



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.

Parking

Thank you all for your continued patience with the parking restrictions around school. It is important that parents and visitors to the school continue to park considerately and legally.

If anyone does receive a parking ticket or are subject to any unreasonable contact with our neighbours, please let the school know so that we can keep a record of these.

Mr Meech has requested a meeting with parents and Councillor Brian Greenslade but we are still awaiting a response from him.

Mr Cox, MP for Torridge who represents some of our parents has been written to recently, his response to this is as follows:-

'Mr Cox has requested further clarification regarding the traffic enforcement officers maintaining a balance with parents parking at the school and reassurance that parents would not be fined between 8.45am and 9.15 am and 3pm. The County Council are unable to provide such an assurance. As indicated above, the approach operated will depend on Parents behaving responsibly and not parking in an obstructive fashion when ensuring that their children are escorted to the school and picked up safely. It is hoped that this approach is clear and parents will not be at risk of receiving a Penalty Charge Notice if they follow these guidelines. '

Unfortunately we will no longer be able to accept old £1 coins. They cease to be legal tender from October 15th 2017.



School Clubs

Below are the clubs that are running this term, the finishing time, the adult responsible and the start date for the club.

Monday Football Club (Yr4, 5&6) (4.15pm)
Miss Sloman (Fee)

Tuesday Homework (Yr 3&4) (4.15pm)
Mr Meech and Staff

Netball (Yr 5&6) (4.15pm)
Mrs Houle

Gardening Club (4.15pm)
Miss Mitchell

Wednesday Homework (Yr 5&6) (4.15pm)
Mr Meech and Staff

Karate (4.10pm)
Mike Leverton (Fee)
No Karate 27th September , 4th and 18th October

Thursday Gymnastics (Yr3&4) (4.15pm)
Miss Sloman (Fee)
Started 28th September

Friday Tennis (Y1&2) (4.15pm)
Miss Sloman (Fee)

Please ensure that you collect your child promptly at club finishing time.

**The next newsletter will go home on:
Friday 13th October 2017**



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

Spaces are filling up quickly in Barn-a-b's. Mornings are busy, so changing hours will be increasingly difficult. If you do need to change something, see Jen in the school office and she will be able to check availability. Jen is in on Monday and Friday, the school office staff will be happy to help you on days when Jen is not in.

It's "Headcount" week in Barn-a-b's this week, which means you need to sign the form, as you will do each term, to claim your free, funded hours. This includes the new 30 hours. If you think you might be eligible for 30 hours, please come and see us. It is easy and quick to do, and there is still time.

The children will be having their photos taken on Monday 2nd October. If your child is not in on Monday, but you would like their photo done, please go straight to the hall between 8 and 9am. Similarly if you would like siblings together (before school age) this will need to be done in the 8-9 slot.

We are really enjoying our music and PE lessons, so many thanks to Miss Sloman and Mrs Hynes. Please look on the Our Lady's brilliant website, where you will find lots of information about our work. We are continuing with nursery rhymes, this week will be Old Macdonald had a farm.

Star Learners

Very well done to the following children who are our Star Learners for the last two weeks:-



Blake Moore
Hayden Rigler
Milita Stancic
Ellie-Mae Harmon
Lucy Hook
Bailey Gwynn
Millie Bishop
Chloe Brown
Allen Jinson
Mason Denning
Liam Curtis
Lewis Wonnacott
Dylan McFadden
Soloman Davey
Anna Presobhan



Congratulations

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

Rio Bishop	Reese Elshout
George Kerswell	Soloman Davey x2
Tianna Mallaband-Whitham	Ava Holtman
Amy-Lou Trickey	Joseph Smyth
Cora Sherman-Till	Blake Moore
Rio Bishop	Zack Williams
Brooke Logan	Harvey Moore
Summer-Jayne Robins-Ridd	Todd Thorne
Ellie-Mae Harman	Charlie Morris
Bailey Gwynn	Harry Oke
	Jamie Gibson
	Harry Barnard



We are very proud of you.

May the Lord bless you and take care of you:

May the Lord be kind and gracious to you:

May He fill you with the wonder of his loving presence.

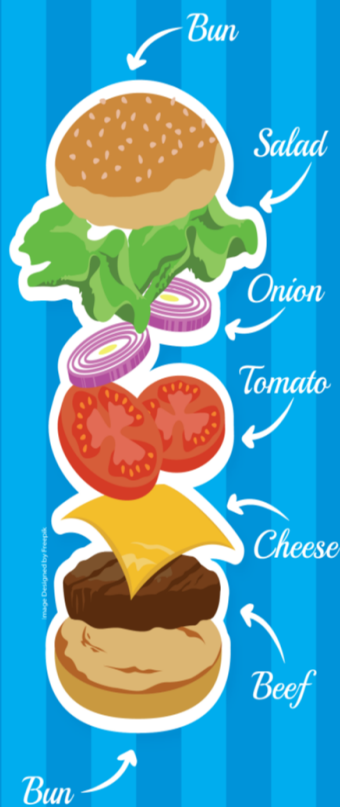
May the Lord look on you with favour and give you peace.

May we help to bring love, joy and

MAKE YOURSELF A FRESH
BURGER

SCHOOL CENSUS DAY

Thursday 5th October 2017



**Beef or Quorn Burger
in a Bun**

**Top as you like
Choosing from Lettuce,
Tomatoes, Cucumber,
Onions, Cheese, Mayo
or Tomato Relish**

Fries

**Coleslaw and Baked
Beans**

Ice Cream

Fresh Fruit

Chartwells



Reach for the Stars!

