



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.

Welcome

Welcome to the new school year. I hope that you had an enjoyable and relaxing summer. I would especially like to welcome all the new children, their families and new members of staff who have started at Our Lady's this term.

A special welcome to Mrs Daunton who joins us as our new SENCO, Mrs Everett who is our Reading Recovery Teacher, Mr Gammon who is one of our Breakfast and After School Club Assistants and Miss Cannon who is a mealtime assistant.

We thank our parents for their co-operation and patience with the new parking restrictions that have been imposed upon the school. Please could you be mindful that you do not stop on the yellow zig zag lines at the side entrance to let children out of cars. The school would be liable if a child were to get injured in this area. Please ensure that if you need to 'drop and go' that you do this at the front entrance where a member of staff will ensure your child/children get into school safely.

We are also asking parents to be mindful of our neighbours property when waiting to collect children from school. Please refrain from sitting or leaning on garden walls.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any concerns. I wish you, all our staff and children an enjoyable and successful year.

Prayer and Praise

Prayer and Praise is a whole school act of worship that includes our daily liturgy and the presentation of weekly awards to the children. All parents, family and parishioners are most welcome.

Prayer and Praise is on a Thursday morning at 9.15am and lasts for about half an hour. We would love to see you there.
Rob Meech

School Clubs

Letters for clubs are starting to be sent out. It is advised that you sign up quickly if your child wants a place. 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 (Yr5&6) (4.15pm)
Miss Sloman (Fee)
Started 11th September

Tuesday Homework (Yr 3&4) (4.15pm)
Mr Meech and Staff
Starts 19th September

Netball (Yr 5&6) (4.15pm)
Mrs Houle
Starts 19th September

Gardening Club (4.15pm)
Miss Mitchell
Starts 19th September

Wednesday Homework (Yr 5&6) (4.15pm)
Mr Meech and Staff
Starts 20th September

Karate (4.10pm)
Mike Leverton (Fee)
Started 13th September

Friday Tennis (Y1&2) (4.15pm)
Miss Sloman (Fee)
Starts 15th September

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, school trips, music tuition and holiday clubs run by the school.



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Reach for the Stars!

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

Congratulations to **Pixie Barnett** who was awarded a Swimming Achievement Certificate and a Certificate for the Stanley Award First Steps Series for Swimming.

Well done to **Bethan Silverlock** who has run a Marathon equivalent at Junior Park Run, completing 21 2km runs.

Congratulations to **Amber Ladyman** who was awarded her ASA Stage 4 Swimming Certificate and badge.

Well done to **Harrison Phillips** who has achieved his ASA Rainbow Swimming Award for 25m.

Congratulations also go to **Jessica Lake** who has achieved her ASA Rainbow Swimming Award for 5m .

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.

Congratulations

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

Jasmine Hooker
Adrianas Stancic
Kori Skinner
Zuzanna Filipczyk
Chloe-Jo Rippon
David Scholtz

We are very proud of you.



Star Learners

This term we are rewarding the very best learners in the school. These children come to lessons prepared; listen and join in well in class discussions; use their targets to improve their work; are willing to help others; always try their best and never give up.



We will be announcing the Star Learners for the week at Prayer and Praise on a Thursday. All Star Learners will receive a certificate and badge so look out for these in book bags!

The Star Learners will also have their photographs displayed in class and on the display board at the entrance to the school for the week.

Very well done to the following children who are our Star Learners for this week:-

Tristan Barnard
Adrianas Stancic
En Chen
Immanuel Mathew
Jessica Lake
Janice Jithesh
Millie Bishop



Parent Governor

We currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor. If you are interested in volunteering for this role, please send an application email giving some details about yourself and why you would like to be considered for the role to Claire Silverlock Clerk to Governors at clerk@olcs.uk by Friday 22nd September.

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, can change their minds anytime until midnight on 31st October, and can log in to see their offers on the morning of 1st March 2018. Please apply at:

www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline

Detailed information on how to apply for your child's transfer to Secondary Education in September 2018 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.

Our supplier of uniforms, Samuel Daw have been overwhelmed with the demand from schools over the summer and apologise for any problems this has caused. They have asked that we bear with them - they will honour all orders as soon as possible. School jumpers should be in stock by the end of September and they have plenty of PE T-shirts in stock currently apart from size 7-8.

