



# Newsletter

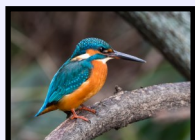
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In Our Lady's Catholic Primary School we learn about God and try to follow his footsteps by showing care and respect for one another.



## Kingfisher Class Act of Worship

Kingfisher class will be leading the assembly with their Act of Worship on Wednesday 3rd April. Assembly will commence at 9.15am and will last until around 10am. All parents, carers, grandparents and friends are welcome to attend.

The school is being used as a Polling Station on Thursday 2nd May and will therefore be closed to pupils on this day.

The new school dinner menu will start upon our return to school after the Easter break on Tuesday 23rd April. These will be sent home shortly and have been put on the school website.



## Congratulations

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

Jamie Gibson	Jenson Bennett
Lucy Hook x2	Albie Stevens
Finlay Silverlock	Lucy Hook
Esme Bradfield	Elena Gwynn
Tiana Marozwa	Amber McClure
Peter James Webb x2	Lily-May Morgan
Paige Loman	Poppy-Amelia Dunlop
Nnenna Amandiogu	Tom Manoj
Immanuel Mathew	Simone White
Andres Cabangon x2	Macie-Grace Hudson
Jessica Lake	Harriett Routley
Rainie-Rae Hawkins	Kyle Tucker
Dakota Skinner	Rosie Smith
Ava Holtmann	

We are very proud of you.

## Dates for your Diary



25th Mar	Last Dodgeball (Yr5&6)
25th Mar	<b>The Big Pedal Week</b>
25th Mar	Mrs Recycle visiting BABs and ROBIN
26th Mar	<b>Netball Club (Y6)</b>
27th Mar	Swimming OWL Class
27th Mar	<b>Multi-Cultural Diversity Day PCC</b>
27th Mar	Dentist to visit ROBIN & HERON Classes
28th Mar	<b>PTFA Film Night 5.30pm-7.15pm</b>
28th Mar	OWL Trip to Maritime Museum
29th Mar	<b>Last Multi-Skills Club (Yr1&amp;2)</b>
29th Mar	Pyjama Day for Lenten Charities
1st Apr	<b>The Big Pedal Week</b>
2nd Apr	Last Homework Club (Y3&4)
3rd Apr	<b>Last Homework Club (Y5&amp;6)</b>
3rd Apr	KINGFISHER Act of Worship 9.15am
3rd Apr	<b>Last Swimming for OWL Class</b>
4th Apr	Freedom Parade—Whole School
5th Apr	<b>PTFA Easter Bonnet Parade</b>
5th Apr	Decorate an Easter Egg Comp
5th Apr	<b>PTFA Chocolate Raffle</b>
5th Apr	Last day of term

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

1st May	Dyslexia Support Group 2.30pm
2nd May	<b>School Closed—Polling Station</b>
3rd May	Lifeguard Talk in Assembly

Just a reminder that children should not be left in the playground unsupervised in the mornings. We have members of staff by the school gates from 8.40am, if you cannot park then please leave your children with them. Alternatively we operate a Breakfast Club from 7.45am everyday (prices start from £3.80).



**SIGNPOSTplus** is a universal information service for families of children with additional needs in Devon



'Like' our Facebook page @SIGNPOSTplus for regular news, events, updates and details of local and national organisations (enable 'notifications' to ensure that all information shows in your newsfeed).



Take a look at our webpage:  
<http://devon.integratedchildrensservices.co.uk/signpostplus/> to find details of groups, services and our weekly information snippets.



You can contact us with information queries:  
If you live in South Devon or surrounding area contact:  
Kristine Taylor on: 01803 763505  
or email: [kris.taylor@nhs.net](mailto:kris.taylor@nhs.net)

If you live in North Devon or surrounding area contact:  
Amanda Smithson on: 01392 384459  
or email: [amandasmithson@nhs.net](mailto:amandasmithson@nhs.net)

If you live in Exeter or East Devon you can contact either Kris or Amanda as above or email: [discplus-mailbox@devon.gov.uk](mailto:discplus-mailbox@devon.gov.uk)

## Primary Sports Holiday Camps

Easter Holiday camps are being run at:-

Pilton Infants—Mon 8th and Mon 15th April

Our Lady's—Tues 9th and Tues 16th April

Bishop's Tawton—Weds 10th and Weds 17th April

All clubs run from 9am to 3pm and are £10 per day if your booking is received before Friday 29th March or £15 per day for bookings received after this date.

Children from ALL Primary Schools are welcome to ANY of the holiday camps. Please book through Jemma Sloman via the school office.

## Reading Tip

All reading is good!

Don't rule out non-fiction comics, recipes, magazines or leaflets.

Reading is reading and it's all worthwhile.



## I Opened a Book

"I opened a *book* and in I strode.  
Now nobody can find me.  
I've left my chair, my house, my road,  
My town and my world behind me.  
I'm wearing the cloak, I've slipped on the ring,  
I've swallowed the magic potion.  
I've fought with a dragon, dined with a king  
And dived in a bottomless ocean.  
I opened a book and made some friends.  
I shared their tears and laughter  
And followed their road with its bumps and bends  
To the happily ever after.  
I finished my book and out I came.  
The cloak can no longer hide me.  
My chair and my house are just the same,  
But I have a *book* inside me."