Well done to the following children who over the summer holiday had achievements in the following areas:

Well done to **Bence Bartos** who was awarded a Swimming Certificate for swimming 1,500m.

Congratulations to **Bethan Silverlock** and **Tianna Mallaband-Whitham** who were both awarded Swimming Certificates for swimming 400m.

Well done to **Evelyn Brown** who achieved her Stage 5 ASA Swimming Award and was awarded certificate for swimming 800m.

Congratulations to **Alex Stanbury** who was awarded a n ASA Swimming certificate for completing 5m.

Well done to **Maci Loder-Reid** who achieved her Distance Swimming Award for 10m.

Well done to **Amelie Lear** who completed the summer reading challenge 'Animal Agents' at Barnstaple Library.

Congratulations to **Romeo** and **Ivy Hleza** who were baptised during the summer holidays in Brazil.

Well done to **Kayleigh Lancey** who took part in the South West Age Groups Level 3 gymnastics competition. **Kayleigh** came 1st on the bars, 2nd on the beam, 2nd on the vault and finished in second place overall. **Kayleigh** has now qualified for the National Finals.

Congratulations to **Mrs Wells** and **Mrs Welland** who both completed half marathons recently. **Mrs Wells** ran in the Bristol half marathon and **Mrs Welland** ran in the Barnstaple half marathon.

It is wonderful to be able to celebrate the hard work and talents of our pupils. Children are invited to bring in their certificates, medals and good news on a Thursday morning so that they can be given out at assembly and celebrated in the school newsletter.

Parent School Dinner Taster Sessions

We would like to invite Parents/Carers to join their child for school lunch taster sessions starting on Monday 9th October. Each class will have its own specific day as shown below. The taster session will include a main meal and dessert and is only £1.20 for parents.

Monday—Barn a Bs/Robins (arrive 11.45 for 11.50 lunch)

Tuesday—Heron's (arrive 11.55 for 12.00 lunch)

Wednesday—Puffins (arrive 11.55 for 12.00 lunch)

Thursday—Owls/Eagle (arrive 12.25 for 12.30 lunch)

Friday—Kingfisher/Swallow (arrive 12.25 for 12.30 lunch)

Please complete the form (sent home this week) and return to the office by Tuesday 3rd October to secure your place. Spaces are limited so it will be on a 'first come, first served basis'.

New Governor

We would like to welcome Tracy Mallaband-Whitham as a new Parent Governor. The rest of the Governing Body of Our Lady's look forward to working with her and we thank her for her commitment and dedication to the school.

Attendance

Congratulations to **EAGLE** class who have the highest attendance for the Autumn term so far at **98.5%** closely followed by **SWALLOW** class at **98.3%**.



Autumn Term Dates

2nd October	Individual School and Barn a Bs Photos
2nd October	Pilton Open Morning—SWALLOW
4th October	Class vote for school council
4th October	No Karate Club
4th October	KINGFISHER Swimming
5th October	Announcement of school council/ Head Boy/Girl 2017/18
5th October	'Make Yourself a Fresh Burger' school meal menu change
9th October	Parent Taster Lunch BaBs/Robins
10th October	Parent Taster Lunch Herons
11th October	Parent Taster Lunch Puffins
11th October	KINGFISHER Swimming
12th October	Parent Taster Lunch Owl/Eagle
13th October	Parent Taster Lunch Kingfisher/ Swallow
16th October	Parent Consultations
18th October	Parent Consultations
18th October	No Karate Club
18th October	Last Swimming for KINGFISHER
19th October	Harvest Thanksgiving—OWL Class
20th October	PTFA Non Uniform Day and Cake Sale
20th October	No Tennis Club
20th October	Half term begins at 3.15pm
30th October	SCHOOL CLOSED — Non Pupil Day
31st October	Pupils Return to school
1st November	Swimming starts for SWALLOW (6 weeks)
17th November	Flu Vaccinations KS1/Yr3 & Yr4
27th November	Last Football Club

Year 6 Parents

The deadline for applying for a secondary school place for your child is **31st October**. Apply at:

www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline

Headlice

Parents are encouraged to check their children's hair this weekend for the signs of Headlice. Further advice on wet combing and prevention of Headlice is available from the NHS choices website and from the school nurse team on 01271 341500.

We have included a link to the NHS Choices (<http://www.nhs.uk>) website on the school website or you can visit: <http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/Head-lice/Pages/Introduction.aspx>

Individual/Family/Staff Photos

The school photographer will be in school on Monday 2nd October. If you would like siblings, not in the school, to be part of a family photograph please come into school at the following times:



Older Siblings: 8-8.30am

Pre-school siblings: 8.30-9am

Siblings who attend the pre-school and school and individual photos will be taken throughout the day. **Swallow class children to arrive at 8am if they would like to be photographed due to them being at Pilton Open Morning that day.**

Operation Christmas Child

This is one of our children's favourite charities and we have always had an excellent response. It is wonderful seeing all the shoeboxes stacked up in school.

Separate leaflets will be sent home before half term. Shoeboxes will need to be returned to school by 10th November. Further details can be found on their website:-

www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk.

Thank you to everyone that supported Mrs Sutton at the **Our Lady's School Coffee Morning** in aid of MacMillan



Cancer Support on Friday 29th September.

Due to your generosity we raised an amazing **£420.00** which will be split between MacMillan and Syrian Orphans.