



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.

Feedback from Parent Questionnaire

In the parent questionnaire a question was raised about how parents can keep in touch with what is going on in school and with their child's learning.

There are many ways you can find out about your child's time in school. These include; Class Dojo, parent information sheets, parentmail, tapestry (Barn a Bs and Robins only), parents evening meetings, the school website, class open morning and by appointment with the teacher.

Whilst all teachers endeavour to make themselves available at the start of the day for quick messages or concerns, often there may not be enough time to deal with these properly. If this is the case an appointment can be made through the office to arrange either a face to face appointment or a telephone call.

The school website is full of information about the school (www.ourladys.devon.sch.uk). Each class have their own page full of information about the learning happening in class, accompanied by lots of photos! You will find parent information sheets and class homework on here too.

Another great way to keep in touch is to follow the school on Twitter. We regularly tweet about exciting events happening in school. If you want to follow us the address is @OurLadys_School. As the year goes on we shall be organising open mornings and workshops on specific subjects such as early reading, early number and phonics. Please keep an eye out in the newsletter for further information.

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 Dodgeball Club (Yr3-5) (4.15pm)
Miss Sloman (Fee)

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

Netball (Yr 5&6) (4.15pm)
Mrs Houle

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

Friday Tennis (Y1&2) (4.15pm)
Miss Sloman (Fee)

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.

School Uniform

A reminder that it is only the school jumper that should be worn in school and not plain navy jumpers or cardigans. The school has a stock of these for you to purchase for £14.50 or £15.50 depending on the size required.

If girls wish to wear tights in the colder weather please could these be navy in colour. Thank you.



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

Hopefully you have all seen the "Rules" observation on tapestry. All the children were tagged. If you have any problems with tapestry come and tell us. We have 4 simple rules; walk, listen, share, kind hands. We introduce these rules at circle time and remind the children throughout the day. We also have a visual timetable with the routine of the day to help children learn what's going to happen in their day.

All these things help our children to feel safe and know what's expected of them and others. We have lots of spare routine cards if you would like a set for home.

We are planning our trip to Exmoor Zoo for the last Wednesday of half term. Once again we can only take the children who are due in on that particular day, due to planning, cost and spaces available on the coach. You will get more details soon.

Finally for our topic we are making houses from boxes. Please could each child bring in an old cereal type box for us to decorate. Thank you.

Congratulations

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

Amy Richards
Reese Elshout
Aaron Ferguson
Callum Curtis
Adam Dyer x2
Dakota Skinner
Amy Bulley
Maddison Daniel
Immanuel Mathew



We are very proud of you.

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:

Noah McCluskey
Brynley Thurman
Lexi-May Dunlop
Rudi Thake
Milita Stancic
Dakota Skinner
Maddison Daniel
Mya Eaton
Tianna Mallaband-Whitham
Rio Bishop
Todd Thorne
Ella Hutt
Vinny Tregidgo
Bailey Gwynn
Scarlett Rudge
Chloe Brown
Adam Dyer
Eliza Denning



May the Lord bless you and take care of you:

May the Lord be kind and gracious to you:

May he fill you with the wonder of his loving presence.

May the Lord look on you with favour and give you peace.

May we help to bring love, joy and peace to others.

Dinner Menu for W/C 1st October 2018

Please note that there are some changes to the published dinner menu for next week only.

Thank you.

Monday 1st October

Traditional British Theme Day—Fish and Chips with Broccoli and Sweetcorn

V = Vegetarian Shepherdess Pie
Apple Crumble and Custard

Tuesday 2nd October

Mac N Cheese

V = Quorn Sausage and Tomato Pasta Bake
Chocolate Angel Delight

Wednesday 3rd October

Roast Turkey with Roast Potatoes & Gravy,
Peas and Roasted Vegetables

V = Cauliflower and Broccoli Cheese Bake with Roast Potatoes and Gravy
Oatie Biscuits with Fruit Slices

Thursday 4th October

American Theme Day—American Hotdog, Chips, Baked Beans and Peas

V = Veggie Hotdog
Sweet Waffle with Chocolate Sauce and Ice-Cream

Friday 5th October

Sausages, Chips and Sweetcorn

V = Bean Burger in a Bun with Chips
Strawberry Jelly

Parent Governor

We currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor. Being a school governor is rewarding and not overly demanding on your time.

