



**Dear parents:** .... I was on a Google Meets call this morning and a Doctor from Public Health England spoke. She asked all heads to remind parents that because of Tier 2 restrictions they should not mix indoors during half-term and no sleep overs etc. She also mentioned Halloween and the challenges that posed for her as a mother herself. Life is not easy this year.

I received a very generous donation from Caritas Westminster yesterday that means all our Free School Meals pupils will now receive vouchers to cover all of half-term. Some really good news to end this half-term. I've written more Risk Assessments since March than in my entire 40 year teaching career. The latest one on Tier 2 lockdown is now also on our website. Brutal murder and beheading of 48 year old French teacher Samuel Paty did not make much of the press in the UK. Huge demonstrations for him and in support of free speech have taken place in France however with the slogan Je Suis Samuel and Je Suis Enseignant (I am a teacher) appearing everywhere. Sad sign of our times and RIP. One French teacher called Nathalie said she had now "realised you can die of teaching". Vive la France. **Amazing Attendance figures: National is 89% Hackney is 91% at OLSJ it is 98.23%**

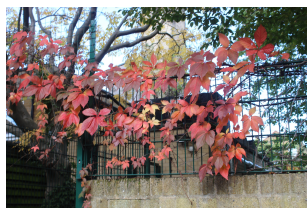
### After school child care

We are trialling this starting after half-term. Places are limited to younger children and siblings and we have to keep total group size to a maximum of 15.

When things change we will change. This is the same now for art, multi-sports, yoga and all other classes under Tier 2 restrictions. Those are the rules in place.

### Pics of the week:

French teacher Samuel Paty and mourners .... beautiful Autumn colours and fun in our playgrounds today



### School news ... next week

We're closed for half-term. Re-open Monday November 2nd.

### New Assemblies and Class Visits

I used to be a Mentor for new headteachers. The best tip I always gave them was one I picked up doing an inspection of an infant school in Brent. After the assembly the head invited every parent to visit their child's class and see all their work together. It was a 'Eureka' moment and I introduced it here the very next week. Now you cannot visit we invite you to do a Virtual visit. The films are all on the website and are adorable. Please take the time to watch them with your children. [www.olsjschool.net](http://www.olsjschool.net) Link at the very top.

### Autumn colours day ....

A glorious Autumnal Day.

After yesterdays monsoon and Storm Barbara the sun shone today and the playgrounds looked really alive with the colours of Autumn.

We raised £177 so far today for London Catholic Worker Foodbank a genuine good cause. Years 1 and 2 tied for most money raised. Lovely Autumnal colours on view all day and much nicer and much less fuss than scary Halloween costumes which is still nine days away and we are a Catholic school.

New Assemblies and Class Visits

Reception Assembly and visit October 2020

Year 1 Assembly and visit October 2020.

Year 2 Assembly and visit October 2020

Year 3 Assembly and visit October 2020

Year 4 Assembly and visit October 2020

Year 5 Assembly and visit October 2020

Year 6 Assembly and visit October 2020

and finally ... thanks to the parent who said she loved my Newsletter on Monday ... especially Gareth Bale looking miserable as she is a mad Arsenal fan ... happy to oblige .. easy games coming up against Man City and Liverpool ... doing my research for Tier 2 Risk Assessment (sad life I know) I found out that you can meet others for lunch indoors providing it is a 'working' lunch. So bring a laptop and notepad and away you go .... PHE Dr did also say rates are rising slowly in Hackney but are still very low and the main leap was among 20-29 year olds .... never rated Jordan Pickford but he should never play for England again after last Saturday ... another plug for the class videos they are great. One family were sharing it with grandparents in Australia so please do share with older relatives who will love seeing the children.... we're planning for Christmas already and working on new ideas... Winter Wonderland decorations will still go up and we will try and lighten the darkness once Advent begins. Enjoy the half-term break.