



# 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.

We are very lucky to have a wonderful reception staff here at Our Lady's. The team is committed to handle any queries you may have in a timely and efficient manner. However on some occasions things can't always be resolved straight away, especially at busy times such as the beginning and end of the day. I ask you to be courteous and polite in any dealings you have with members of the school staff.

Many Thanks.

Rob Meech

## Dyslexia Support Group

It was lovely to meet with parents at the Dyslexia Support Group on Wednesday. We will meet again next term on 1st May 2019 2.30-3.15pm. Please do join us if your child is having literacy difficulties. More details of our next session to follow. In the meantime there is a local support group at Barnstaple Library for parents and children which you may be interested in.

## North Devon Literacy Hub

A new support and friendship group for families and children who have reading, writing and spelling difficulties.

Support group meets every last Saturday of the month.

1.00—3.00pm

Barnstaple Library Top Floor Rooms 3B and 3C

Email [ndliteracyhub@gmail.com](mailto:ndliteracyhub@gmail.com)

## School Clubs

Below are the clubs that are running this term, the finishing time, the adult responsible and the start date for the club.

**Monday** Dodgeball Club (Yr4,5&6) (4.15pm)  
Miss Sloman (Fee)

**No Club on Mon 4th March**

**Tuesday** Homework Club (Yr 3&4) (4.15pm)  
Mr Meech and Staff

Netball Club (Yr 5&6) (4.30pm)  
Mrs Houle (Alternate weeks Y5 & Y6)  
Year 5 5/3, 19/3  
Year 6 12/3

**Wednesday** Homework Club (Yr 5&6) (4.15pm)  
Mr Meech and Staff

**No Club on Wed 6th March**

**Friday** Multiskills Club (Y1&2) (4.15pm)  
Miss Sloman (Fee)

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

Don't forget if your child is a pupil premium child (in receipt or has been in receipt of means tested free school meals) any fees for clubs or music tuition are half price. Please see a member of the Admin team if you require any further information.

## Family Fast Day

Will take place on Friday 15th March, Puffin Class will be collecting food, donations and pre-loved things to give to those who do not have as much as we do - probably the Freedom Centre. More information will be sent home shortly.

### Dates for your Diary

4th Mar	Parent Consultations
4th Mar	<b>No Dodgeball Club</b>
5th Mar	Netball Club (Y5)
5th Mar	<b>Change of Menu—Pasties</b>
6th Mar	Ash Wednesday
6th Mar	<b>Parent Consultations</b>
6th Mar	Change of Menu—Roast Dinner
6th Mar	<b>Swimming OWL Class</b>
6th Mar	No Homework Club
7th Mar	<b>World Book Day</b>
7th Mar	Change of Menu—Chicken Burger
12th Mar	<b>Netball Club (Y6)</b>
13th Mar	Swimming OWL Class
15th Mar	<b>CAFOD Family Fast Day</b>
19th Mar	Netball Club (Y5)
20th Mar	<b>Swimming OWL Class</b>
25th Mar	Last Dodgeball (Yr5&6)
26th Mar	<b>Netball Club (Y6)</b>
27th Mar	Swimming OWL Class
27th Mar	<b>Multi-Cultural Diversity Day PCC</b>
28th Mar	PTFA Film Night 5.30pm
29th Mar	<b>Last Multi-Skills Club (Yr1&amp;2)</b>
2nd Apr	Last Homework Club (Y3&4)
3rd Apr	<b>Last Homework Club (Y5&amp;6)</b>
4th Apr	KINGFISHER Act of Worship 9.15am
5th Apr	<b>PTFA Easter Bonnet Parade</b>
5th Apr	PTFA Chocolate Raffle
5th Apr	<b>Last day of term</b>



**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April: Easter Holiday begins at 3.15pm**  
**Tuesday 23rd April: School Returns**

### House Captain Trophies

Well done to the following children who were awarded the House Captain Trophies recently:-

#### St Cecelia

Peter-James Webb

#### St Bernadette

David Przeworski

#### St John Fisher

Bailey Gwynn  
Chloe Brown

#### St Anthony

Sarah-Louise Dyer



### Congratulations

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

Jessica Lake	Jaine Jitesh
Millie Passmore	Ella Hutt
Madison Sim	Romany Webb
Lucy Hook	Billy O'Grady
Jenson Bennett	Nathan Pavitt
Rudi Thake	Andres Cabagnon
Harriett Routley	Maddison Daniel
Peter-James Webb x2	Nnenna Amandiogu
Charlie Yeaman	Paige Loman
Finlay Silverlock	Rosie Smith
Archie Jewell	Milita Stancic
Pablo Wright-Inarejos x2	Gavin Joby
Dylan McFadden	Lexi-Mae Dunlop
Kyle Tucker	
Ivy Hleza x2	



**We are very proud of you.**

### Attendance

Congratulations to **EAGLE** who have the highest attendance so far this academic year at **96.6%** closely followed by **KINGFISHER** at **96.3%**. Attendance for the whole school is **96.2%**.



