



Newsletter

No. 19. 21st July 2017

Website: www.ourladys.devon.sch.uk

Twitter: @OurLadys_School

Facebook: OLCSBarnstaple

Telephone: 01271 345164



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.

Thank you

It has been another busy year so I would like to take the time to say thank you to everyone involved in our wonderful community. We should all be very proud of the wonderful school we have and we would like to say thank you all for the support you give to the children and staff.

I am lucky to have an amazing team who support each and every child to be the very best they can be. We are going off to re-charge our batteries but we will be back raring to go in September!

For those not coming back in September I would like to say thank you and good luck in your new adventures. We will be sad to see our wonderful Year 6 children leave but we know they are ready to fly the nest and be brilliant in their new schools.

We are also saying goodbye to two much loved members of staff who have served our community with passion and love. We wish Mrs Arnold a happy retirement after 26 years over service to the school! Mrs Jefferies leaves us for pastures new but her legacy will live long here at Our Lady's.

I wish you all a happy and peaceful summer!

God Bless

Rob Meech, Principal

Head Boy and Head Girl

Head Boy—Matthew Silverlock

Head Girl—Angel Raji

Deputy Head Boy—Brogan Groves

Deputy Head Girl—Errin Fee

Well done to the above pupils who have carried out their responsibilities and duties superbly.

House Captains

Thank you for the commitment of the House Captains in promoting good citizenship this year.

St Cecelia: Brandon Edwards

St Anthony: Summer Logan
Lola Fiddes
Kieron Quick

St Bernadette: Patrick Henry
Lexie Duncan

St John Fisher: Tony Mallaband-Whitham
Lilly Hammond
James Smith

Dogs on the School Premises

Please be aware that if you bring dogs to school premises at pick up or drop off times they should not be left unaccompanied and tied up to either the school gates or our neighbour's property. Dogs should be accompanied, on a lead, by their owners and remain outside of the school gates. Thank you.

School returns for Pupils to commence the Autumn Term on Tuesday 5th September.

School Council

Thank you to the School Council for their hard work and enthusiasm towards improving their school for the benefit of all pupils. Thanks go to:-

HERON	Alisha Lancey Bailey Gwynn
PUFFIN	Summer Robins-Ridd George Kerswell
OWL	Bethan Silverlock K-Lib Groves
EAGLE	Skye Duxbury Hayden Rigler
KINGFISHER	Sophie Phillips Jamie Oke
SWALLOW	Errin Fee Brandon Edwards Matthew Silverlock



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

What a lovely term we've had in Barn-a-b's! The children have really enjoyed the traditional tales we have been reading together.

The time has come for us to say goodbye to all those going on to school. Whilst we will still see a lot of you in Robins there are a few moving to new schools – we wish you all the best as you start this new stage in your school life.

We will be back to welcome all those children still with us on Tuesday 5th September. We hope you have a really lovely summer holidays – please keep us updated with any adventures you get up to on Tapestry.

The house nearest the school gates has a chain across their driveway. Please could we ask that this is not pulled or lent on when walking past. The chain is being pulled out of its posts. Thank you for your co-operation.

Star Learners

Very well done to the following children who were our Star Learners for the last two weeks. They all attended afternoon tea with Mr Meech on Thursday 20th July.



Allen Jinson
Amelie Lear
Romeo Hleza
Will Harman
Rosie Smith
Arianne Henry
Kye West
Declan Burns
Kyle Sherrington
Summer-Jayne Robins-Ridd
Oscar Yeaman
Chloe Cullen
Troy White
Kieron Quick

Year 6 Leavers Mass 2017

Monday 24th July 9.45am

This celebration Mass is for all members of our school community; children, staff, parents, parishioners and governors.

You can meet us at St Mary's Church for a 9.45am start or help accompany our children from school to church on the day. Please contact your child's class teacher if you can help walk down, otherwise we'll see you there.