— Julia Donaldson

## 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>	Dodgeball Club (Yr4,5&6) (4.15pm) Miss Sloman (Fee)
<b>Tuesday</b>	Homework Club (Yr 3&4) (4.15pm) Mr Meech and Staff <b>Last one 2nd April</b>  Netball Club (Yr 5&6) (4.30pm) Mrs Houle (Alternate weeks Y5 & Y6) Year 6 26/3
<b>Wednesday</b>	Homework Club (Yr 5&6) (4.15pm) Mr Meech and Staff <b>Last one 3rd April</b>
<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.

### Message from North Devon Hospice

#### THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR TAKING PART IN 'PITCH IN A POUND' 2019!

We were completely overwhelmed by the incredible enthusiasm and support from our local community, not only on the day, but from many who took the opportunity to extend their fundraising activities for a week or more. In such a tough financial climate, North Devon demonstrated incredible warmth and community spirit yet again, making an important contribution to the care that we provide both here at the Hospice and throughout the local community. By each person pulling together and donating just £1, the collective difference to local families going through the toughest of times really has been huge.

We at North Devon Hospice would therefore like to say a very big heartfelt thank you to all the children, parents and staff at Our Lady's School for taking part and raising an incredible **£185.05**. You joined over 120 other local businesses, schools and community groups across North Devon, united in the single cause of helping your local hospice. It is only by the community working together in this way, to help one another, that our specialist care and support is possible. Look out for the grand total which will be published on our Website and Facebook page as soon as all the donations have been received.

Thanks to your generous support and that of the local community we will be there to provide all of our care for local patients and families now and into the future. North Devon Hospice is here for the community, because of the community. Thank you to everyone for their kindness in donating.

### 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:

Kodie Harmer  
Adrianas Stancic  
Anna Presobhan  
Paige Thomson  
Colbie-Rae Gammon  
Andres Cabagnon  
Gabriella Smith  
Gavin Joby  
Isla Lowry  
Jaime Jithesh  
Douglas Millar  
Sarah-Louise Dyer

Cora Sherman-Till  
Peter Bulley  
James Harmon Clarke  
Tiani-Faith Passmore  
Riley Yates  
Macie-Grace Hudson  
Lewis Langley  
Zarah Wells  
Albie Stevens  
David Przeworski



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

Signing in:- Please sign in and out on the sheet when you drop off and collect. If you want a school dinner for your child, please write it on the sign in sheet. School dinners are only available if your child is in all day.

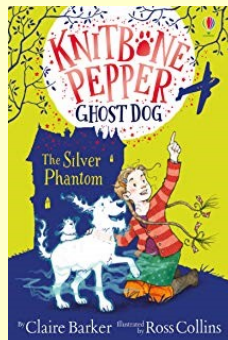
Many thanks for those that attended the toileting workshop. Debbie gave us some great advice, including changing children standing up when they are beginning to be ready to toilet train. She talked about using nappies or pants only. Pull ups are harder to change quickly, and do not teach children about the uncomfortable wet feeling when they are wet. She said if you have any concerns go to your GP or health visitor and they will be able to help.

Mrs recycle will be coming in to talk to the children about recycling, and she will also bring in her chicken. She rescues old battery chickens, giving them a new lease of life.

We are excited to announce that we are going to see "the Tiger who came to tea" on the 14<sup>th</sup> May. This is for Tuesday children only, but if any non Tuesday children want to meet us, feel free to buy a ticket and meet us there.

### Book Signing with Local Children's Author Claire Barker

Come and meet Claire Barker and buy your very own signed copy of 'Knitbone Pepper and the Silver Phantom', the fourth book in Claire's hugely popular and beautifully illustrated Knitbone Pepper series!



Waterstones store: Barnstaple

Date of event: 30/03/2019 Time: 10:15

### Attendance

Congratulations to **KINGFISHER** and **EAGLE** who have the highest attendance so far this academic year at **96.6%** closely followed by **SWALLOW** at **96.2%**. Attendance for the whole school is **95.6%**.



### Dyslexia Support Group

Our next meeting will take place next term on 1st May 2019 2.30-3.15pm. Please do join us if your child is having literacy difficulties.

### The Big Pedal

Get active with us for Sustrans Big Pedal. For the first time, walking will be counted alongside cycling and scooting. This year the challenge will run from 25 March—5 April and the miles completed will count towards traveling around different parts of the body on a big body map.



On each day of the challenge, schools will compete to see who can record the greatest number of pupils, staff and parents cycling, walking, scooting or using a wheelchair to school. Our best five days will determine our final position. All schools will be entered into daily prize draws for rewards if over 15% of the school cycle, walk or scoot on each day of the challenge. Prizes up for grabs include accessories and equipment to help our school travel actively.

# PTFA Events

### PTFA Film Night

Don't forget to book your place on the PTFA Film night on Thursday 28th March from 5.30pm until 7.15pm. KS1 children will be watching Paddington 2 and KS2 children will watch Coco. Tickets to be booked in advance from the school office at £2 per child (to include refreshments).

