



# 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.

## PTFA Events

The PTFA will be holding a non uniform day on Friday 20th July. Children can come to school wearing whatever they like (sports wear, princess dresses, or just their own clothes). Please bring £1.

Ice-cream Fridays will be held after school, in the hall, on Friday 6th, 13th and 20th July.

There will be a cake sale on Friday 13th July from 9.15am to raise funds for outdoor play equipment. Any donations of cakes would be gratefully received. Please bring these to the school office by Thursday 12th July.

Thank you for your continued support which goes towards school funds to help all children.

We would welcome interest from any parents, carers or friends who would like to be involved in the PTFA committee from September. There will be a committee meeting near the start of the new term. Please see Mrs Hobson, Chair of PTFA.

*The PTFA are committed to raising money for the school and your children.*

**Thank you for your support.**

## Summer Term Dates

A reminder that Prayer and Praise takes place every Thursday morning from 9.15am. All parents, carers and friends are welcome.

29 <sup>th</sup> June	Summer BBQ—PTFA 5pm—7pm
2nd July	<b>Eagle Class Cricket Festival</b>
6th July	PTFA Ice-Cream Friday 3.15pm
6th July	<b>Swallow Class Bikeability</b>
9th July	Barnstaple Library attending assembly
12th July	<b>Essex Dance Company Trip (Rec-Yr5)</b>
12th July	Swallow Class Performance to parents 6-7.30pm
13th July	<b>Cake Sale 9.15am</b>
13th July	End of year reports sent home
13th July	<b>Swallow Class Bikeability</b>
13th July	PTFA Ice-Cream Friday 3.15pm
19th July	<b>Whole school open evening 6-7.30pm</b>
20th July	PTFA Non School Uniform Day £1
20th July	<b>PTFA Ice-Cream Friday 3.15pm</b>
23rd July	End of Year Mass, St Mary's Church 10am
24th July	<b>Sports Day—Pilton Community College 10am</b>
25th July	Last day of term
6th Sept	<b>Autumn Term Starts for Pupils</b>

## Year 6 Performance

This year's End of Year 6 Performance will take place on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July at 6pm. All family, friends and relatives are welcome to attend. Year 6 are rehearsing hard to make this a show to remember. Bring your hankies! Children will stay at school after the school day and have tea here before performing to you all at 6pm. If you have any questions email Mrs Chavasse [dchavasse@olcs.uk](mailto:dchavasse@olcs.uk)



## First Holy Communion

Congratulations to Nicola Osumek and David Przeworski who took their first holy communion on Sunday 17th June.





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

We've been managing to stay cool in Barn-a-b's by visiting the wooded area, wearing hats and using lots of sun cream. We use our own sun cream, but if you could apply a layer before they get to school that would really help. We've been drinking lots, filling up bottles, we can label the bottles each morning just ask and we will write names on.

The school will be having a saints day. The saint we have chosen to learn about is Saint Barnabas! The children have loved learning about bible stories recently. Our star learner, Wynter Williams, could retell David and Goliath. Tiani-Faith Passmore has also been star learner for being consistently kind and sharing.

For those children starting school in September School Jumpers and PE T-shirts can be brought from the school office before the end of term.

## School Jumpers and PE T-Shirts

Samuel Daws are now no longer selling our School Jumpers and PE T-Shirts. We are holding a stock of these in school and these can be purchased from the school office. All other items of uniform can be purchased from local supermarkets.

## Our Lady's School needs you!

The big school prize draw from National Book Tokens is back for its fifth year. Enter now to **win £5,000 of National Book Tokens for** Our Lady's enough to buy hundreds of new books for the library. And just in case that warm, fuzzy feeling isn't enough, you'll also get **£100 of National Book Tokens to spend on yourself!**



Accepted in thousands of bookshops and online, National Book Tokens are the perfect way to reward, encourage literacy and inspire a love of books.

Entry only takes a few seconds to do and the more entries we have from staff and parents the greater chance we have of winning!

Please go to:- <http://po.st/schools18>



## Reach for the Stars!

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

Congratulations to **Romeo Hleza** who won a trophy and a certificate when he was captain of the winning team in the North Devon Beavers football competition. **Romeo** was very excited to score 3 goals in the tournament (6 matches).

