



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.

Autumn Term Dates

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| 22nd November | Swimming for SWALLOW |
| 24th November | SCHOOL CLOSED—Non Pupil Day |
| 27th November | Last Football Club |
| 27th November | SWALLOW—School Nurse (Height and Weight checks) |
| 27th November | PTFA Decorate a Christmas Trees go on sale |
| 29th November | Swimming for Swallow |
| 30th November | Advent Service—PUFFIN |
| 6th December | Last swimming for SWALLOW |
| 7th December | Last Gymnastics Club |
| 8th December | PTFA Christmas Bingo and Raffle |
| 8th December | Last Tennis Club |
| 11th December | Whole School Mass at St Mary's—10am |
| 11th December | PTFA Decorated Christmas Trees back to school |
| 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 |
| 18th—22nd Dec | Christmas Holiday Club |
| 4th January | Children and Staff Return |

A reminder that both the school and pre-school will be closed on Friday 24th November for a Non Pupil Day.

Primary Admissions 2018/19

Was your child born between 1 September 2013 and 31 August 2014?

Applications can be made from 15th November for a primary school place for September 2018. You must apply for your child's school place by 15th January 2018 for primary school admissions in September 2018.

You can apply for a school place online at:
www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline
Or

If you cannot access the school admissions website you can get more information by calling the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019 or by emailing :-
primaryschooladmissions@devon.gov.uk.

If you need help applying online or haven't got internet access at home please contact the school, we would be more than happy to help you. You can view your offer on-line from 16th April 2018.

Please ensure that the 2018 Supplementary Form for this school is returned to the school office by 15th January 2018. This form is available from the school office, Barn a B's Pre-School or via the school's website:- www.ourladys.devon.sch.uk under 'Key Documents' and in the 'Admissions' section.

Without this form your child may be lower in the priorities for admission and risk not getting a place at Our Lady's School.

Thank you to everyone that helped support our 'Spotty Day' for Children in Need today.

School Clubs

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

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| Monday | Football Club (Yr4, 5&6) (4.15pm) Miss Sloman (Fee) |
| | Science Club (Yr4) (4.15pm) Mr Barnard - club full Club runs until 11th December |
| 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 |
| | Choir (Yr2 and above) (4.00pm) Mrs Hynes |
| Thursday | Gymnastics (Yr3&4) (4.15pm) Miss Sloman (Fee) |
| Friday | Tennis (Y1&2) (4.15pm) |

Star Learners

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



Arianne Henry
Nnenna Amandiogu
David Scholtz
Alysha Stribling
Elena Gwynn
K-lib Groves
Chase Spencer
Jamie Oke
Jake Langley
Dolton Parkhouse
Amber McClure
Joseph Smyth
Millie Harley
Caitlin Clarkson
Alisha Lancey

Congratulations

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

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| Adam Dyer | Summer-Jane Robins-Ridd |
| Lexi-Mai Dunlop | Reese Elshout |
| Nnenna Amandiogu | Lily-May Morgan |
| Aistis Tallis | Will Harman |
| Paige Loman | Alysha Stribling |
| Kori Skinner | Leah Dennis |
| Immanuel Mathew | Macie-Grace Hudson |
| Malita Stancic | Alex Sim |
| Grace Thurman | James Harmon- |
| Lola Meech | Clarke |
| Annabella Trickey | Tyran Tucker |
| David Scholtz | Amy Bulley |
| Harvey Moore | Callum Curtis |
| Isla Lowry | Chloe Brown |

We are very proud of you.

Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas lunch will be on Wednesday 13th December at a cost of £2.30 (except for Reception and KS1 children who receive free school meals). If you would like your child to have a school Christmas lunch, turkey and all the trimmings, on this day please book with Mrs Mallaband-Whitham in the school kitchen by Friday 1st December.



Letters with booking slips will be sent home shortly. Even if your child normally receives school dinners and/or free school meals, please ensure that this festive lunch is booked separately. Children and staff are invited to wear a Christmas Jumper for the day at no charge.



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

We have been learning lots of number songs in Barn-a-b's and are currently on 10 Little Men in a Flying Saucer. The children are talking about rockets, astronauts and aliens.

We are finding out about baptism. If you had your child baptised please talk to them about it – who went, where did you go, have you got any photos?

Our nativity this year is going to be on 14th December at the church. There will be more details nearer the time but if your child isn't in on a Thursday you can bring them along to church and meet us there. We are going to be finding out more about churches in the next few weeks.

There is some really useful information on the following website that we would encourage you to look at. Tying in with what your child is doing in Barn-a-b's, have a look at the mathematics section and follow the age bracket of your child. The website is www.4children.org.uk and go to the section titled 'What to Expect, When?'

Please refer to the information in the main part of the newsletter about applying for your child's school place.

Another reminder to make sure you are applying, and then re-checking, via HMRC if you wish to claim the 30 hours funding for your child.

We have had several cases of Headlice in Barn a b's. It is important that children's and close family members' hair is checked regularly over the next four weeks. This can be done by:-

1. Applying any conditioner to wet hair.
2. Leaving conditioner in hair for at least 20 mins.
3. Comb hair with a 'louse combe' (available from chemists or supermarkets).
4. Rinse hair thoroughly.

This 'wet combing' method should be carried out every other day for two weeks. This will ensure that all live lice, including any which might have hatched during the two week period, are removed.

Please take note of the non-pupil day on Friday 24th November. Barn-a-b's, along with Our Lady's will not be open.

PTFA Christmas Events

We have some fun events planned in the lead up to Christmas:-

Christmas Bingo and Raffle

Friday 8th December at 6pm for 6.30pm start. More information will be sent home shortly but please could we ask for donations to enable us to make up our hamper prizes and prizes for the raffle. Any bottles (alcoholic preferably!), chocolates, Christmas crackers, biscuits, smellies, Christmas puddings, cakes and mince pies. Please bring any items to the school office.

Decorate a Christmas Tree Competition

Paper trees can be purchased from 27th November for £1 for display in the hall by Monday 11th December. Prize winners will be announced on Friday 15th December.

Children's Chocolate Raffle and Non Uniform Day

Friday 15th December. Any chocolate donations for this event will be gratefully received. Children can pay £1 and wear what they like for the day.

Thank you to everyone who helps support our PTFA events which help raise funds for the school to purchase Chromebooks, events and treats for our children.

The next PTFA Committee Meeting will take place on Friday 26th January at 2pm. All welcome to attend.

The PTFA are dedicated to raising funds for the school and your children.

PTFA Committee Announcement

Following the PTFA AGM on Friday 10th November we are pleased to announce that Laura Hobson was elected as the new Chair of the PTFA. Michelle Welland was elected as the new Treasurer and Dawn Williams as the Secretary. We look forward to working with the new PTFA Committee and members in the various fundraising events they run during the year.

If anyone is interested in helping as a member of the PTFA please contact Laura Hobson or speak to Claire or Michelle in the school office.

On-line Safety, Some Advice for Parents

Parental Controls

Controls are not a single solution to staying safe online; talking to your children and encouraging responsible behaviour is critical. However, controls are a vital first step to helping to protect your child online, and here seven simple things you can do to use them effectively:

1. Set up home broadband parental controls and make use of controls on your home broadband.
2. Set controls on your search engine; encourage your child to always use child-friendly search engines, and activate and lock the safe search settings on the browsers and platforms they use.
3. Make sure every device is protected. Controls should be installed on every device your child uses, such as their mobile phone, tablet and games consoles (both home and handheld).
4. Use privacy settings. Activate the safety measures offered by different sites; social networking sites like Facebook have privacy settings that will help prevent your child seeing unsuitable advertising or sharing too much with other people.
5. Block pop-ups. If you're worried about your children accessing inappropriate content though accidentally clicking on adverts in pop-ups, follow the advice from BBC Webwise on how to stop these.
6. Find good sites and agree on them as a family. By talking to your child about their interests you can help them find suitable sites to visit and apps to use. Review these sites as they get older.
7. Manage their use and access. Children may be very worried that your response to a problem will be to take away their internet access. Whilst this may be an appropriate response in some cases, the threat may be a barrier for a child who needs help. Be aware of this when talking to them about their internet use, and reassure them that they can talk to you or a trusted adult whenever they need to.



Reach for the Stars!

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

Well done to **George Kerswell** who achieved his 3rd Kyu Diploma for his Blue Belt in Karate.

Congratulations to **Cody Wonnacott** who won a medal for football.

Well done to **Kori Skinner** who achieved his Level 1 'Learn to Swim' Certificate.

Congratulations to **Troy White, Chase Spencer, Oscar Meech, Woody Farmery, Oskar Chezkowski** and **Jake Langley** who won medals at the inter-school volleyball competition at Petroc College. Well done to **Lola Ridgeway, Tia Phillpotts, Jamie Oke** and **Alphy Siby Cherian** who also proudly represented the school at this event.

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.

Operation Christmas Child

It is lovely to be able to deliver lots of beautifully wrapped shoe boxes for this Christmas appeal. Thank you to all our families that took part in this worthwhile charity.



God of compassion and mercy, we turn to you,
we seek your help in our distress.

May we always seek to be a light for others
bringing hope in place of despair.

Pour out, we pray, your consoling love
upon our brothers and sisters in the Philippines.

Bring comfort to those who mourn,
shelter and sustenance to all those in need.

Amen



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 make contact. Please ensure that all your contact details are up to date.

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. Thank you.

Scopay On-line Payments

Don't forget you can book and pay for our Breakfast Club and After School club via our online booking system via scopay.com. Dinner money can also be paid on this system. It is easy to log in. You just need your individual log in details that were sent home a few weeks ago. If you have mislaid these or need any help or assistance with logging into Scopay please see a member of the Admin Team who will be happy to assist you.

All parents that have registered to use the Scopay system by Friday 1st December will be entered into a prize draw for a small prize on Monday 4th December.

Good Luck!

Remembering Our Armed Forces



On Friday the 10th November, Kingfisher class went to Rock Park for the children's Remembrance Day service. Our school councillors laid our wreath on the War Memorial and we all put wooden crosses in the flower beds. After the Last Post was played, we had a one minute silence to think of the soldiers who fought in the war. Then Reveillé was played and we sang a song. Kingfisher class represented our school really well and we were all proud of them.



Attendance

Congratulations to **EAGLE** who have the highest attendance so far this year at **98.1%** closely followed by **HERON** at **97.4%** and **SWALLOW** at **97.3%**.



Calling All Singers!

The Our Lady's School Community Adult and Child Choir meets every Wednesday (during term time) from 3.15pm-4.00pm in the school hall. Children from Year 2 and above are all welcome to attend. All abilities of singers welcome. Parents, Grandparents, Carers and friends please come along and join the fun.



School Website

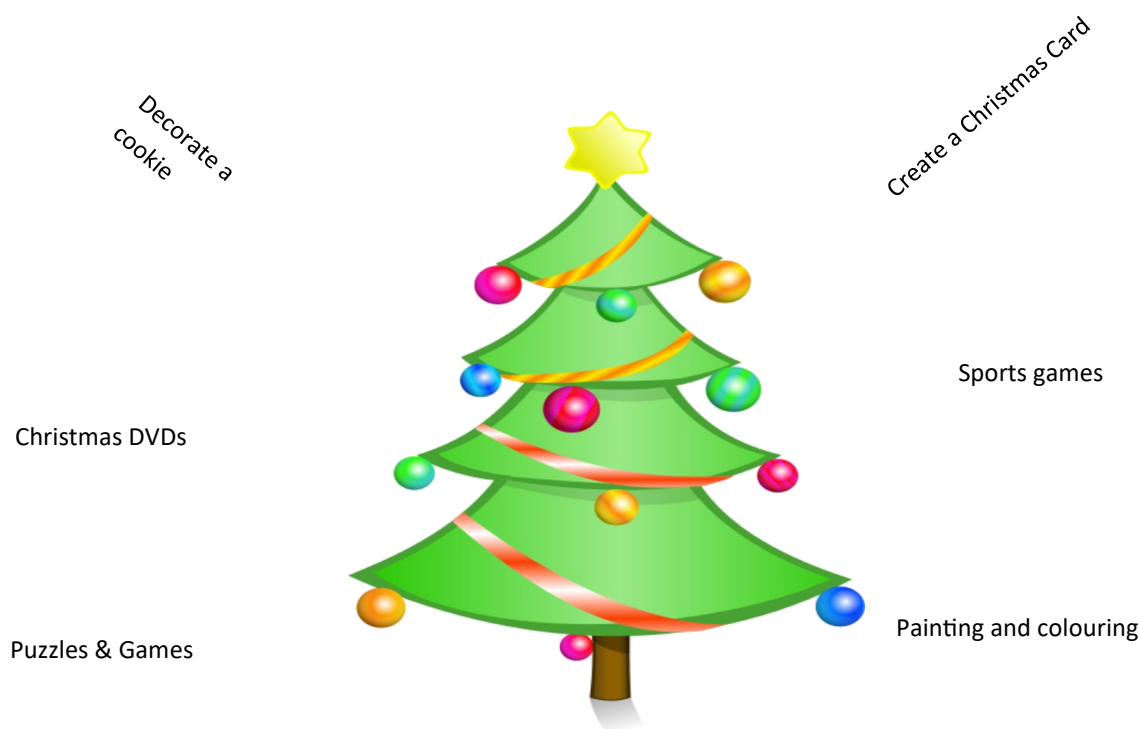
We have updated the website with photos taken at recent class trips and events. You will find these under the 'Children' section. We have also created a 'Phonics' page under the 'Parents' section which our Key Stage 1 parents may find helpful. The 'PTFA' page under the 'Parents' section has also been updated with our new committee details.

Please visit www.ourladys.devon.sch.uk

The next newsletter will go home on:

Friday 1st December 2017

Our Lady's Christmas Holiday Club



Monday 18th December—Friday 22nd December

Two sessions available:

8am-1pm £15

8am-5pm £25

PAY FOR 4 FULL DAYS AND GET THE 5th DAY FREE!

**First come first served—25 space available (school-aged
children only)**

Please contact the office now to book your sessions.

The school reserves the right to cancel the club if there is insufficient interest.