



# Newsletter

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In Our Lady's Catholic Primary School we learn about God and try to follow his footsteps by showing care and respect for one another.

## Christmas at St Mary's



**Family Mass** on December 24th at 6pm

**Midnight Mass** on December 24th at 11.30pm

**Christmas Day Mass** will commence at 9.30am in Barnstaple and 11.15am in South Molton.

## Children's Family Mass

Are you coming to the Children's Family Mass on Christmas Eve at 6.00pm?

Would you like to read or take part with bringing the gifts to the Christmas Crib?

Then please come and see Mrs Welland in the office or email her on [admin@olcs.uk](mailto:admin@olcs.uk) as soon as possible.

The Children's Family Mass is a wonderful first mass of Christmas enjoyed and celebrated by many.



Check the dates on page 2 for all our exciting Christmas events that are taking place next week. We look forward to seeing as many parents at these events as possible.

## Attendance

Congratulations to **EAGLE** who have the highest attendance so far this year at **97.4%** closely followed by **SWALLOW** at **97.2%**. The whole school's attendance is **96.4%** for the Autumn Term.

**EVERY  
SCHOOL DAY  
COUNTS**

Our Lady's and Barn-a-b's staff wish you all a peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year.



The next newsletter will go home on:  
Friday 12th January 2018

### Dates

<b>11th December</b>	<b>Whole School Mass at School 10am</b>
11th December	PTFA Decorated Christmas Trees back to school
<b>11th December</b>	<b>Guitar Ensemble 2.30pm</b>
12th December	Wholeschool Trip to Cinema
<b>13th December</b>	<b>School Christmas Dinner/ Christmas Jumper Day</b>
14th December	Nativity to school and parents 10.30am at St Mary's Church
<b>15th December</b>	<b>PTFA Children's Chocolate Raffle</b>
15th December	Judging of PTFA Decorate a Christmas Tree Competition
<b>15th December</b>	<b>PTFA Non Uniform Day</b>
15th December	Christmas Holiday from 3.15pm
<b>4th January</b>	<b>Children and Staff Return</b>



### Barn-a-b's at Our Lady's



Our nativity performance is on Thursday 14th December at 10.30am at St Mary's Church. Barn-a-b's are all going to be stars, thank you to all the parents for helping with the costumes. The performance is available for Thursday children only.

Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day is Wednesday 13th December. Again this is just for Wednesday children.

If your child misses an event this year, please don't worry there will be plenty of other opportunities.

We've had a fabulous term, and we wish you all a wonderful Christmas. We return on the 4th January 2018.

### Congratulations

**Very well done to the following children who have recently achieved Headteacher Awards:**

Will Harmon	Nathan Davis x2
Reggie Staddon	Kori Skinner x2
Paige Loman	Harvey Dennis
Nnenna Amandiogu	Amy Bulley
Jamie Gibson	Reagan Fee
Pablo Wright-Inarejos	Dylan Wonnacott
Aaron Ferguson	
Lucy Hook	
Eleanor Gwynn	



**We are very proud of you**

### On-line Safety

Have you heard of YouTube Kids?

It is very easy to access inappropriate content whilst viewing YouTube.

Consider downloading and installing YouTube for Kids. It gives your family an easy way to watch favourite programmes and explore, its free, simple to use and full of family-friendly videos.

Another useful resource for parents from Commonsense Media—5 Ways to make YouTube Safer for Kids.



*May the Lord bless us as we journey through Advent. May He open our ears to His call, our minds to His will and our hearts to say 'Yes' to His love.*





### Reach for the Stars!

Well done to the following children who have had achievements in the following areas:

Congratulations to Teegan Thorne who took part in a tapathon for Children in Need.

Well done to Jessica Lake who has achieved her Stanley 2 Learn to Swim Certificate.

Well done to Romeo Hleza who received a Pet Pals certificate.

Congratulations to Chloe Brown was awarded her Stage 3 Swimming Certificate.

Well done to Arianne Henry who won a silver medal for the Vertical Jump in the Devon County Athletics Championships.

Congratulations to Lewis Wonnacott who was awarded a football trophy.

Well done to Cody Wonnacott who won two medals for taking part in a football league.

### Star Learners

Very well done to the following children who were our Star Learners over the last fortnight:-



Millie Passmore

Declan Burns

Arthur Smythe

Evie Jones

Bethan Silverlock

James Harmon-

Clarke

Christy Raji

Kyle Sherrington

Kayleigh Lancey

Lola Meech

Reagan Fee

Ella-Mae Birchmore

Mia Thorne

Ivy Hleza



### PTFA Christmas Events

Children's Chocolate Raffle and Non Uniform Day



Friday 15th December. Any chocolate donations for this event will be gratefully received. Raffle tickets have been sent home or you can see the school office if you would like some tickets at £1 per strip.

Children are invited to wear fancy dress or any non uniform clothes on Friday 15th December. There will be a charge of £1 for this.

Thank you to everyone who helps support our PTFA events which help raise funds for the school.

Thank you to everyone that supported the Christmas bingo and raffle, we will let you know how much we raised in the next newsletter.

The PTFA are dedicated to raising funds for the school and your children.

### Parking

We thank parents for your co-operation and patience with the parking situation at school. Please continue to be mindful when parking in Chanters Hill of our residents driveways and ensure that these are not blocked. Many thanks for your continued support with this.

### Healthy Snacks in School

We encourage parents to send Key Stage 2 children with a healthy snack for break time should they want it. Our Key Stage 1 children receive a free piece of fruit daily. There are lots of ideas at:- [www.bbcgoodfood.com/howto/guide/top-5-healthy-snacks-kids](http://www.bbcgoodfood.com/howto/guide/top-5-healthy-snacks-kids).

