



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 half-term 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

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.



Thanking you in advance.

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**

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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