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.

Parent Consultations

There will be no face to face parent consultations in school this half-term. Your child's class teacher will make contact with you via class dojo to arrange a convenient time for either a quick telephone conversation or a dojo conversation. The aim of this is to discuss how well your child has settled back into school, their next steps for learning and any concerns you may have for your child.

Facemasks

Just a reminder that as of Monday 28th September all staff members have been wearing face coverings when moving around the school. These are **not** used when teaching children. Any parents attending SEND meetings in school will be required to wear a mask. If you need to enter the reception area to speak to the office staff you **MUST** wear a face covering. If there is a medical reason why you cannot wear a face covering, please let the office know. At this stage there will be no requirement for parents and carers to wear a face covering outside of the school premises when waiting to collect children, but please feel free to do so in busier areas. Children **DO NOT** need to wear masks in school.

Water bottles

Due to the current COVID19 situation, children are not permitted to drink from the water fountains in school. Please ensure that your child brings a water bottle from home each day. Thank you.

Autumn Term Dates

Fri 23rd Oct	Last day of half term
Mon 26th Oct	Half Term Holiday
Mon 2nd Nov	Non Pupil Day
Tues 3rd Nov	Pupils Return to School
Thur 3rd Dec	Non Pupil Day
Fri 18th Dec	Last day of term
Mon 4th Jan	Pupils Return to School

Any future dates will be shared via parentmail.

Please be aware that the there will be a non pupil day on Thursday 3rd December 2020 therefore the school will be closed on this day. The school will now be open on Monday 7th June 2021 to replace this day.

Depart for Education Coronavirus (COVID19) Helpline

The Department for Education Coronavirus (COVID19) helpline is available to answer questions about coronavirus (COVID19) relating to education and children's social care. Staff, parents and young people can contact this helpline on:-

0800 046 8687
Monday to Friday 8am to 6pm

The next newsletter will go home on:
Friday 16th October 2020

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Year 6 Parents

You should have received details about how to apply online for a secondary school place for your child. You need to apply for a school place online by 31st October. If we can be of any help in the process please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Welland in the school office.

As always it is crucial that applications are received by the deadline of 31st October. Online applicants will receive immediate confirmation of their preferences, but can change their minds any time until midnight on 31st October, and can log in to see their offers on the morning of Monday 1st March March 2021. Please apply at:

www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline

Detailed information on how to apply for your child's transfer to Secondary Education in September 2021 can be found at:

https://new.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-for-a-secondary-school-place

School Uniform

Thank you for supporting the correct school uniform. Please could you ensure that all long hair is tied back for school, earrings are kept to small studs, no other jewellery is to be worn. Please ensure that all items of clothing, water bottles, lunch boxes and snack pots are clearly marked with your child's name.

Children should be coming to school in black school shoes and not VANS or trainers. Trainers should only be worn on PE days.

Jumpers, PE T-Shirts, PE Hoodies, PE Joggers, PE kit bags, book bags and water bottles are available to purchase via Scopay under 'Products' throughout the year.

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

We are making the most of the autumnal days and are going to our wooded area regularly. The children love it and benefit from being outdoors. Our school PE team are working with us in the wooded area too, so we would be really grateful if you could send your child with a pair of wellies. We have plenty of waterproof trousers and coats, but are short on wellies. If you have any that your child has grown out of we can use them for spares.

If there have been any changes to your circumstances, change of address, change of employment, please let us know as you may be eligible for free school meals, pupil premium, or 30 hours funding. Please ask at the office for more information.

Class Pages on Website

www.ourladys.devon.sch.uk

Class pages have been updated on the website. Parent Information Sheets, and information about what your child's class are focusing on for the Autumn Term are available for you to view on these pages. Please go to the 'Children' tab and then the relevant class.

Attendance

The school closely monitors attendance on a weekly basis and we work in partnership with the Educational Welfare Officer.

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

School Dinners

Our school dinner menu can be found on the school website www.ourladys.devon.sch.uk under the 'Parents' tab or from the school office.

We will be launching an exciting new menu for use after the October half term. This will be sent home shortly.

School Dinner Menu for w/c 5th October: Jacket Potato with Cheese &/or Beans &/or Tuna, daily

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cheese & Tom Pizza Wedges or Jacket Potato	Chicken Tikka Masala or Veg Tikka Masala	Roast Pork & Roast Potatoes & Veg or Quorn Roast	Meat Balls or Macaroni Cheese	Southern Fried Chicken & Chips Or Quorn Dippers

School Dinner Menu for w/c 12th October:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cheese & Tom Pizza Wedges or Jacket Potato	Sausage and Mash Or Veggie Sausage	Roast Turkey & Roast Potatoes & Veg or Quorn Roast	Beef Lasagne or Macaroni Cheese	Fish Fingers & Chips Or Quorn Dippers

School Clubs

Monday Multi-Skills Club (4.15pm)
Miss Sloman (Fee)

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

Children entitled to free school meals (ie children whose parents receive certain benefits such as Income Support, Job Seeker's Allowance and other relevant benefits) are also entitled to receive a 50% discount towards the cost of afterschool clubs, music tuition and run by the school.