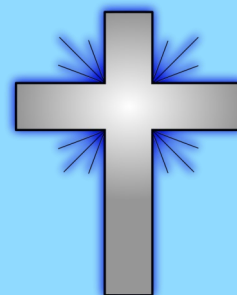
### Dear God

*Thank You that You provide for all our needs.*

*Thank You that we can trust You to turn the small things we give You into something big that can make a huge difference.*

*Help us to be generous with everything we have, just as You are so generous in giving us these things.*

*Amen*



**The next newsletter will go home on:**  
**Friday 22nd March 2019**



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

We have some students working with us at the moment. This is a really useful resource for us, and the children have loved getting to know Charlotte who has come in as part of her Early Childhood studies degree. We also have a Level 3 student, Georgia Morris who started with us on Monday.

Please come to our toilet training workshop on Thursday 7th March at 9.15am in the staff room. Debbie will be able to answer any questions you have related to bowel and bladder health.

After half term we will be learning about "the Little Red Hen." It's a great story and leads to all sorts of growing and cooking activities. Let us know on tapestry if you get up to any cooking or growing.

### Menu Changes

There are quite a few menu changes next week.



On Tuesday 5th March, we are celebrating St Piran's Day at lunch time by serving traditional Steak or Cheese and Onion Pasty. Hevva Cake will be served for pudding. Jacket Potatoes are available on request.

On Wednesday 6th March Roast Turkey will be served and Sweet Potato and Chickpea roast as the vegetarian alternative.

As we will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7th March we have a dinner menu to suit: Snow White and the Hunters Chicken Burger with Chips or Cloudy with a Chance of Quorn Meatballs with the Twits Spaghetti. All served with The Hungry Caterpillar's Salad and Princess and The Peas. Pudding will consist of Bruce Bogtrotter's Chocolate Fudge Cake or The Jungle Book Fruit Salad with Yoghurt Dippers.

### Citizen of the Week

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:

Caleb Hughes  
Skye Duxbury  
Evelyn Brown  
Declan Burns  
Peter-James Webb  
Jacob Turner  
Romany Webb  
Matthew Smith  
Kacper Filipczyk  
Paige Ioman  
Nenna Amandiogu  
Megan Conneely  
Ivy Hleza  
Tyler Rudge  
Harry Oke



### World Book Day— Thursday 7th March

We are celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7th



March and would love to see as many children as possible in costumes. These do not have to be expensive, shop bought outfits the link below has some really good, inexpensive and quick ideas.

<https://www.mumsnet.com/books/world-book-day-costume-ideas>.

We are looking forward to seeing 'who' turns up to school on the day.

## Eagle Class Poems

Love is...

Love is the Holy Spirit coming to protect you,  
Love is a shining light in your mind,  
Love is the summer glimmering,  
Love is a balloon that never pops,  
Love is an eternal life,  
Love is a flower in bloom,  
Love is having fun with family,  
Love is the world spinning,  
Love is everywhere.

Solomon Davey (Y4)

Love is...

Love is a rainbow glistening through the clouds,  
Love is a wave that forever breaks on the shore,  
Love is seeing light, even when it's dark,  
Love is colours exploding in the darkness,  
Love is a boat that never sinks,  
Love is a balloon that never pops,  
Love is the air that will never stop floating,  
Love is a shine of of happiness,  
Love is making time to talk in a busy world,  
Love is amazing however it is shown.

Summer-Jane Robbins-Ridd (Y4)

## Tech Tales at Barnstaple Library

**Saturday 9th March**

Help to create Tech Tales in the FabLab at Barnstaple Library.

An introduction to electronics, specifically using Arduinos to sense and control mechanisms. Arduinos are single-board micro controllers for building digital devices and interactive objects that can sense and control both physically and digitally. Absolutely no previous experience is necessary in electronics or engineering to attend. Hopefully you will go away with the grounding ready to build your own gadgets!

You will also help towards building the Tech Tales installation currently under development. There will be a range of jobs. This piece will be on display in Barnstaple library from the end of March. There are very limited spaces so be quick to sign up!

Part of Evolve activity with Libraries Unlimited funded by Arts Council England.

Please note that ticket sales will end at 12pm the working day before the event.

Bookings are made on eventbrite via this link.

<https://techtalebarnstaple.eventbrite.co.uk>

Please phone 01271 318780 with any enquiries.

Shakespeare Week celebrations Tuesday 19th & Thursday 21st Drop in after school Shakespeare themed children's crafts 4-5.30 suitable for 6+.

## Reading Tip

Why not check out some Michael Morpurgo books. Take the opportunity to introduce children to wonderful stories they haven't read yet.

Why not visit [www.michaelmorpurgo.com](http://www.michaelmorpurgo.com), for activities, competitions and much more. There are some great deals on collections of his book on:-[www.thebookpeople.co.uk](http://www.thebookpeople.co.uk).

