



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

4th Dec	Netball Club (Y6)
4th Dec	Homework Club (Y3&4)
5th Dec	Last Swimming for SWALLOW
5th Dec	Homework Club (Y5&6)
5th Dec	Scholastic Book Fair—School Hall 3.15pm (until 12th Dec)
6th Dec	PUFFIN Advent Service
7th Dec	PTFA Bingo—6pm
10th Dec	Last Football After School Club
11th Dec	Tiverton Museum Trip—PUFFIN
11th Dec	Netball Club (Y5)
11th Dec	Last Homework Club (Y3&4)
12th Dec	Last Homework Club (Y5&6)
17th Dec	Whole School Mass—St Mary's—10am
19th Dec	Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day
20th Dec	Nativity to Parents—St Mary's 10.30am
21st Dec	PTFA Non School Uniform Day
21st Dec	PTFA Children's Chocolate Raffle
21st Dec	Judging of decorated paper Christmas Trees
21st Dec	Last day of term
24th Dec	Children's Family Mass—St Mary's 6pm
7th Jan	Children and Staff Return

Children's Family Mass

Are you coming to the Children's Family Mass on Christmas Eve at 6.00pm?

Would you like to read or take part with bringing the gifts to the Christmas Crib?

Then please come and see Mrs Welland in the office or email her on admin@olcs.uk as soon as possible.

The Children's Family Mass is a wonderful first mass of Christmas enjoyed and celebrated by many.



Congratulations

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

Leah Dennis
Charlie Elshout
Paige Loman
Archie Jewell
Tiana Marowzwa
James Harmon-Clarke
Samuel Doherty-Godfrey
Darcie Steele
Brooke Logan
Kimberly Dyer
Tia Barnett
Kori Skinner



We are very proud of you.

Thank you to everyone that helped support our 'Spotty Day' for Children in Need. We raised an amazing £196.00

Puffin Class will be leading our Advent Assembly on Thursday 6th December. All parents, carers, grandparents and friends are welcome to attend from 9.15am.



Citizen of the Week

This term we are rewarding the very best citizens in the school. These children demonstrate the values of being a British citizen. They make the most of their opportunities in school using their voice to help others and engage fully in the life of the school.



We will be announcing the Citizen of the week at Prayer and Praise on a Thursday. All Citizens will receive a certificate and their photo will be displayed around the school outside their class on the British Values board.

Very well done to the following children who are our Citizens of the week since our last newsletter:

Lillie Shurety-Coates
Pixie Barnett
Chloe Brown
En Chen
Hallie James
Tilly Stevens
Elena Gwynn
Willow Davies
Blake Moore
Lottie Parker
Tyler Rudge
Kyle Tucker
Kadie Surman
Raine-Rae Hawkins
Millie Harley
Ella-Mae Birchmore
Aaron Ferguson



PE Stars of the Week

Each week Miss Sloman presents certificates to children to whom she has awarded 'PE Star of the Week' to. Well



done to the following children who have received these certificates since the last newsletter:-

Alfie Gating
Dylan McFadden
Rachel Stanworth
George Roberts

Santa Stroll or run!

WOOLACOMBE BEACH
SUN 9 DEC
STROLL OR RUN ALONG THE BEACH
FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY
INCLUDING YOUR DOG!

SIGN UP ONLINE NOW
northdevonhospice.org.uk

Early Bird Offer until 18/11 - Adults £10/Children £5
Adults £12/Children £7/Dogs £5
Entry includes Santa Suit (or Christmas bandana for your dog)

being there for all the family
registered charity no.286554

School Jumpers

We are noticing that some children are not wearing the correct school uniform jumpers. Children should not be coming to school in any jumpers or cardigans other than the school ones. We have new jumpers available to purchase from the school office for either £14.50 or £15.50 each.

We currently have a small stock of good quality second hand jumpers that we can sell to parents for £2. These have been kindly donated to us by parents and once these are gone they are gone. Please see Mrs Silverlock in the school office if you would like to purchase any jumpers. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter, we take a great pride in our school uniform

School Clubs

Letters for clubs have been sent out recently. Below are the clubs that are running this half term, the finishing time, the adult responsible and the start date for the club.

Monday	Football Club (Yr3-5) (4.15pm) Miss Sloman (Fee) Last one 10/12/2018
Tuesday	Homework (Yr 3&4) (4.15pm) Mr Meech and Staff Last one 11/12/2018 Netball (Yr 5&6) (4.30pm) Yr5 15/11, 29/11 & 11/12 (last one) Yr6 20/11 & 4/12 (last one) Mrs Houle
Wednesday	Homework (Yr 5&6) (4.15pm) Mr Meech and Staff Last one 12/12/2018
Friday	Tennis (Y1&2) (4.15pm) Miss Sloman (Fee) Last one 14/12/2018

Please ensure that you collect your child promptly at club finishing time.

Children entitled to free school meals (ie children whose parents receive certain benefits such as Income Support, Job Seeker's Allowance and other relevant benefits) are also entitled to receive a 50% discount towards the cost of these after school clubs and music tuition.

Top Reading Tips

The link below takes you to The Book Trust site and an interactive reading of Rumble in the Jungle by Giles Andreae. It reads the story aloud and highlights the words so children can join in. Lovely modelling of fluent and phrased reading too to fit in with our new more rounded approach to reading .

Here's the link.....

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/storybooks-and-games/rumble-in-the-jungle/>



**The next newsletter will go home on:
Friday 14th December 2018**

Scholastic Book Fair



Make sure you visit our book fair that will take place in the school hall after school from **Wednesday 5th December**. The book fair will run until **Wednesday 12th December**. You will be receiving leaflets home shortly, detailing the books that will be available to purchase together with money off vouchers. We will also give each child attending the Book Fair the opportunity to go in a prize draw to win a £5 voucher.

