



# 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.

## Welcome Back

Happy New Year to you all. We hope you had a peaceful and restful Christmas break. We have sent home the dates of events taking place this term but please see the dates section in each fortnightly newsletter as these will be subject to change.

It is important that set homework is completed each week. Your child/children should be reading to you for a minimum of 15 minutes each night. The additional work that children do at home does have a significant, positive effect in the classroom. Thank you for your continued help and support with this.

## Netball at Park School

For those Year 5 and 6 children that have been invited to play netball at Park School on Monday 21st January, please be aware that this date has been cancelled due to the unavailability of the other teams.

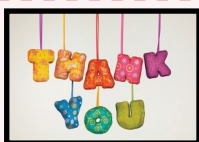
The other dates of Monday 28th January and Monday 4th February will continue as planned.



## PTFA

Thank you to everyone that supported the various PTFA Christmas events. We raised an amazing amount of money for the school. The next PTFA event is a film night on Thursday 28th March from 5.30pm until 7.15pm.

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



## Spring Term Dates

The dates for the Spring Term are attached to the end of this newsletter. These are subject to change so please keep checking the fortnightly newsletter and parentmail.



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| 18th Jan | Multiskills Club (Yr1&2) begins                            |
| 21st Jan | Holy Communion Applications to be returned.                |
| 21st Jan | No Netball at Park School (Y5&6 Invitation only)           |
| 22nd Jan | Netball Club Year 6  |
| 23rd Jan | EAGLE Class—Tarka Tennis                                   |
| 23rd Jan | Swimming for EAGLE Class                                   |
| 28th Jan | Netball at Park School (Y5&6 Invitation only)              |
| 29th Jan | Netball Club Year 5  |
| 30th Jan | EAGLE trip to Eden Project                                 |
| 30th Jan | No Swimming for EAGLE                                      |
| 1st Feb  | NSPCC Numbers Day  |
| 4th Feb  | KINGFISHER Class to see Annie at PCC                       |
| 4th Feb  | Children's Mental Health Week                              |
| 4th Feb  | Netball at Park School (Y5&6 Invitation only)              |
| 5th Feb  | Internet Safety Day  |
| 5th Feb  | Netball Club Year 6  |
| 6th Feb  | Swimming for EAGLE Class                                   |
| 11th Feb | Last Gymnastics Club                                       |
| 12th Feb | Netball Club Year 5  |
| 13th Feb | Swimming for EAGLE Class                                   |
| 14th Feb | EAGLE Act of Worship 9.15am                                |
| 15th Feb | Non Uniform Day for North Devon Hospice (Pitch in a Pound) |

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February: Half term begins at 3.15pm**  
**Monday 25th February: School Returns**

## School Clubs

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

<b>Monday</b>	Gymnastics Club (Yr3&4) (4.15pm) Miss Sloman (Fee)
<b>Tuesday</b>	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 15/1, 29/1, 12/2, 5/3, 19/3 Year 6 22/1, 5/2, 26/2, 12/3,
<b>Wednesday</b>	Homework Club (Yr 5&6) (4.15pm) Mr Meech and Staff
<b>Friday</b>	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.

## WHAT DYSLEXIA IS NOT

- Dyslexia is not caused by a lack of motivation.
- Dyslexia is not a visual problem.
- Dyslexia is not a problem of laziness.
- Dyslexia is not outgrown.
- Dyslexia is not caused by parents not reading to their child.
- Dyslexia is not seeing letters backward.
- Dyslexia is not rare.
- Dyslexia is not a problem of intelligence.

## Congratulations

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

Leo Davies	Immanuel Mathew
Cody Wonnacott	Billy O'Grady
Jamie Gibson	Harriett Routley
Henry Hopkins	Riley Yates
Kyle Sherington	Milita Stancic
Alfie Boreham	Rosie Smith
Chloe Brown	Maddison Daniel
Amy Bulley	Lexi-Mae Dunlop
Nnenna Amandiogu	Jamie Gibson
Declan Burns	Wynter Williams
Millie Harley	Nathan Davies
Gavin Joby	Paige Loman
Isla Lowry	



**We are very proud of you.**

**"...our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active..."** 1 John 3:18

## Attendance

Congratulations to **Kingfisher** who have the highest attendance so far this academic year at **95.9%** closely followed by **Eagle** at **95.4%**.



