



# 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.



## All new Lending Library for Our Lady's pupils and families

Staff have been busy, and generous, in gifting new and pre-loved books since September to create our new Lending Library.

The shelves are placed as you enter the main entrance by the Office and are well on the way to being stocked up! I've added some photos of how it looks currently and some of the books we've been lucky enough to have been gifted so far.



The Lending Library has been created for children to choose a book with their adults from home before or after school. You can then read and share the chosen book at home and return it once finished. All we ask is that the loaned book is well-cared for and returned once read so other children can borrow it.

If you have any questions or would like any further information, feel free to see me or leave a message with our lovely Admin team to pass onto me.

I really hope you and your children enjoy some quality story time together. It would be lovely to see some photos or videos of you sharing our Lending Library books at home! Thank you for supporting our latest whole school initiative and to quote Tess and Claudia from Strictly .... Keeeeep Reading!

Mrs Everett, Reading Recovery Teacher

## 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** Multi-Skills Club (Yr1&2)  
(4.15pm)  
Miss Sloman (Fee)

**Wednesday** Invasion Games (Yr 3-6)  
(4.15pm)  
Miss Nichols

**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 afterschool clubs, school trips, music tuition and holiday clubs run by the school.

## Reminders

Please be aware that **Barn A Bs Pre-School will be closed on Thursday 12th December** for the day due to the classroom being used as a polling station for the general election. The school will be open as normal.

There will also be **no After School Club on Thursday 21st November** due to staff being required to attend training.

Apologies for any inconvenience this causes.



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### Reach for the Stars!

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

Congratulations to **Paige Loman** who was awarded her Level 7 Gymnastics certificate.

Well done to **Lenny Staddon** who was awarded the Player of the day football trophy.

Congratulations to **Reese Elshout** and **Tianna Mallaband-Whitham** who were awarded Rosettes for horse care.

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.

### Attendance

Congratulations to **SWALLOW** class who have the highest attendance for the Autumn term so far at **97.4%** closely followed by **EAGLE** class at **96.4%**.



God of compassion and mercy, we turn to you,  
we seek your help in our distress.

May we always seek to be a light for others,  
bringing hope in place of despair.

Bring comfort to those who mourn,  
shelter and sustenance to all those in need.

Amen

### Service Awards

This term we are rewarding through Service Awards. We will be announcing the recipients of the service awards from each class at our Praise assembly every Friday morning at 9.15am. All recipients will receive a certificate and their photo will be displayed around the school outside their class on the Service Award Boards.



Very well done to the following children who are our recipients of the Service Awards so far this year:-

Nathan Davis  
Luke Essery  
Kadie Surman  
Lucy Hook  
Millie Passmore  
Mylee Denning  
Kyle Tucker  
Freya Duxbury  
Lilly-Rose Dunlop  
Reese Elshout  
Lilly-May Morgan  
Paige Loman  
The Whole of Swallow Class  
Lilah Walsh  
Millie Passmore  
Indy Elshout  
Jack Steele  
Reese Elshout  
Bradley Ball  
Vinny Tregidgo  
Mason Burden-Toivonen  
Amy-Lou Trickey  
Alisha Lancey  
K-lib Groves  
Cody Wonnacott  
Rudi Thake  
Ivy Hleza



**We were delighted to announce, at assembly last week, the following pupils new roles in the school:-**

**Head Boy and Girl**

Reagan Fee  
Hannah Bale

**Deputy Head Boy and Girl**

Lewis Langley  
Amelie Lear

**House Captains**

**St John Fisher**

Bethan Silverlock and Jasmine Hooker

**St Cecilia**

Roe Hawkins and Charlie Morris

**St Anthony**

Harvey Dennis and Caitlin Clarkson

**St Bernadette**

David Przeworski, Zarah Wells

We wish them all well in their new roles.