### PTFA Easter Events

We will be holding a decorate an Easter Egg competition. Eggs will be on sale from the school office for £1 per egg. Eggs should be returned to school for judging on the 5th April.

Create a miniature Easter Garden in a box. These will be judged on Friday 5th April. £1 to enter. If your child would like to enter both competitions then you only pay £1.

We will be holding the Easter Bonnet Parade and Children's Chocolate Raffle on Friday 5th April.

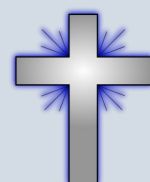
### Donations .. Donations .. Donations .. Donations

Chocolate donations for this event will be gratefully received. Please bring in any chocolate Easter eggs, chocolate bunnies or bars of chocolate to the School Office before or on the morning of Friday 5th April. The more chocolate we get the more prizes there are for the children. Raffle tickets were sent home nearer the time. Thank you to those of you that have donated chocolate Easter Eggs already.

Thank you for your continued support.

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

*Trust and pray, do your best today and leave it in the hands of the Lord. Amen*





## Welcomes Carers of Children and Young Adults with Additional Needs.

Weekly 'term time' groups that offer support, friendship and information sharing.

**Start Date: Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March**

### WHERE

Barnstaple Youth House  
6 Market Street  
Barnstaple  
DEVON  
EX31 1BX

### WHEN

**TUESDAY EVENINGS**  
6:30pm to 9:30pm

**WEDNESDAY MORNINGS**  
9:30am to 12:30pm

### Further Information

Tel: 07423317634

Email: [sidebysidebarnstaple@outlook.com](mailto:sidebysidebarnstaple@outlook.com)



### Events at Barnstaple Library

Saturday 23rd March

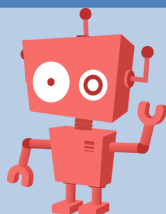
Join the Private Eye's award-winning cartoonist Tony Husband to discover and create your very own comic strip. Your contribution will feed into a new comic, that will become available in our libraries for all to enjoy. Book on the link here. Tickets are booking up quickly for this one.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/create-a-comic-book-workshop-with-tony-husband-of-private-eye-fame-tickets-55978892374>

### Children's Search Engine

When your children use the internet to search for images for projects or anything related to school work, please encourage them to use Kiddle instead of Google. Kiddle is a child-specific search engine supported by Google, which prevents the appearance of things that are not suitable for them.

[www.kiddle.co](http://www.kiddle.co)



## Fun for Kids at Dogs Trust!

### FREE Easter Activity Session @ Dogs Trust Ilfracombe - EX34 8NU

For children aged 4+

Come and join us for some fun and exciting activities, with Dogs Trust Education & Community Officer, Stacey Prosser.

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2019 - 1pm**

Activities will include:

- Be Dog Smart mini-workshop, where we learn all about how to keep safe around dogs
- Doggy themed craft - to take home!
- A guided tour of the Rehoming Centre

All those attending will receive a goody bag! See you there!

### Booking is essential

To book your child(ren) a place, please contact Stacey

on 07436162109 or

[stacey.prosser@dogstrust.org.uk](mailto:stacey.prosser@dogstrust.org.uk)

All children remain the responsibility of the accompanying adult.



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# Barnstaple Floral Art Club Easter Basket Workshop For Children

Have fun making a lovely Easter Flower Basket together. Age 6+ accompanied by an adult



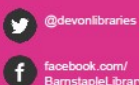
**Saturday 13th April 2019, 10.30 - 12.30**  
**Room 3B, Barnstaple Library**

**Cost: £5.00 per flower basket**  
**to include flowers, basket and refreshments**

*Please purchase tickets in advance at the Library*

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## Reach for the Stars!

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

Congratulations to **Tyler** and **Scarlett Rudge** who were awarded medals for competing in the ICC Champion Cheerleading Competition.

Well done to **Summer-Jayne Robins-Ridd** who was awarded a medal and trophy for coming first in a Level 3 Stunt Group Competition for Cheerleading.

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.

## Young Writer's Early Years Poetry Competition

Congratulations and a huge well done to some of the children in Robin Class whose poems have been selected to be published in the Devon and Cornwall My First Riddle Anthology!

The school will receive a copy of this to display in our school library!

What a big achievement for our youngest writers! We are very proud of you!

**Mya Eaton**  
**Noah McCluskey**  
**Oliver Wiacek**  
**Rosa Wells**  
**Tiani-Faith Passmore**  
**Vinny Tregidgo**  
**Wynter Williams**

**Amelia Westwood**  
**Arthur Taylor**  
**Ashly Siby Cherian**  
**Francesca Doherty-Godfrey**  
**Lacey Dennis**  
**Leah Loder-Reid**  
**Lillie Shurety-Coates**

**The next newsletter will go home on:**  
**Friday 26th April 2019**

## Red Nose Day

Thank you for everyone who paid £1 to dress in Red on Red Nose Day. We raised an incredible £195.00.

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