



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.

It was great to see the children and staff dressed up in red or as a superhero today. Thank you for your kind donations to Comic Relief.

Talking of superheroes, the children have continued to show great resilience and enthusiasm since their return to school. It was lovely to see our younger children enjoying their phonics learning this week. A big thank you to Mrs Jury and her team for all of their hard work with setting up our new phonics programme, Read, Write, Inc.

As we prepare for Easter week, each class will be performing a short liturgy and we hope to be able to share these with you on the school through the school website. There will be a few extra activities happening during Easter week, which Mrs Cohen will share with you in due course.

I wish you all a restful and safe weekend.

God Bless

Mr Meech, Executive Headteacher

If you need to come to school by car, we must remind you to park safely and respectfully in designated areas, or for a short time on the road. Cars should not block the entrance to school or be parked on pavements outside residents' homes. There have been incidents recently of collapsed drains due to cars being parked on pavements, so please refrain from doing this.

Careful driving and parking will also help keep our children safe, which is always our priority. Thank you for your continued support.

Holy Week & Easter Services

Please note that there is a booking system for Holy Week and Easter Services.

St Mary's Church

Maundy Thursday 1st April 5.30pm

Good Friday 2nd April 3.00pm

Holy Saturday 3rd April 10am (Blessing of Food)

Holy Saturday 3rd April 5.30pm (Easter Vigil Mass)

Easter Sunday 4th April 9.30am (No Evening Mass)

St Joseph's South Molton

Easter Sunday 4th April 11.15am

Booking System

If you want to attend one of these Masses, please ensure that you book a place for yourself and those attending with you. If you do not then you risk being turned away if the church has reached the capacity it can safely accommodate in the present situation. If you book a place and then decide not to come, please do let the parish office know so that the place can be reallocated.

How to book

Phone the Parish Office (Claire): 01271 343312 or email Barnstaple@prcdtr.org.uk

The Maundy Thursday Mass, Good Friday Service, Easter Vigil Mass as well as the Easter Sunday morning Mass will be live streamed on the Barnstaple Parish Facebook Page.

The next newsletter will go home on:

Friday 23rd April 2021

New School Bags

Exciting new Our Lady's backpacks are now available to purchase via Scopay for £11. The bags include a navy pencil case and have a side pocket for water bottles.



CAFOD Petition

Could we please ask you to spare a couple of minutes of your time to sign this important petition to the Prime Minister urging him to put the world's poorest people at the heart of the COP26 climate talks.



The summit will be a crucial moment as we work to build a new normal and reclaim our common home after the pandemic – tackling the climate crisis, cancelling crippling debts for poor countries and protecting those on the frontline who are defending their communities from corporate abuses.

This November, the United Kingdom will host one of the most important world summits of the century which must put us on track to end a climate emergency. PLEASE sign CAFOD's petition to the Prime Minister at:-

<https://action.cafod.org.uk/page/73304/petition/>

CLIMATE CRISIS – Please help save lives and to address the loss of livelihoods and homes already being suffered by people in the poorest countries by just taking a few minutes of your time to sign the petition.

Thank you

Mrs Cohen and Mrs Welland on behalf of CAFOD

Spring Term Dates

Thur 1st Apr	Last Day of Term
Sun 4th Apr	Easter Sunday
Mon 19th Apr	School Returns for Pupils
Mon 3rd May	Bank Holiday—SCHOOL CLOSED
Friday 28th May	Last Day of Half Term
Mon 7th June	School Returns for Pupils

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



Father James is Barn-a-b's link governor for this year. We have loved his visits.

He has commented on the nurturing relationships we have with the children, creating a loving atmosphere for the children to come to. He comes to pray with us, bless us in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The children respond really well and have loved hearing the prayers and stories he tells us.



As Easter approaches we will be getting excited about our part of the Holy Week story. We are acting out my favourite part...the resurrection, the best news ever!

We are thrilled to have more families joining us, this means that our spaces are almost full, so if you want any spaces now is the time to let us know.

Our last day is April 1st and first day back is 19th April.

Best wishes for a lovely Easter.

School Library Books

Now we are back at school, it is evident that many books from our Book Bands and Accelerated Reader titles in our School Library are missing, along with some from Mrs Everett's Lending Library. I know lots of you may have books at home from before or during lockdown 3 that have not been returned. Could you all have a good look around your homes and no matter how long you've had them, return them to either the main office or your class teacher. Even if you have books from when older siblings were at Our Lady's, I'd still be grateful for them to be returned. No one will be in trouble!

Thank you in advance for your support.

Mrs Chavasse
Assistant Principal

Summer School Uniform

As we are now in the summer term and hopefully this brings warmer weather, girls can now wear the summer dresses. If possible these are a specific dress from Asda—Girls Light Blue Gingham School Dress

Prices range from £4 to £6. Available from George at Asda.