Well done to **Evelyn** and **Chloe Brown** who were awarded green Blue Peter Badges for taking part in a beech clean at Saunton sands.

Congratulations to **Summer-Jayne Robins-Ridd** who was awarded two medals for taking part in the Ice Cooler 2018 Cheerleading competition where her troop came first.

Well done to **Grace** and **Georgie-Mae Thurman** who took part in a majorettes completion recently. Grace was awarded the Best Mascot in Juniors trophy.

Congratulations to **Bethan Silverlock** who was awarded a finishers medal for completing the Bude Children's Triathlon.

Well done to **Alex Sim** who was awarded a mug for being the most enthusiastic member of the cast for the Wizard of Oz.

Congratulations to **Summer-Jayne Robins-Ridd** who was awarded a medal and certificate for coming second in the Club Competition 2018 at the Air Extreme Trampoline Academy.

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.



### Year 6 Trip to Lundy Island—Tuesday 19th June

Last Tuesday, Swallow Class crossed the waves to Lundy Island. We were lucky to see puffins, a seal and a new born foal. Collecting 'treasure' along the way, we learnt about plants that are unique to this beautiful island. Although it was shrouded in sea fog, we climbed the spiral staircase to the top of the lighthouse before heading to the church to make Journey Sticks, which will be displayed at the Open Evening. We all had a brilliant day and recommend you visit Lundy if you get the chance.

Please could parents double check that you have not accidentally got another child's jumper at home. We have had several jumpers (with names in) go missing from school. Thank you.

**The next newsletter will go home on:  
Friday 13th July 2018**

### Paws for a Book

#### Reading with the Dogs Helping Kids

Barnstaple Library we are very proud to work with Dogs Helping Kids to provide a programme that will improve children's reading and communication skills by children reading to a highly trained D.H.K. School Dog and its owner. The scheme has been in place for a number of years and has been very successful. **We currently we have vacancies for more children with Brady the Whippet.**



All of the Certified School Dogs are highly trained. They have impeccable temperaments, have undergone positive reinforcement training (for two years) and then have been rigorously assessed to ensure that they are competent and safe to work in the library environment. Their owners too have been trained and assessed, as it is very much about team work! To find out more about their work, visit their website [www.dogshelpingkids.co.uk](http://www.dogshelpingkids.co.uk).

**Why Read to a Dog?** – Dogs are amazing listeners, are non-judgemental, give unconditional acceptance, help increase relaxation & lower blood pressure, do not laugh or criticise, allow children to proceed at their own pace, and provide confidence, a sense of comfort & love.

#### Which children will benefit from reading to a DHK School Dog:-

- Children who are struggling readers
  - Children who are very slow readers
  - Children who are worried about reading out aloud in front of others
- Children who lack self confidence and self esteem

If you are interested in your child reading to one of our DHK School Dogs, please pop into Barnstaple Library. **Please note that children need to be aged 7 or over.** Alternatively, please ring 01271 318781 and ask for Kate Cooper, or email her at [Barnstaple.library@librariesunlimited.org.uk](mailto:Barnstaple.library@librariesunlimited.org.uk).



## Our Lady's Open Evening presents

### 'Night at the Museum II'

6pm until 7.30pm

Thursday 19th July

All children, family and friends are welcome to come and view children's work at our whole school topic open evening.



### Congratulations

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

Charlie Morris	Nathan Pavitt
Adam Dyer x2	Rosie Smith
Reagan Fee	Amy Bulley
Peter James Webb	Lexi-Mae Dunlop
Ebony Parkhouse	Nathan Davis
Carly Tucker	Todd Thorne
Billy O'Grady	Adam Dyer
Macie-Grace Hudson	Callum Curtis
Lushian Clay	



We are very proud of you

### Attendance

Congratulations to **SWALLOW** who have the highest attendance so far this year at **97.2%** closely followed by **EAGLE** at **97%**.



### Star Learners

Very well done to the following children who were our Star Learners for the last fortnight.



