



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 Miss Reed and Mr Gammon who join us as Teaching Assistants and Miss Blackmore who is a mealtime assistant. We are also delighted that Mrs Everett will be working additional hours as our Reading Specialist with Key Stage 1.

We thank our parents for their co-operation and patience with the continued parking restrictions 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 have been sent out recently. Below are the clubs that are running this half term, the finishing time, the adult responsible and the start date for the club.

Monday Dodgeball Club (Yr3-5) (4.15pm)
Miss Sloman (Fee)
Starts 17th September

Tuesday Homework (Yr 3&4) (4.15pm)
Mr Meech and Staff
Starts 18th September

Netball (Yr 5&6) (4.15pm)
Mrs Houle
Starts 18th September

Wednesday Homework (Yr 5&6) (4.15pm)
Mr Meech and Staff
Starts 19th September

Friday Tennis (Y1&2) (4.15pm)
Miss Sloman (Fee)
Starts 14th 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.

The next newsletter will go home on: Friday 28th September 2018



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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 **Dakota Skinner, Bailey Gwynn, Elena Gwynn and Summer-Jayne Robins-Ridd** who were awarded certificates for completing the Library 'Mischievous Makers' Summer Reading Challenge.

Congratulations to **Evie Jones** who was awarded her Level 2 Swim England Certificate.

Well done to **Billy O'Grady** who has achieved his Level 1 Swim England Certificate.

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 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 28th September.

Congratulations

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

Simone White
Harvey Moore
Will Harman
Leo Davies

We are very proud of you.



Citizen of the Week

This term we are rewarding the very best citizens in the school. These children demonstrate the values of being a British citizen. They make the most of their opportunities in school using their voice to help others and engage fully in the life of the school.



We will be announcing the Citizen of the week at Prayer and Praise on a Thursday. All Citizens will receive a certificate and their photo will be displayed around the school outside their class on the British Values board.

Very well done to the following children who are our first Citizens of the week:-

Noah McCluskey
Hayden Rigler
Lucy Hook
Willow Millar
Reese Elshout
Caitlin Clarkson
Roe Hawkins
Oliver Lear
Nathan Pavitt



Wednesday 10th October 2018 is World Mental Health Day. All children & Staff to wear yellow in support of 'Young Minds' - all for £1.00

R U OK?

YOUNG MINDS

#HelloYellow

10.10.18



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.

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.

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 Monday 17th September at 6.00pm, 7.15 or 8pm. The open evening at Park School is on Thursday 20th September at 5.45PM. Headteacher talks at 6.15 and 7.15pm.

Open mornings for our Year 6 children to attend are 9am on 19th, 20th and 21st September for Pilton Community College. We are still awaiting a date for Park School's opening morning as currently it falls during our Year 6 Residential Week.



**'LAUGHING.
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GETTING TOGETHER...
AND HELPING FAMILIES
AFFECTED BY CANCER.'**

**Our Lady's School are holding a Coffee Morning
in aid of MacMillan Cancer Support on
Friday 28th September from
9-10.30am in the school hall.**

Parents, families and friends are most welcome.

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.

*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 them 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.*

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 from the school office.

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 21st September. Elections will be held in classes on Thursday 1st October. The new School Council will be announced at Prayer and Praise on the same day. Late manifestos cannot be accepted.

100% Attendance

It gives me great pleasure to congratulate 12 pupils on their 100% attendance (2017/18). Well done to the following children and their families.

Hannah Bale
Amy Bulley
Woody Farmery
Will Harman
Darcie Harrison
Sheetal Mathew
Lola Meech
Harvey-Jay Moore
Nicola Osumek
Drew Phillips
Bethan Silverlock
Darcie Steele

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.

Events at Barnstaple Library

Autumn Flowers Workshop - Saturday 29 September, 14.00-16.00

On request from participants who attended the Spring Flowers workshop, the Barnstaple Floral Art Club have kindly agreed to run an Autumn Flowers workshop. The cost to cover flowers, materials and refreshments is £7.50 per person, please note that tickets must be purchased in advance at Barnstaple Library. This is always a popular workshop and unfortunately places are limited, so book asap to avoid disappointment.

Start-Up Day 2018 at Barnstaple Library - turn your brilliant idea into a business Thursday 20 September

Thinking of starting a business? Join us for workshops, designed to help you turn your great idea into a reality. Meet like-minded people and talk to seasoned business experts. Workshops will be followed by networking and a buffet. Finishing the day, a couple of local businesses will share the secrets of their success as well as tasters of their products!!

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Senior School
OPEN WEEK
8th - 12th October 2018



Come and see our Senior School 'in action' and chat informally to teachers and pupils about school life here at Shebbear. Enjoy a tour of the school, including our new Music Centre and new Sixth Form Centre, and meet with the Headmaster who will answer any of your questions. You are welcome to simply drop in during the week, however we recommend that you book an appointment.

Book today on 01409 282001 or email registrar@shebbearcollege.co.uk

Autumn Term 2018

Homework Dates W/b: 17th September - 10th December (Half term week is not included)

6th September	Children return
10th September	Reception Class Children Commence
12th September	Swimming starts for KINGFISHER (6 weeks)
14th September	Tennis Club Y1&2 starts (12 weeks)
17th September	Dodgeball Club Y3&4 starts (5 weeks)
17th September	Open Evening at Pilton Community College—Y6
18th September	Homework Club—Y3&4 starts
18th September	Netball Club—Y5&6 starts
19th September	Homework Club—Y5&6 starts
20th September	Open Evening at Park School—Y5 & Y6
20th September	Menu Change—Harvest Festival Lunch—Chicken Casserole and Dumplings
21st September	Parents' Information Sheet
21st September	School Council Manifestos to be handed in
24th September	Y6 Residential Week—Ultimate Adventure
28th September	MacMillan Coffee Morning 9am
1st October	Individual School and Barn a Bs Photos
1st October	Menu Change—Traditional British Lunch Day —Fish and Chips
1st October	School vote for school council and announcement
2nd October	Experience Harvest—Whole School
4th October	Announcement of Head Boy/Girl 2018/19
8th October	Flu Vaccinations
15th October	Parent Consultations
16th October	Parent Consultations
16th October	No Homework Club Y3&4
17th October	Last Swimming for KINGFISHER
18th October	Harvest Thanksgiving—OWL Class
19th October	PTFA Non Uniform Day and Cake Sale

19th October Half term begins at 3.15pm

29th October	SCHOOL CLOSED — Non Pupil Day
30th October	Pupils return to school
31st October	Swimming starts for SWALLOW (6 weeks)
5th November	Football Club Y5&6 starts (6 weeks)
9th November	SCHOOL CLOSED—Non Pupil Day
29th November	Advent Service—PUFFIN
5th December	Last swimming for SWALLOW
5th December	Scholastic Book Fair (Until 10th December)
7th December	PTFA Christmas Bingo and Raffle
10th December	Last Football Club
14th December	Last Tennis Club
17th December	Whole School Mass at St Mary's—10am
19th December	School Christmas Dinner/Christmas Jumper Day
20th December	Nativity to school and parents —10.30am at St Mary's
21st December	PTFA Children's Chocolate Raffle
21st December	Judging of PTFA Decorate a Christmas Tree Competition
21st December	PTFA Non Uniform Day
21st December	Christmas Holiday from 3.15pm
7th January 2019	Children and Staff Return

Prayer and Praise every Thursday morning from 9.15am. All parents, carers and friends are welcome.