<https://direct.asda.com/george/school/pinafores-dresses/girls-light-blue-gingham-school-dress/GEM728627,default,pd.html?cgid=D10M2G1C19>

This should be paired with navy blue knee length or ankle socks and a school jumper.

BOYS

Grey tailored trousers or shorts; Blue shirt or blue Polo shirt; School Navy Jumper; Navy Blue Tie (to be worn with shirt only); grey socks; black shoes.

PE KIT FOR GIRLS AND BOYS

Trainers (rather than plimsolls); School PE T-Shirt; Navy Shorts, School PE Hoodie if required.

School jumpers, PE T-Shirts and PE Hoodies and PE Kit Bags with the school logo on (£5) are available to purchase from the school office with payment being made via Scopay.

**Father, I pray
my child's heart
and mind is filled
with Your peace.**
Philippians 4:13

School Dinners

Our school dinner menu can be found on the school website www.ourladys.devon.sch.uk

We will be launching an exciting new menu for use after the Easter Holiday. This will be sent home shortly.

MARCH 15 - APRIL 15

FREE DYSLEXIA TRAINING

JOIN THE MOVEMENT!
MAKE A CHANGE FOR DYSLEXIC CHILDREN!
JUST TEACH ME



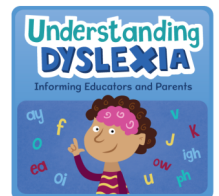
To celebrate DYS Aware Week, Nessy are offering free dyslexia training from the 15th March to the 15th April, parents are welcome to take part.

DYS aware Day is a global movement to promote inclusiveness and understanding of those with DYS differences. It is a celebration of diversity. DYS Aware Day is a celebration of those schools who are working towards inclusive and effective education. It is for educators who believe all students, regardless of their learning differences, should get an equal chance at a good education.

The Understanding Dyslexia course offers 6 modules that will teach you all the essential information about dyslexia. Important training videos throughout are 2-3 minutes long, so they do not become overwhelming. The course takes about 2 hours to finish with a certificate awarded on completion.

Modules

- Dyslexia Basics
- Phonological and Phonemic Awareness
- Working Memory
- Executive Function and RAN
- Auditory Processing
- Teaching Children with Dyslexia



<https://www.nessy.com/uk/product/understanding-dyslexia/>

Please use code **TEACHUD** at the checkout for 100% discount.

Nessy is also giving away FREE learning apps to children for DYS Aware week too! Find the list of free apps and their dates, available in the link below.

<https://www.nessy.com/uk/dyslexia-awareness/>



If you are facing financial difficulties, and are unable to afford basic food necessities for your family, there is a network of foodbanks across the northern Devon region run by the Trussell Trust who may be able to help.

Find out more at:- <https://northerndevon.foodbank.org.uk/>

Is My Child Too Ill For School

The following NHS website may help you with deciding on whether your child is well enough to attend school.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Depart for Education Coronavirus (COVID19) Helpline

The Department for Education Coronavirus (COVID19) helpline is available to answer questions about coronavirus (COVID19) relating to education and children's social care.

0800 046 8687

Mon to Fri 8am to 6pm

STEP 1

29 MARCH

BUSINESS / ACTIVITIES

Organised outdoor sport (children and adults)

Outdoor sport and leisure facilities

All outdoor children's activities

Outdoor parent & child groups (up to 15 people, excluding under 5s)

SOCIAL CONTACT

Rule of 6 or two households outdoors

Household only indoors

TRAVEL

Minimise travel

No domestic or international holidays

COVID-19 ROADMAP 2021

Symptoms checker

Only people with COVID-19 symptoms need to get tested –

A high temperature
OR new, continuous cough
OR loss or change to sense of smell or taste

Visit 111.nhs.uk/covid-19 if you're not sure.

Symptoms	COVID-19 Mild to severe	Cold Gradual onset	Flu Rapid onset
Fever/high temperature (37.8°C or above)	Common	Rare	Common
New cough	Common (usually dry and continuous)	Sometimes	Common (usually dry)
Recent loss or change to sense of taste or smell	Common	Rare	No
Fatigue	Sometimes (common in children)	Sometimes	Common
Sneezing	No	Common	No
Aches and pains	Sometimes	Common	Common
Runny or stuffy nose	Rare	Common	Sometimes
Sore throat	Sometimes	Common	Sometimes
Diarrhoea	Rare (sometimes for children)	No	Sometimes (for children)
Headaches	Sometimes	Rare	Common
Shortness of breath	Sometimes	No	No

Do it for your ► FamilySchoolDevon