Tiani-Faith Passmore  
Albie Stevens  
Riley Yates  
Jaine Jitesh  
Cora Sherman Till  
David Przeworski  
Chloe McClure  
Carlie Tucker  
Wynter Williams  
Mira Prigodina  
Soloman Davey  
Tyran Tucker  
Ella Pawley  
Tyler Rudge  
Immanuel Mathews  
Maci Loder-Reid

### Morning Drop Off

There are children being dropped off very early in the playground each morning. There is no adult supervision in this area before school opens at 8.50am and we are finding that some of these children are getting involved in playing football, losing track of time and therefore coming into their classes late for registration. If you do need to drop your child/children off before school starts we have members of staff at the main front entrance gate from 8.40am or alternatively our Breakfast Club starts from 7.45am. Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

May the Lord bless you and take good care of you,  
May the Lord smile on you and be gracious to you,  
May the Lord look on you with favour and give you peace.

Amen



## VACANCY – OUR LADY’S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL – PART TIME CLEANER

Required from September 2018 – 9 hours per week @ £8.25 per hour – term time only



We are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic, committed and motivated individual to join our Caretaker and undertake cleaning of set areas including classrooms, cloakrooms and toilets.

At Our Lady's we aim to provide a Christian, caring, secure family environment where each child is valued as a unique individual who is able to benefit from and contribute to the life of the school.

We value the trust placed in us by parents of the children in our care and we strive to ensure that all our children prosper and thrive. The environment we create is one where the children feel confident, secure, valued and able to express their views and opinions whilst understanding the importance of listening to others.

We are looking for someone who :

- is able to take the lead and work their own initiative
- remains calm in a busy environment
- is able to work as part of a team
- is flexible, adaptable & has a willing approach
- is enthusiastic and has a "can do" attitude
- is willing to support the ethos of the school

Please note this job will involve manual handling on a daily basis.

Application packs are available from Mrs Wells in the school office – please email [adminbarn@olcs.uk](mailto:adminbarn@olcs.uk)

**Our Lady's is committed to safeguarding and a full DBS check and references will be required for the successful candidate.**

Closing date for applications:- 13/07/2018



### Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) How does it work in Devon?

#### Sessions for parent carers

What support is there for children with SEND?  
What is 'assess, plan, do, and review'?  
What is the SEND Local Offer?

We aim to help you understand the system in Devon.  
To book a place, click on the Eventbrite link.

<https://sendeventbraunton.eventbrite.co.uk>

Date: Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2018

Time: 10am-12noon

Venue: Southmead Primary School  
Braunton  
EX33 2BU

For more information, call 01392 383000 ask for SEND Local Offer  
Email: [sendlocaloffer@devon.gov.uk](mailto:sendlocaloffer@devon.gov.uk)



comedy, drama, dance, spoken word,  
music, circus and puppetry in a  
multitude of combinations

232 performances over 4 days

children's shows, shows for the  
whole family and shows for an older  
audience - something for everyone

### Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June - Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July

**Fringe TheatreFest** brings together actors, comedians, dancers, musicians, poets and puppeteers, from local Primary School pupils to internationally known full-time professionals. Together they produce an extraordinary range of theatre in all sorts of unlikely places around Barnstaple town centre: circus in Green Lanes Shopping Centre, puppet horror in The Baptist Hall, stand-up in Escape Down The Rabbit Hole.

**Grab a brochure** - from the Library (upstairs), the Queen's Theatre, Barnstaple Coffee Shop (opposite Iceland on the High Street), Neros, The BikeShed (on The Square), and most hairdressers. **Find us on the web:** [theatrefest.co.uk](http://theatrefest.co.uk)

There are shows for **younger family members** - *The Enormous Turnip*, *Sticky Ends*, *Friendly Ever After*. There's a ton on offer for **teens and young adults**; it depends what you like but start with the shows in *The Guildhall* and *St Anne's*. And the *Golden Lion Tap* hosts a comedy programme that's more suitable for slightly **older audiences**.

And **it's priced as low as can be**. £6 full, £4 concessions and a special deal that means you can see 6 shows for just £18 - £3 a show.

