



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.

PTFA

Thank you to everyone that supported the various PTFA Christmas events. We raised an amazing amount of money for the school:-



- Christmas Bingo/Raffle £1,561.17
- Decorate a Christmas Tree Competition £45.00
- Non-Uniform Day £154.00
- Chocolate Raffle £253.20

There is a PTFA Meeting on Friday 26th January at 2pm in the staffroom. Everyone is very welcome to attend.

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

The next PTFA event is the school disco on 22nd February.

Spring Term Dates

9th January	Homework club (Yr3&4) begins
10th January	Homework club (Yr 5&6) begins
10th January	Swimming begins for OWL
15th January	Volleyball Club begins
17th January	Swimming — OWL
18th January	Choir begins
19th January	Tennis Club begins
24th January	EAGLE Class at Tarka Tennis a.m
24th January	EAGLE Class Spaghetti Stem Challenge p.m
26th January	PTFA Meeting 2pm
31st January to 7th February	Book Fair
5th February	Children's Mental Health Week
5th February	Parent Consultations
6th February	Parent Consultations
6th February	Konflux Theatre Workshop
6th February	Internet Safety Day
7th February	Last Swimming for OWL
8th February	EAGLE Act of Worship 9.15am
9th February	Non Uniform Day for North Devon Hospice

Friday 9th February: Half term begins at 3.15pm

Monday 19th February: School Returns

The next newsletter will go home on:

Friday 26th January 2018

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	Volleyball Club (Yr5&6) (4.15pm) Miss Sloman (Fee) Starts 15/1/18
Tuesday	Homework (Yr 3&4) (4.15pm) Mr Meech and Staff Started 9/1/18
Wednesday	Homework (Yr 5&6) (4.15pm) Mr Meech and Staff Started 10/1/18
Thursday	Choir (Yr2 and above) (4.00pm) Mrs Hynes Starts 18/1/18
Friday	Tennis (Y1&2) (4.15pm) Miss Sloman (Fee) Starts 19/1/18

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.

Star Learners

Very well done to the following children who are our Star Learners for the first week of term:-



Pablo Wright-Inarejos
Scarlett Rudge
Simone White
George Kerswell
Freddie Pattenden
Stanley Sargent
Sheetal Mathew

Congratulations

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

Savannah Fiddes
Blake Moore
Kori Skinner



We are very proud of you.

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 can also be paid on this system. It is easy to log in. You just need your individual log in details that were sent home a few weeks ago. 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.

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



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

Wishing you all a happy 2018!

We are taking part in the whole school topic of "The Papaya that Spoke." We are looking forward to this immensely and are going to have great fun, more details will follow. Please check the Our Lady's website for plans, photos and updates.

The deadline for applying to school is January 15th, so please make sure you have applied. Come and see us if you haven't done it yet and we can help you through the process.

Attendance and punctuality is very important for our day to run smoothly, and for your child to get the best out of their opportunities. Please let us know if your child is not going to be at preschool. The phone number is 01271 345164.

Primary Admissions 2018/19

Was your child born between 1 September 2013 and 31 August 2014?

Applications can be made from 15th November for a primary school place for September 2018. You must apply for your child's school place by 15th January 2018 for primary school admissions in September 2018.

You can apply for a school place online at:

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 2018.

Please ensure that the 2018 Supplementary Form for this school is returned to the school office by 15th January 2018. This form is available from the school office, Barn a B's Pre-School or via the school's website:- www.ourladys.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.

Attendance

Congratulations to **SWALLOW** who have the highest attendance so far this academic year at **97.3%** closely followed by **EAGLE** at **97%**.



Calling All Singers!

The Our Lady's School Community Adult and Child Choir returns this term on Thursday 18th January and will then continue to meet every Thursday (during term time) from 3.15pm-4.00pm in the school hall.

Children from Year 2 and above are all welcome to attend. All abilities of singers welcome. Parents, Grandparents, Carers and friends please come along and join the fun.



Spring Term 2018

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: 8th January – 26th March (Half term week is not included)

9th January	Homework club (Yr3&4) begins
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8th February	EAGLE Act of Worship 9.15am
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19th February	Pupils Return to School
21st February	Swimming begins for EAGLE
22nd February	PTFA Disco (5-6.30pm KS1 and 6.30-8pm KS2)
23rd February	CAFOD Family Fast Day
1st March	World Book Day
7th March	Multi-Cultural Diversity Day—Pilton Community College
19th March	Sport Relief Week
20th March	Class/ Team Photographs/ Barn-a-b's
22nd March	KINGFISHER Act of Worship 9.15am
26th March	Holy Week at Our Lady's
28th March	Last Swimming for EAGLE
29th March	PTFA Easter Bonnet Parade/Chocolate raffle
29th March	Easter Holiday from 3.15pm (School returns Monday 16th 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.