An ideal opportunity to purchase some books for Christmas presents!

Supporting this event will help provide the school with new books. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible there.



We are pleased to announce we are launching 2 Autism Friendly sessions a week at Funderzone.

Monday Mornings 9 am to 10 am
Saturday Mornings 9 am to 10 am

Starting From Saturday 1st December

Funderzone will be closed to the general public just for children with Autism or special needs and their families.

We are very aware that every day can be a real challenge for families with children with special needs and public places can be very daunting. This is why we have created these sessions for you.

These sessions will be quieter than our normal opening hours with no loud music, Hand dryers, excess rides noise.

They will also allow Parents & carers to find support from one another and feel they are in a space where their child's actions and behaviour are understood.





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

The children's centre is changing. Many families have found the children's centre to be a great source of support and information. The children's centre can now work with children up to 8. They can only work with families if they are referred to them. Their universal services are drawing to close, their crucial work will continue, but families will need to request help (also known as Early Help). They can help with a huge variety of things. They do brilliant parenting courses. They can support with communication and language through the let's talk more programme. The children's centre are Thrive trained and can support with a range of social and emotional issues. They can support around toileting, sleep, food questions. They are also excellent at providing information and support around financial concerns, such as benefits, housing, training advice. Please use this crucial service. Talk to us about anything you would like advice or support with. There is short form to complete and we can enlist their help.

We will send home the first 6 sounds that we are learning in jolly phonics, if you would like to practice at home.

Please keep us updated with any changes to circumstances, phone numbers or addresses.

The nativity is on Thursday morning (20th December). We have had to keep this to Thursday morning children only, as we have 45 children on roll, and we simply wouldn't all fit in! If you are not in on Thursday morning but want to meet us at the church to watch or join in, your child will remain your responsibility at all times. A word of caution - we have found in the past that children can feel quite overwhelmed when they arrive to a crowded venue and often prefer to stay with their parents, and very young children find it particularly hard.

New Parent Governor

We would like to welcome Sarah Jordan as a new Parent Governor. The rest of the Local Governing Board of Our Lady's look forward to working with her and we thank her for her commitment and dedication to the school.

Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day



Christmas lunch will be on Wednesday 19th 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 via the letter with booking slip that will be sent home today.

Even if your child normally receives school dinners and/or free school meals, please ensure that this festive lunch is booked separately by Friday 7th December. Children and staff are invited to wear a Christmas Jumper for the day at no charge.

House Captain Trophies

Congratulations to the following children that have been awarded House Captain Trophies for having the most house points in their class:-

St Cecelia

Riley Yates
Amy Bulley
Charlie Elshout

St Bernadette

Alfie Boreham

St John Fisher

Reggie Staddon

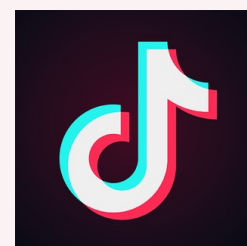
St Anthony

Immanuel Mathew



On-line Safety

Please be aware of a new app that we have been advised about called TikTok. The app looks like this picture. This is being called a 16+ site, similar to Snapchat, but the reviews advise that due to the adult content of the videos contained on it, it should be regarded as a 18+ site and is definitely not appropriate for school aged children.





Reach for the Stars!

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

Well done to **Ivy Hleza** for completing a beavers quiz recently.

Congratulations to **Bethan Silverlock** for achieving a silver medal in the Devon County Sportshall Championships for Chest Push.

Well done to **Kodi Harmer** for achieving a silver medal when competing in Cross Country for the school.

Congratulations to **Leah Dennis** for achieving a 3rd place certificate in a recent 'bouldering' (climbing) competition.

Well done to **Finlay Silverlock** for being awarded a certificate and badge for completing his Level 2 ASA Swimming Award.

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.

*May the Lord
bless us as we
journey through
Advent. May He
open our ears to
His call, our minds to His will
and our hearts to say 'Yes' to
His love.*



Attendance

Congratulations to **KINGFISHER** and **SWALLOW** who have the highest attendance so far this year at **97.5%** closely followed by **PUFFIN** and **EAGLE** at **97.2%**.

**EVERY
SCHOOL DAY
COUNTS**

PTFA Christmas Events

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

Christmas Bingo and Raffle

Friday 7th December at 6pm for 6.30pm start. If you haven't already booked your tickets please do so as soon as possible. We are still happy to receive 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 30th November for £1 for display in the hall by Monday 17th December. Prize winners will be announced on Friday 21st December.

Children's Chocolate Raffle and Non Uniform Day

Friday 21st 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.

We are always grateful for any offers of help with any of our PTFA events. If you are able to help any of these events please see Laura Hobson, Chair of the PTFA.

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

Let's Talk More Everywhere in November - December

Why?

If your child isn't talking much, asking them a question can feel like the right thing to do but it often has the opposite effect.

They are more likely to use words that they hear you say when you play together

Ask Less Questions: Comment instead

Instead of asking a question, make a comment about what your child is looking at or doing.
eg instead of asking " what are you doing?"
you could comment **"You're playing trains"**

eg instead of asking " what's that ?"
you could comment **"that's a tractor"**

You will probably notice that your child says more when you ask less questions and comment instead.

SUPER CHARGED SCIENCE

children's electronic workshop

at Barnstaple Library

15th December 2018

choose from: 10-12 or 1-3

£15 per child (drop off)

explore circuits, insulators & conductors
silly fun with static &
make your own christmas themed
buzzwire game to take home

Booking essential contact 07847006048 or
sciencedipity@outlook.com or book directly via the website:
www.sciencedipity.co.uk/saturday-science-club/