Sports Day

This day will be held on the school field at Pilton Community College between 10am and 2pm on Tuesday 25th July. Children should come to school wearing their PE kits and should have a sunhat, suncream, plenty of water, packed lunch and a waterproof coat.

If you can help accompany our children on the walk to and from PCC, please contact your child's class teacher. Parents who wish to take children home after the presentations at 2pm on the day must collect their children from their class teacher. Children will have their lunch at around 12.15. Children who's parents are not attending sports day will be walking back to school to be collected at normal finishing time of 3.15pm.

The PTFA will be selling refreshments on the day, if you can provide any donations of cakes (bought or homemade) then please bring these into the school office on Monday 24th July.

Thank you.

Congratulations

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

Rio Bishop
Romeo Hleza
Ava Holtmann
Brooke Logan
Nathan Davis
Bethan Silverlock



We are very proud of you

New Look Our Lady's Website

Check out our new look website www.ourlady.devon.sch.uk. Dates of clubs, newsletters, letters home, policies and key dates are all shown on our lovely new website. Lots of photos of the children at various recent activities and events too.



Reach for the Stars!

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

Congratulations to the following children who had their karate grading :-

9th Kyu: White with Red Stripe - **Reece Hamilton-Day**

7th Kyu: Red with White Stripe - **Jasmine Hooker and Matthew Smith**

6th Kyu: Yellow - **Rachel Stanworth**

5th Kyu: Orange - **Regan Fee and Zaine Hancock**

4th Kyu: Green - **Harvey Dennis, Adrianos Stancic, Soloman Davey and Eduardo Branco**
2nd Kyu: Brown - **Olivier Blaszczyk and Tyler Rudge.**

Well done to **Patrick** and **Arianne Henry** who took part in the Young Athlete's Competition at North Devon Athletics Track. **Arianne** won a Gold medal in the Vortex and Bronze medal in the Relay. **Patrick** won Gold medals in the 100m sprint, Long Jump, Javelin and a Silver medal in the Relay.

Congratulations to **Brandon Edwards** who won the 11-16 age category of the Models One competition in Green Lanes recently. He will now join 9 others in a modelling shoot in October.

Well done to **Holly Groves** who donated 24cm of her hair to the Little Princess Trust. **Tia Barnett** is also getting her very long hair cut and is donating it to the Little Princess Trust. **Tia** has a Just Giving page if you would like to donate to this worthwhile charity.

https://www.justgiving.com/Gary-Barnett3?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=fundraisingpage&utm_content=Gary-Barnett3&utm_campaign=pfp-email

School Uniform

As we approach a new school year, many parents will already be purchasing items of school uniform. Jumpers, PE T-shirts and girls' summer dresses, navy pinafores and skirts can all be purchased from Daws in Cross Street. At Our Lady's, part of our identity is our school uniform, and we pride ourselves in this. Therefore, I urge parents to ensure that children are sent to school wearing the correct, labelled uniform in September. The required school uniform, including the correct PE kit is:

Girls

Navy blue pinafore or pleated skirt

School Navy Jumper

White blouse—short or long sleeves with buttons

Socks—white or Tights—navy

Shoes—black school shoes (not trainers)

Summer: Blue and white striped dress

Boys

Grey tailored trousers/ grey shorts

School Navy Jumper

Blue shirt or blue Polo shirt

Navy Blue Tie (to be worn with shirt)

Socks—grey

Shoes—black school shoes (not trainers)

PE Kit for Girls and Boys

Trainers

School PE T-Shirt

Navy Shorts

Navy Tracksuit Bottoms can be worn in cold weather

Samuel Daw, in Cross Street, offers an embroidery service from only £2-3 per initials. It takes about twenty minutes and can be done while you wait. It may be just the answer for ensuring that your child can recognise their school jumper among over 200! It is perfectly acceptable to have your child's initials embroidered underneath the neck on the back of the jumper.

Jewellery, with the exception of watches and small stud earrings, is not allowed. Make-up and nail varnish should not be worn to school.

