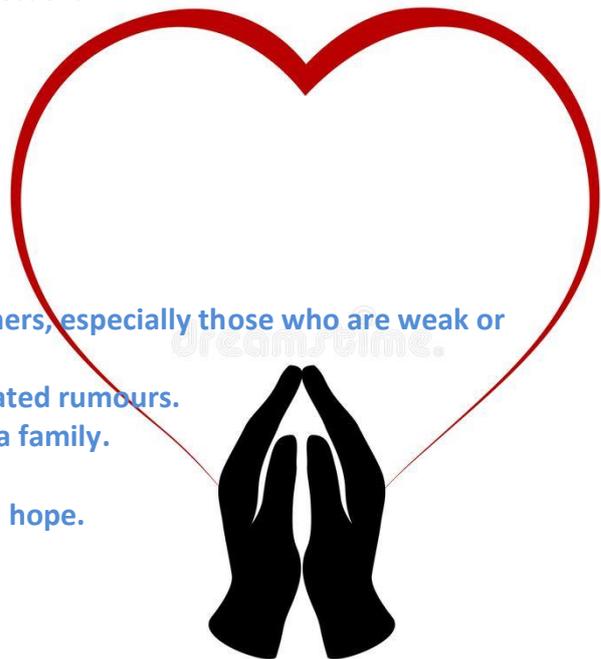
Let us remain calm and ignore unsubstantiated rumours.

Let us take advantage of living together as a family.

Let us attend to moment of prayer.

Let us cultivate responsibility, patience and hope.

Amen.



Please take good care of yourselves, stay safe and stay in touch.

God Bless,
Mrs E Maher