**School Council 2019/20**

We were happy to announce our School Council representatives for this academic year at assembly today. The following are the proud representatives elected by their class:-

**HERON** Vinnie Tregidgo

**PUFFIN** Charlie Yeaman, Elena Gwynn

**OWL** Alfie Boreham, Pixie Barnett

**EAGLE** Bailey Gwynn

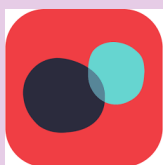
**KINGFISHER** Ava Holtmann, Summer-Jayne Robins-Ridd

**SWALLOW** Evelyn Brown, Nicola Osumek, Charlie Morris

We wish them well in their new roles.

**Scopay On-line Payments**

Don't forget you can book and pay for our Breakfast Club and After School club via our online booking system via scopay.com.



Dinner money, school trips and items of school uniform can also be paid on this system. It is easy to log in. You just need your individual log in details. If you have mislaid these or need any help or assistance with logging into Scopay please see a member of the Admin Team who will be happy to assist you.

**Full Governing Body Meetings**

The Full Governing Body (FGB) meetings for this academic year 2018/19 are as follows:-

Wednesday 13th November at 5.30pm

Wednesday 15th January at 5.30pm

Wednesday 11th March at 5.30pm

Wednesday 13th May at 5.30pm

Wednesday 8th July at 10am

The governor pages on our website are kept up to date with the minutes of these meetings.



We will be raising money for Children in Need by holding a non school uniform day on Friday 15th November. Wear

whatever you like for the day or wear spots. However, please DO NOT go out and buy something new, you can always accessorise! Don't forget to bring in your £1 to support this fantastic charity.

**The next newsletter will go home on:  
Friday 13th December 2019**



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

We are pleased to let you know that we are now trained to complete the 'Let's Talk More' language programme. This is for children between the ages of 2 and 3. Talk to us for more details.

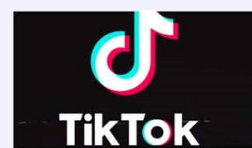
Communication and language is closely linked to early reading. As a school we are focussing on early reading. Please look at the school's fabulous lending Library in the reception area. We are happy to lend our books to you and your child anytime. If you have an hour a week to spare and would like to read to our children, we would love to hear from you.

As the weather gets colder, please can you make sure your child has a named coat. We try to get down to the wooded area often and it would be great if you could send your child with a pair of welly boots, we have a few spare pairs, but our supplies are running low.

Please remember that Barn A Bs will be closed for the day on the 12th December. The classroom will be used as a Polling Station for the General Election on that day. We apologise for any inconvenience that this causes.

### How to Monitor Your Child's Social Media

We have been made aware of a site 'Tik Tok' that some of our children are gaining access to. Please be aware that this is an app that is suitable for ages 13+. Some of the videos that can be viewed on this site are not appropriate for primary aged children. Nearly all other social media services require users to be at least 13 years of age to access and use their services. This includes Facebook, Snapchat, Twitter, Instagram, Musical.ly and Skype.



Whilst there is no age restriction for watching videos on YouTube, users need to be 13 or older to have their own YouTube account (enabling them to subscribe to other channels, like videos, post comments, share their own content and flag inappropriate content).

You may find the following tips useful:

Don't let your child have a social media account until they are 13 – and possibly not even then unless you think they are emotionally mature enough to handle it. It's not compulsory, and your child may even be secretly relieved that you have taken the decision out of their hands.

Interestingly, anecdotal evidence suggests that many teenage girls are starting to turn their backs on social media, saying that it causes too many arguments and complications.

Talk to your children about the issues surrounding social media.

Consider banning devices from bedrooms. If your child's online screen time is confined to the main family living area, it will be far easier to keep an eye on what's going on, and your child will hopefully be less tempted to try and bypass any settings.

If you have a young child and have social media apps on your smartphone, use a password to protect your device and all the parental controls at your disposal. Contact your internet service provider for advice.

Be very selective when it comes to friend requests. Make a point of checking your child's contact lists every now and then and add yourself as a friend.