Please purchase new water bottles, book bags or summer hats from the school office as required.

Attendance

The attendance rates for all our classes for the academic year 2016/17 are as follows:-



Robin	96.1%
Heron	95.5%
Puffin	96.5%
Owl	96.6%
Eagle	96.5%
Kingfisher	96.7%
Swallow	95.3%
School Total	92.9%

Thank you from the PTFA!

Thank you to all those of you that have donated to and supported PTFA events throughout the year.

The PTFA are always looking to welcome new members to the committee. There will be an AGM early in the new academic year, we will advise you of the date when we return after the summer break.

Thank you for your continued support.

Good bye and good luck to all the pupils, parents and staff who are leaving us at the end of term. May you be blessed with much joy and happiness in the years ahead.

We wish you all a safe and happy summer holiday.

Our Lady's School Race for Life for Cancer Research

A huge well done to children, staff and parents who took part in our Race for Life for Cancer Research UK last Friday. It was a super day with everybody putting in their best effort, remembering why they were running. From the youngest children in Barn-a-bs who walked around a shorter course, right up to the Year sixes in Swallow Class who ran over 30 laps of our school grounds each, every single person was fulling deserving of their official Race for Life medal, kindly presented by Tracy Mallaband-Whitham. Thanks to our school community's generosity, we have raised a grand total of just over £1,500 for Cancer Research UK. We are a very, very proud school!



These are just a few pictures from the day.



Summer Holiday Sports Camps

Primary Sports will be running holiday camps at **Pilton Bluecoat Primary School** from 9am-3pm on the following dates for children from Year 1 to Year 6.

**15th, 16th and 17th August
21st, 22nd and 23rd August**

This will be available to book for £10 per day. A booking form will be sent home shortly. Or you can contact Mike King on 07576 705929 or email him at kinga00@hotmail.co.uk.

Karate Club

Our Lady's Karate Club will be continuing again from September 2016. The courses run for 10 weeks in the Autumn term on the following Wednesdays:- 13th and 20th September, 11th and 18th October, 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th November and the 6th December.

The cost for this is £20.00. Pupil premium children (those eligible for means tested, free school meals) will only need to pay £10.00 for the 10 weeks.

For further details contact Mike Leverton on 01271 815436 www.mikelevertonkarate.co.uk

Dates

24th July Year 6 Leavers Mass—St Mary's
9.45am—All welcome
25th July Sports Day—Pilton Community
College 10am
26th July Last day of term
5th Sept Autumn Term begins

Flute Lessons for Autumn Term

Mrs Nichols has a few spaces for flute lessons starting in September. These are offered to children in Y3 and above. Please contact Mrs Nichols directly over the holidays if you are interested. aandcnichols@tiscali.co.uk

Children's Week Torbay

This year our event runs from Tuesday 15th August until Saturday 19th August on Paignton Green in sunny Torbay. This event is free of charge to attend and there is a varied programme each and every day, with the finale day on Saturday 19th being Sci-Fi Movie day where there is cars and characters from the movies.

More information is available from their website www.childrensweek.co.uk and via their Facebook page Children's week Torbay.

Devon Integrated Children's Services Survey

Devon Integrated Children's Services are currently running a survey for parents/carers of children where there is a suspected Autism Diagnosis. The survey has been designed to help them improve their offer to families and referrers of children with these conditions. The survey should only take 4-5 minutes to complete and parents/carers can opt to remain anonymous or give their contact details if they would like to be contacted to discuss any aspects further.

Education, Health and Social Care Services in Devon are working together to improve and integrate support for children with neurodevelopmental conditions including Autism. As part of this, they are looking to improve the information provided to families and referrers and this is your opportunity to tell them what is currently working and what they could do to improve the information currently available to you.

Click the link her to start the survey. <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ISCD2017UOEP>

Thank you for your participation! The survey will be available until Friday 28 July 2017.