If you are interested in volunteering for this role, please send an application email giving some details about yourself and why you would like to be considered for the role to Claire Silverlock Clerk to Governors at clerk@olcs.uk by Friday 5th October.



Reach for the Stars!

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

Well done to **Romeo Hleza** who was awarded the Chief Scout's Bronze Award.

Congratulations to **Bethan Silverlock** who was awarded a finishers medal for completing the Torbay Children's Triathlon.

Well done to **Zarah Wells** who was the Primary School Quiz winner from the recent Magistrates visit to Kingfisher Class.

Congratulations to **Noah McCluskey** who was awarded a trophy for being 'Trainer of the week' for his football club.

Well done to **Douglas Millar** who was awarded a Star Player Football certificate for having 'amazing skills'.

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.

Wednesday 10th October 2018 is World Mental Health Day. All children & Staff to wear yellow in support of 'Young Minds' - all for £1.00

R U OK?

YOUNG MINDS

#HelloYellow

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**The next newsletter will go home on:
Friday 12th October 2018**

Attendance

Our whole school attendance rate for academic year 2017/18 was **96.5%**.

Congratulations to **EAGLE** class who have the highest attendance for the Autumn term so far at **98.9%** closely followed by **PUFFIN** class at **97.8%**.

**EVERY
SCHOOL DAY
COUNTS**

Autumn Term Dates

1st Oct	Individual School and Barn a Bs Photos
1st Oct	Menu Change—Traditional British Lunch Day —Fish & Chips
1st Oct	School vote for school council & announcement
1st Oct	Dodgeball After School Club (Y3-6)
2nd Oct	Experience Harvest—Whole School
2nd Oct	Homework Club (Y3&4)
2nd Oct	Netball Club (Y5&6)
3rd Oct	Swimming KINGFISHER
3rd Oct	Homework Club (Y5&6)
4th Oct	Announcement of Head Boy/Girl
4th Oct	American Theme Lunch—Hot Dogs
5th Oct	Tennis After School Club (Y1&2)
8th Oct	Flu Vaccinations (R-Y5)
8th Oct	Dodgeball After School Club (Y3-6)
9th Oct	Parent Workshop for children with literacy difficulties 3.30pm
9th Oct	Homework Club (Y3&4)
9th Oct	Netball Club (Y5&6)
10th Oct	Wear Something Yellow Day
10th Oct	Swimming KINGFISHER
10th Oct	Homework Club (Y5&6)
12th Oct	Tennis After School Club (Y1&2)
15th Oct	Last Dodgeball After School Club (Y3-6)
15th Oct	Parent Consultations
16th Oct	Parent Consultations
16th Oct	No Homework Club (Y3&4)
16th Oct	Netball Club (Y5&6)
17th Oct	Last Swimming for KINGFISHER
17th Oct	Homework Club (Y5&6)
18th Oct	Harvest Thanksgiving—OWL Class
19th Oct	PTFA Non Uniform Day and Cake Sale
19th Oct	Tennis After School Club (Y1&2)

Half term begins at 3.15pm on Friday 19th October
School returns Tuesday 30th October

Individual/Family/Staff Photos

The school photographer will be in school on Monday 1st October. If you would like siblings, not in the school, to be part of a family photograph please come into school at the following times:



Older Siblings: 8-8.30am

Pre-school siblings: 8.30-9am

Siblings who attend the pre-school and school and individual photos will be taken throughout the day.



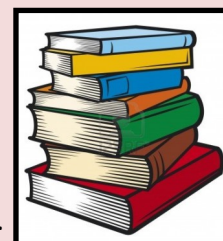
New Guide to Keeping Children Safe Online

We have placed a link to a new Guide for Parents on Keeping Children Safe Online on our school website. Please visit the link below for more information and useful tips:-

<https://giftedgeek.co.uk/keep-children-safe-online/>

Date for your diary—Tuesday 9th October

We will be running a Parent Workshop for Children with Literacy Difficulties from 3.30—4.30pm on Tuesday 9th October. This first session will focus on supporting your child at home and will be led by Ann Atherton from the Devon Outreach for Specific Literacy Difficulties.



If you would like a place on this free workshop or would like to discuss it further please see Mrs Silverlock in the school office.



School Council

Thank you to all those children who have submitted manifestos for our school council vote on Monday. These are all displayed in our hall if you would like to take a look.

Year 6 Parents

The deadline for applying for a secondary school place for your child is **31st October**. Apply at:

www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline