

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.

A warm welcome back to school following the halfterm break. The children have all settled in well and are working and behaving exceptionally well - thank you for your support with this!

With the prevalence of covid continuing to be a cause for concern, the school has made a couple of tweaks to our risk assessment.

For the foreseeable future there will be no whole school assemblies. We have also reduced the number of children in the hall at lunchtimes by returning to children with packed lunches eating them in their classrooms.

Can I also remind you that no adults should be in school unless this has been agreed with the school. If you do have an appointment that requires you to be in school then you must take a Lateral Flow Test (LFT) beforehand and wear a facemask. If you require an LFT these can be obtained from the office.

As we move towards the end of term, we hope to be able to return to some of the traditional Christmas festivities that Our Lady's is known for. However, we will continue to monitor the situation and act in accordance with national and Plymouth CAST trust guidelines to ensure the school community is kept safe.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Mr Meech Executive Headteacher

Autumn Term Dates

Weds 10th Nov	Deadline for consent for a flu
	vaccination
Mon 15th Nov	Applications open for Primary
	Admissions for Sept 2022
Mon 15th Nov	Last day for Shoebox Appeal
Weds 17th Nov	Flu Vaccinations R-Y6
Thu 16th Dec	Last day of term
Fri 15th Dec	Christmas Holidays Begin—School
	Closed
Mon 3rd Jan	Non Pupil Day—School Closed
Tue 4th Jan	Pupils Return to School
Sat 15th Jan	Last day to apply for a primary
	school place for Sept 2022

Multi Skills Festival

Year 3 went to a multiskills festival and showed impeccable behaviour and sporting attitude despite the rain. A great day was had by all.

As a school we have signed up to access the National on-line Safety software.



They provide regular updates and access to short videos that will help you stay informed on the latest online safety news, quickly gain practical tips and advice, and access free online resources.

Please can you register via the link below to allow you to start accessing these useful and important resources:

https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/our-lady-s-school

Anyone who registers and completes an online training course will receive one entry into a prize draw for a £50 Tesco Voucher. The deadline for this is Friday 3rd December

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



Welcome back. We are looking forward to the next half term, even though it's getting colder and darker, there's lots of fun times to look forward too as well.

School place applications open in November. You should get an email if your child is eligible to start school in 2022. If you have any problems come in and see us, or Mrs Welland in the office. Our advice is to do it straight away, the closing date is in January, but it's easy to forget all about it!

We will be in touch on tapestry to keep you updated.

Scopay Payments

Invoices will be sent out shortly for monies due for Breakfast and After School Clubs and Pre-School fees. We send weekly reminders for dinner money to be settled if this has reached more than a week's worth of meals. Please could these be settled via Scopay (ideally) or cash to the school office. Some of these are for small amounts that continue to be issued each month without being settled. To keep our administration costs down it is important that these are paid on time. Thank you for your co-operation.

Attendance

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



Primary Admissions 2022/23

Was your child born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018?

Applications can be made from 15th November for a primary school place for September 2022. You must apply for your child's school place by 15th January 2022 for primary school admissions in September 2022.

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 2022.

Please ensure that the 2022 Supplementary Form for this school is returned to the school office by 15th January 2022. 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.

We are still collecting for the shoe boxes for Christmas until the 15th November. It is a such a wonderful way to send great joy around the world to those that are less fortunate.



Your child does not have to complete a whole shoe box but can bring in a contribution towards it, so it then can be finished in the classroom.

You can make the difference towards a child's Christmas.

Leading up to the week of remembrance we pray for all the departed, especially family members and friends.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

> The next newsletter will go home on: Friday 26th November 2021

Thanking you in advance.

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Ten Ten Newsletter

The Ten:Ten November Newsletter is available to view via the link below: https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/

Flu Nasal Vaccinations

Your child is in Year R to Year 6 from September 2021 and is therefore eligible for a Free Nasal Childhood Flu Vaccination. The immunisation team will be visiting your child's school on: **Wednesday 17th November 2021**

Flu vaccination is one of the most effective interventions we have to reduce pressure on the health and social care system, which is going to be more important than ever this year. For this reason, it is essential we deliver the vaccine to as many children as possible to protect them and prevent the spread of infection to those most at risk in society.

Considering the above, we are expecting demand to be high and therefore we urge you to follow the below link to consent to your child's vaccination asap. Even if you do not want your child to receive this vaccination, please complete the consent form stating "decline". On this link you will also find answers to your FAQ's and links to the current Public Health England and manufacturers leaflets. We recommend you discuss this vaccination with your child prior to the date of vaccination.

Prior to completion of the consent, we would like each individual child's unique NHS number – this can be found in their red book, or via this link:

Find your NHS number - NHS (www.nhs.uk) Please note, this field is not mandatory so if you are experiencing problems finding/accessing your child's NHS number then you can leave this blank.

To complete the consent/decline please click on the link below:

https://schoolimms.virgincare.co.uk/flu/2021/devon

We will be operating a strict policy of closing the consent links and your school's link will close at midnight on the **10th November 2021**. If you miss this deadline, your child(ren) will not be vaccinated at school and you will be offered the opportunity to book them into a local community catch up clinic. This also applies if your child is absent or refuses the vaccination at school.

If you have any difficulties with completing the consent form, please contact the Immunisation Team on our Single Point of Access (SPA).

Tel: 0300 247 0082 Email: vcl.immunisations@nhs.net

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The Governors of Our Lady's Catholic Primary School, Barnstaple are seeking to appoint a positive and inspiring Nursery Assistant to support children with SEND, starting as soon as possible. They are keen to accommodate the best candidates who will make a positive impact on our school and standards. Applicants with experience are encouraged to apply.

We offer:

- A welcoming school with a strong Catholic ethos
- Children who are polite, happy and motivated to learn
- A supportive staff team who genuinely want the best for our pupils
- A commitment to your own professional development

The successful candidate will:

- Be happy to support the Catholic ethos of our school
- Be committed to creating challenge, excitement, creativity and independence in learning
- Be dedicated to raising standards and be a good role model
- Have excellent organisational and communication skills
- Be dynamic, resilient and hard working with a positive nature
- Be able to work as part of a team and establish positive relationships with pupils, parents, governors and staff
- Have a reflective and evaluative approach to their practice

Required: As soon as possible

Salary: Grade B - £9.24 ph

Contract: Fixed Term, Part-Time: 17 hours Wednesday – Friday 9-12 12.30-3

Visits to the school are encouraged (COVID Restrictions allowing). To arrange a visit, please contact Claire Silverlock, Administrator by email at csilverlock@olcs.uk or contact the school on 01271 345164.

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. An enhanced DBS Disclosure is required for this post.

Closing Date: Monday 12th November 2021 Interviews: Monday 22nd November 2021 Shortlisted candidates will be notified by email

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At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one app of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Piease visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tios for adults

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

Snapchat is a photo- and video-sharing app which also allows users to chat with friends via text or audio. Users can share images and videos with specific friends, or through a 'story' (documenting the previous 24 hours) visible to their entire friend list. Snapchat usage rose during the pandemic, with many young people utilising it to connect with their peers. The app continues to develop features to engage an even larger audience and emulate current trends, rivalling platforms such as TikTok and Instagram.

CONNECTING WITH STRANGERS

Even if your child only connects on the app with people they know, they may still receive friend requests from strangers. Snapchat's links with apps increased this possibility. Accepting a request means that children are then disclosing personal information through the Story, SnapMap and Spotlight features. This could allow predators to gain their trust for sinister purposes.

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EXCESSIVE USE

There are many features that are attractive to users and keep them excited about the users to send snaps daily, Spotlight Challenges give users to the chance to obtain money and online fame, and the Spotlight feature's scroll of videos makes it easy for children to spend hours watching content. 00 -

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some videos and posts on Snapchat are not suitable for children. The hashtags used to group content are determined by the poster, so an innocent search term could still yield age-inappropriate results. The app's Discover function lets users swipe through snippets of news stories and trending articles that often include adult content. There is currently no way to turn off this feature.

Advice for Parents & Carers

Rec Accountis PRIVALE Profiles are private by default, but children may make them public to gain more followers. Your child can send Snaps directly to friends, but Stories re visible to everyone they have added, unless they change the settings. If they use SnapMaps, their location is visible unless 'Ghost Mode' is enabled (again via settings). It's prudent to emphasise the importance of not adding people they don't know in real life. This is particularly important with the addition of My Places, which allows other Snapchatters to see the places your child regularly visits and checks in: strangers, bullies and groomers could use this information to engage in conversation and arrange to meet in person.

#NOFILTER

Add ME

TURN OFF QUICK ADD

The Quick Add function helps people find each other on the app. This function works based on mutual friends or whether someone's number is in your child's contacts list. Explain to your child that this feature could potentially make their profile visible to strangers. We recommend that your child turns off Quick Add, which can be done in the settings (accessed via the cog icon). +

CHAT ABOUT CONTENT

Talk to your child about what is and isn't wise to share on Snapchat (e.g. don't post explicit images or videos, or display (dentifiable defails like their school uniform). Remind them that once something is online, the creator loses control over where it might end up – and who with. Additionally, Snapchat's 'Spotlight' feature has a #challenge like TiKrok's: it's vital that your child understands the potentially harmful consequences of taking part in these challenges.

Meet Our Expert

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TALK ABOUT SEXTING

SEXTING

Sexting continues to be a risk associated with Snapchat. The app's 'disappearing messages' feature makes it easy for young people (teens in particular) to share explicit images on impulse. While these pictures do disappear – and the sender is notified it has been screenshotted first – users have found alternative methods to save images. Switch as toting

to save images, such as taking pictures with a separate device. DAMAGE TO CONFIDENCE

Snapchat's filters and lenses

VISIBLE LOCATION

Snapchat's filters and lenses are a popular way for users to enhance their 'selfie game'. Although many are designed to entertain or amuse, the 'beautify' filters on photos can set unrealistic body image expectations and create feelings of inadequacy. Comparing themselves unfavourably against other Snapchat users could threaten a child's confidence or sense of self-worth.

My Places lets users check in and search for popular spots nearby – such as restaurants, parks or shopping centres – and recommend them to their friends. The potential issue with a young person consistently checking into locations on Snapchat is that it allows other users in their friends list (even people they have only ever met online) to see where they currently are and where they regularly go.

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It may feel like an awkward conversation (and one that young people can be reluctant to have) but it is important to talk openly and non-judgementality about sexting. Discuss the legal implications of sending, receiving or sharing explicit images, as well as the possible emotional impact. Emphasise that your child should never feel pressured into sexting – and that if they receive unwanted explicit images, they should tell a trusted adult straight away.

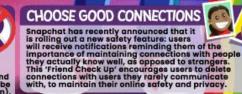
GE RESTRICTION

BE READY TO BLOCK AND REPORT

If a stranger does connect with your child on Snapchat and begins to make them feel uncomfortable through bullying, pressure to send explicit images or by sending explicit images to them, your child can select the three dots on that person's profile and choose report or block. There are options to state why they are reporting that user (annoying or malicious messages, spam, or masquerading as someone else, for example).



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