Educate your child about online safety – about the importance of not clicking on unfamiliar links and set clear guidelines and rules. Make sure it's clear that social media use is conditional upon your child respecting these rules. You're paying the bills, you make the rules!

Teach your child not to disclose personal details online, such as their date of birth, address, home phone number etc.

Visit our school website [www.ourladys.devon.sch.uk](http://www.ourladys.devon.sch.uk) 'Useful Links' section for more on line safety information for parents.

### Dates

13th Nov	Swimming for SWALLOW
15th Nov	<b>Non School Uniform Day for Children in Need £1</b>
15th Nov	Primary Admissions open for 2020/21
20th Nov	<b>Swimming for SWALLOW</b>
21st Nov	Patchwork Parenting Course 1.30pm
21st Nov	<b>After School Club Closed</b>
26th Nov	Yr6 Gifted and Talented Tennis and Gymnastics (invitation only)
27th Nov	<b>Swimming for SWALLOW</b>
29th Nov	Advent Service—PUFFIN
2nd Dec	<b>Flu—Nasal Immunisations</b>
2nd Dec	PTFA Christmas Trees to decorate go on sale
2nd Dec	<b>KINGFISHER trip to We the Curious Museum</b>
4th Dec	Last Swimming for SWALLOW
9th Dec	<b>Whole School Mass—St Mary's—10am</b>
10th Dec	Experience Christmas (St Mary's Church)
12th Dec	<b>Barn A Bs Pre-School Closed for Polling</b>
18th Dec	Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day
19th Dec	<b>Nativity to Parents—St Mary's 10.30am</b>
20th Dec	PTFA Non School Uniform Day
20th Dec	<b>PTFA Children's Chocolate Raffle</b>
20th Dec	Judging of decorated paper Christmas Trees
20th Dec	<b>Last day of term</b>
6th Jan	Children and Staff Return

### Congratulations

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

Reese Elshout	Tiani-Faith Passmore
George Kerswell	Dylan Potter
Josh Jennings	Adrianas Stancic
Scarlett Rudge	Joshua Jennings
Amy-Lou Trickey	Summer-Jayne Robins-Ridd
Billy O'Grady	Ava Holtmann
Zarah Wells	Jacob Turner
Amber McClure	Siobhan McCarthy
Cody Wonnacott	Amelia Westwood
Rio Bishop	Rosa Wells
Finley Daniel	Oliver Whitaker
Jacob Turner	Samuel Doherty-Godfrey
Tianna Mallaband-Whitham	Tong Chen
Evie Jones	Kya Heighton
Poppy Shaddick-Banwell	Kyle Tucker
Kimberly Dyer	Peter James Webb
Paige Loma	Lushian Clay
Lilly Norris	
Leah Loder-Reid	
Charlie Boreham	

**We are very proud of you.**



### Primary Admissions 2020/21

**Was your child born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016?**

Applications can be made from 15th November for a primary school place for September 2019. You must apply for your child's school place by 15th January 2020 for primary school admissions in September 2020.

You can apply for a school place online at: [www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline)

Or

If you cannot access the school admissions website you can get more information by calling the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019 or by emailing :-primaryschooladmissions@devon.gov.uk.

If you need help applying online or haven't got internet access at home please contact the school, we would be more than happy to help you. You can view your offer on-line from 16th April 2020.

**Please ensure that the 2020 Supplementary Form for this school is returned to the school office by 15th January 2020. This form is available from the school office, Barn a B's Pre-School or via the school's website:- [www.ourlady.devon.sch.uk](http://www.ourlady.devon.sch.uk) under 'Key Documents' and in the 'Admissions' section.**

**Without this form your child may be lower in the priorities for admission and risk not getting a place at Our Lady's School.**



Head Girl Hannah Bale and  
Head Boy Reagan Fee



Deputy Head Girl Amelie Lear and  
Deputy Head Boy Lewis Langley



House Captains 2019/20



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and  
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