PE kits should ideally be kept in school all week so that children have access to these to change for PE whenever needed.

In Prayer and Praise this week the children looked wonderful: smart and tidy and a real credit to yourselves and super ambassadors for the school. All of us at Our Lady's appreciate your efforts.



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

Welcome to all our families. We are delighted to have so many children. You have all accessed your Tapestry account, this is an excellent record of your child's progress and development. It is really helpful if you can add observations of your child at home, as a conversation starter for us with your child and so we can plan for their interests and strengths. Communication and language is one of the prime areas that we focus on in your child's early years. Talking and listening to each other is invaluable, not just for your relationship but also education. There is so much information and support for children and families, in recognition of the importance of language development. We have put some helpful hints from the 'Lets Talk More' Team on our website in the Barn a Bs Pre-School section. Your Health visitor can tell you more about this. Please ask us any questions, we are here to help. It would be great if you could help us too, for example:-

- Please could you name everything to help us locate bottles, bags, coats etc.
- Please keep home toys to an absolute minimum (or none!), they can get lost, damaged or cause arguments!
- Please could you see the office about changes to hours and see the kitchen regarding school dinners. Please ensure these are booked on line via SCOPAY.

School Council

Children in Y1 upwards have the chance to be a member of the School Council. To stand for election pupils need to write a manifesto that:

- Introduces themselves
- Explains why they want to be a School Council Representative
- Explains why they would be a good choice for their class

Parents are welcome to help their younger children to write their manifesto, but it is important that the child wants to be a School Council Representative.

All manifestos are to be handed to Miss Newcombe by Friday 29th September. Elections will be held in classes on Wednesday 4th October. The new School Council will be announced at Prayer and Praise on Thursday 5th October. Late manifestos will not be accepted.

Medicines in School

If your child is required to take a prescribed medicine please can you alter the times around the school day. If this is not possible then please complete a medicine form at the school office.

The school can only administer prescribed medicines in line with government requirements.

Non-prescribed medicines such as headache tablets, medicated lozenges, nasal sprays etc must not be carried by the children or left in book bags.

Asthma Inhalers

If your child has a diagnosis of asthma and has a prescribed inhaler to use in school, please contact the school office and complete a 'parental agreement for school to administer medicine' form. Please see your class teacher if you wish to discuss any concerns about your child's medical conditions.

Absences from School

If your child is absent from school **for any reason** please telephone the school office (01271 345164) first thing in the morning. Mrs Welland will chase up unexplained absences each morning and where possible make contact.

Please note that if your child has vomited or had diarrhoea, they must stay away from school until **48 hours** after the symptoms have stopped. If your child is unwell with symptoms of flu, please make sure they stay off school until they are fully recovered.

God of wisdom and might,
we praise you for the wonder of our being,
for mind, body and spirit.
Be with our children as they begin
a new school year.
Bless them and their teachers and staff.
Give the strength and grace as their bodies
grow;
wisdom and knowledge to their minds
as they search for understanding;
and peace and zeal to their hearts.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Healthy Snacks

Just a reminder that all Key Stage 1 children receive a free healthy snack for morning break. You are welcome to send Key Stage 2 children into school with a healthy snack (not chocolate or crisps). Children who would like to eat a healthy snack during afternoon break are more than welcome to bring this in from home.

Toast Club

From Monday 11th September toast will be served on a daily basis during the morning break. Just 30p for two slices of tasty wholemeal toast. You can pay on the day or in advance. Just give your money to your class teacher.



Year 6 Parent Open Evenings at Park and Pilton School

A reminder that all Year 6 parents are invited to attend the open evening at Pilton Community College on 18th September at 6.30pm.

Open mornings for our Year 6 children to attend are Monday 2nd October for Pilton Community College. We are still awaiting a date for Park School.

WE ARE
MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT



Mrs Sutton and Our Lady's School are holding a Coffee Morning in aid of MacMillan Cancer Support and Syrian Orphans on Friday 29th September from 9-10.30am in the school hall. Parents, families and friends are most welcome.

Cake donations will be gratefully received.

Breakfast and After School Club

Sessions for our Breakfast and After School Clubs can now be booked on line via SCOPAY. Breakfast sessions are from 7.45am until 8.50am at £3.80 with out breakfast and £4.30 with breakfast.