Start and Finish Times

BABs	08.45am—2.45pm
Robin	08.55am—3.10pm
Heron	08.50am—3.05pm
Puffin	09.00am—3.15pm
Owl	09.00am—3.15pm
Eagle	09.00am—3.15pm
Kingfisher	08.45am—3.05pm
Swallow	08.45am—3.05pm

Please adhere strictly to these drop off and pick up times to avoid congestion of busy areas. Thank you.

PE Days

When your child has PE they should be coming into school in their PE kits and remaining in them all day.

Robin	Wednesday and Thursday
Heron	Monday and Friday
Puffin	Tuesday and Thursday
Owl	Tuesday and Friday
Eagle	Monday and Wednesday
Kingfisher	Tuesday and Friday
Swallow	Monday and Thursday

PE lessons will continue to be held outside even in the rain so please ensure that your child has a waterproof coat, they may even need gloves and hats as we progress into the winter months.

As the weather gets colder, if you have not done so already, you can purchase, for £15, a PE Hoodie with the school logo for children to wear for PE. We also sell plain navy joggers for £11. School PE Kit bags are also available for £5. Please order these via Scopay.

Free Virtual Training Sessions for Parents of children with language and literacy difficulties. On Wednesday 14th October 2020 1.30-3pm. Please book a place if you are interested via the email below.
Sue.vanstone@babcockinternational.com

Symptoms checker

Devon County Council

Only people with COVID-19 symptoms need to **get tested** –
A high temperature
OR **new, continuous cough**
OR **loss or change to sense of smell or taste**
Visit **111.nhs.uk/covid-19** if you're not sure.

Symptoms	COVID-19 Mild to severe	Cold Gradual onset	Flu Rapid onset
Fever/high temperature (37.8°C or above)	Common	Rare	Common
New cough	Common (usually dry and continuous)	Sometimes	Common (usually dry)
Recent loss or change to sense of taste or smell	Common	Rare	No
Fatigue	Sometimes (common in children)	Sometimes	Common
Sneezing	No	Common	No
Aches and pains	Sometimes	Common	Common
Runny or stuffy nose	Rare	Common	Sometimes
Sore throat	Sometimes	Common	Sometimes
Diarrhoea	Rare (sometimes for children)	No	Sometimes (for children)
Headaches	Sometimes	Rare	Common
Shortness of breath	Sometimes	No	No

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Advice for Parents from Devon County Council

What if...	You need to...	Return to school...
My child has COVID-19 symptoms?	**Keep your child at home and tell school they have COVID-19 symptoms** • Get your child tested and tell school the result. • Self-isolate whole household while waiting for test result (If unable to get a test, child must self-isolate for 10 days from when their symptoms started and rest of household must self-isolate for 14 days)	if your child's test result is negative and they feel completely well. They should be without a high temperature for at least 24 hours.
My child tests positive for COVID-19?	**Keep your child at home and tell school test result** • Self-isolate your child for 10 days from when their symptoms started (or from day of test if no symptoms). • Self isolate your whole household for 14 days from when your child's symptoms started (or from day of test if no symptoms) even if someone else in the household tests negative during that time.	after completing 10 days self-isolation and they feel completely well. They should be without a high temperature for at least 24 hours. They can return to school even with a cough or loss/change of taste or smell as these symptoms can last for several weeks after the infection has gone.
We have travelled and must self-isolate due to quarantine rules?	**Keep your child at home and tell school** • Household members that travelled must self-isolate for 14 days, even if someone tests negative in that time. • Please do not take unauthorised leave during term, and consider quarantine requirements and government advice when booking travel.	when your child has completed 14 days self-isolation (even if they test negative during that time) and does not have any COVID-19 symptoms.
We receive advice from a medical/ official source that my child must resume shielding?	**Keep your child at home and contact school to discuss** • Shield your child until you are told that restrictions are lifted, and shielding is paused again.	when you are told that restrictions are lifted, and shielding is paused again.
My child has a runny/ stuffy nose or sore throat, but does not have COVID-19 symptoms	**Think about whether your child is well enough to go to school or not**	If you think your child is well enough, and they do not have any symptoms of COVID-19. Use the NHS111 symptom checker if you're not sure

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