## Holy Communion 2019

If you have a child who is in Year 4 or older and is interested in taking their First Holy Communion this year please contact the Presbytery at St Mary's Church for an application form to be returned by 21st January. There will be a meeting late January to make arrangement for the 2019 course.

## Readers at Church

St Mary's are always looking for children who would be willing to read, serve or help at mass. Please let Mrs Cohen know if you are able to help on a Sunday.

**The next newsletter will go home on: Friday 1st February 2019**

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



Welcome back. We hope you had a great Christmas break. The children have come back refreshed and ready to learn. The children's views are really important to us as a whole school. We are asking the children what they like about Barn-a-b's, asking who their friends are, who are the adults, do they get on well with their friends, what happens if they have a problem so on. When you go through their tapestry journal with them, talk about these things, and let us know.

We will be making soup this term, please let us know if your child has any allergies or dietary requirements. To help at home you could involve your child in food preparation and shopping, naming and talking about different foods. Maybe you could plant some seeds and bring them in to show us once they start to grow.

In order for us to stay well informed about your child, we have enabled you to fill out the all about me pages on tapestry. If you could fill these out, it would be much appreciated.

You may be entitled to Early Years Pupil Premium. This is a small amount that the setting can claim to enhance your child's education. This is for families on low incomes, please come and see Jen in the office for more details as soon as possible.

## 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:

Tyler Loder-Reid  
Daisy Buckingham  
Lilah Walsh  
Rosie Smith  
Zaine Hancock  
Brooke Logan  
Rachel Stanworth  
Skye Duxbury



## Reach for the Stars!

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

Congratulations to **George Kerswell** who was awarded a trophy for 'Trainer of the week' for Eastside Amateur Football Club.

Well done to **Paige Loman** who received certificates for moving up a level in her ASA swimming lessons.

Congratulations to **Amy Bulley** was awarded a rosette for horse riding.

Well done to **Dakota Skinner** who was awarded a trophy for being pupil of the week in Judo.

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.

## Spring Term 2019

Please be aware that the dates are subject to change and parents are encouraged to check the fortnightly newsletter for up to date information.

**Homework Dates: W/b: 14<sup>th</sup> January – 1st April (Half term week is not included)**

9th January	Swimming begins for EAGLE (6 weeks)
14th January	Gymnastics Club (Yr3&4) begins
15th January	Homework club (Yr3&4) begins
16th January	Homework club (Yr 5&6) begins
17th January	Dinner Menu Change—Build a Burger
18th January	Multiskills Club (Yr1&2) begins
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25th February	Pupils Return to School
25th February	Dodgeball Club (Yr5&6) begins
26th February	Class/ Team Photographs/ Barn-a-b's
27th February	Last Swimming for EAGLE
4th March	Parent Consultations
6th March	Parent Consultations
6th March	Swimming begins for OWL (6 weeks) (last one 24th April)
6th March	Ash Wednesday
7th March	World Book Day
13th March	North Devon Sinfonia Festival (Yrs3-6)
15th March	CAFOD Family Fast Day
15th March	Red Nose Day
25th March	Last Dodgeball Club
27th March	Multi-Cultural Diversity Day—Pilton Community College
28th March	PTFA Film Night—5.30-7.15pm
29th March	Last Multiskills Club
2nd April	Last Homework Club (Yr3&4)
3rd April	Last Homework Club (Yr5&6)
4th April	KINGFISHER Act of Worship 9.15am
5th April	PTFA Easter Bonnet Parade/Chocolate raffle
5th April	Easter Holiday from 3.15pm (School returns Tuesday 23rd April)

*Dates are subject to change and parents will be notified of any other dates in the Newsletter or via Parent Mail as and when they arise.*