Afterschool Club sessions are from 3.15-4.15 with a snack for £4, 4.15-5.15pm for £4 or 3.15-4.15pm for £7.50. You can pay for these sessions and book in advance. Please see a member of the Admin Team if you need log in details.

School Dinners

We have a wide variety of hot, freshly cooked, school dinners on offer on a 3 weekly cycle. As well as the healthy main choice there is always a vegetarian option and a jacket potato with cheese and/or beans available. Fresh salad and bread are also available daily. The meals are all prepared on-site in our school kitchen. School dinners are free to all children from Robins to Puffin class and are a very competitive £2.30 per day for children in Owl class upwards.



School dinners can now be paid via the schools on line cash system SCOPAY. You should have received individual log in details for your child/children. If you need any assistance with registering to use this facility please see the School Office. The choice of meal for the day can be booked with the class teacher at registration in the morning.

Our school dinner menu can be found on the school website www.ourladys.devon.sch.uk or in the school entrance porch.

Lost Property

All items of school uniform, jumpers, water bottles etc that are found around the school will be reunited with their owners wherever possible by the end of the school day. Any items without names will be placed in a lost property box in the school hall.

Attendance

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



100% Attendance

It gives me great pleasure to congratulate 16 pupils on their 100% attendance (2016/17). Well done to the following children and their families.

Chloe Brown
Reagan Fee
Brogan Groves
Holly-Victoria Groves
Ellie-Mae Harman
Jaine Jithesh
Nohin Joseph
George Kerswell
Amber Ladyman
Alisha Lancey
Tony Mallaband-Whitham
Isla O'Grady
Drew Phillips
Bethan Silverlock
Matthew Silverlock
Aistis Tallis

Regular attendance and punctuality is crucial if children are to make good progress at school, we look forward to more children benefiting from being in school for every day that they can.

Autumn Term Dates

Dates for the term are attached to this newsletter, can be found on the school website or in the school porch. The term dates are subject to change and I would encourage parents to check the fortnightly newsletter for up to date information.

ParentMail

This newsletter will be sent to you via parentMail every fortnight. Please ensure that the school has an up to date email address for you and that you have registered to receive parentMails. For those of our parents that do not have an email address we will ensure that you get a paper copy of the newsletter sent home. Our Newsletter can also be found on the school website www.ourladys.devon.sch.uk.

If you are not receiving newsletters for any reason please see Mrs Welland or Mrs Silverlock in the school office.

The next newsletter will go home on: Friday 29th September 2017

Autumn Term 2017

Homework Dates

W/b: 18th September – 4th December (Half term week is not included)

4th September	Training Day for teachers
5th September	Children return
11th September	Football Club Y5&6 starts
13th September	Swimming starts for KINGFISHER (6 weeks)
13th September	Roald Dahl Day
13th September	Karate Club starts (10 weeks)
14th September	Open Evening at Park School—Y6
15th September	Parents' Information Sheet
15th September	Tennis Club Y1&2 starts (10 weeks)
18th September	Y6 Residential Week—Ultimate Adventure
18th September	Open Evening at Pilton Community College—Y6
19th September	Homework Club—Y3&4 starts
19th September	Netball Club—Y5&6 starts
20th September	Homework Club—Y5&6 starts
29th September	School Council Manifestos to be handed in
29th September	MacMillan and Syrian Orphans Coffee Morning 9am
2nd October	Individual School and Barn a Bs Photos
4th October	Class vote for school council
5th October	Announcement of school council/Head Boy/Girl 2017/18
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)
27th November	Last Football Club
30th November	Advent Service—PUFFIN
6th December	Last swimming for SWALLOW
8th December	PTFA Christmas Bingo and Raffle
8th December	Last Tennis Club
11th December	Whole School Mass at St Mary's—10am
13th December	Last Karate Club
13th December	School Christmas Dinner/Christmas Jumper Day
14th December	Nativity to school and parents — 10.30am at St Mary's
15th December	PTFA Children's Chocolate Raffle
15th December	Judging of PTFA Decorate a Christmas Tree Competition
15th December	PTFA Non Uniform Day
15th December	Christmas Holiday from 3.15pm
4th January 2018	Children and Staff Return

Prayer and Praise every Thursday morning from 9.15am.

All parents, carers and friends are welcome.