



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.



Advent Meditation come and join the Sisters of Our Lady, Morning Star at Lynton for the Advent Meditation on Friday 13th December at St Mary's at 6pm. Doors open at 5.30pm.

Christmas at St Mary's

Family Mass on December 24th at 6pm

Christmas Day Mass will commence at 9.30am in Barnstaple and 11.15am in South Molton.

Children's Family Mass

Are you coming to the Children's Family Mass on Christmas Eve at 6.00pm?

Would you like to read or take part with bringing the gifts to the Christmas Crib?

Then please come and see Mrs Welland in the office or email her on admin@olcs.uk as soon as possible.

The Children's Family Mass is a wonderful first mass of Christmas enjoyed and celebrated by many.



Christmas Jumper Day

Children and staff are invited to wear their Christmas jumpers for the day (over the top of their uniform) on Wednesday 18th December.

We are asking for £1 for this to go to Care for Kids.

There will also be a non school uniform day on Friday 20th December. Children can wear whatever they like for the day.

Our Lady's and Barn-a-b's staff wish you all a peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year.



The next newsletter will go home on:
Friday 17th January 2020

Dates

17th Dec	Whole School Cinema Trip
18th Dec	Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day (£1)
19th Dec	Nativity to Parents—St Mary's 10.30am
20th Dec	PTFA Non School Uniform Day (£1)
20th Dec	PTFA Children's Chocolate Raffle
20th Dec	Judging of decorated paper Christmas Trees
20th Dec	Last day of term
24th Dec	Children's Family Mass—St Mary's 6pm
25th Dec	Christmas Day Mass—St Mary's 9.30am
6th Jan	Children and Staff Return
8th Jan	EAGLE Class Swimming
13th Jan	Multi Skills Club KS1 3.15-4.15pm
15th Jan	Gymnastics Club KS2 3.15-4.15pm



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



IMPORTANT REMINDER apply for your place at school by 15th January 2020. This is for children starting school in September. If you are late you will be given the nearest available school.

We are looking forward to a fun week. Christmas dinner is on Wednesday. The nativity is on Thursday at St Mary's church. The doors will not open before 10:15 to allow the children to get in and settled.

Our last day is Friday 20th December and we start back on the 6th January.

Have a wonderful Christmas and a happy new year. Thank you for your support, and for sending your lovely children to us. We feel very blessed to have had such a fun term with a super, kind group of children.

Congratulations

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

Elena Gwynn	Darcie Harrison
Reggie Staddon	Todd Thorne
Gavin Joby	Roe Hawkins
Oscar Yeaman	Mira Prigodina
Mason Harvey x2	En Chen
Blake Moore	Annie-Rose Oreshko
Kori Skinner	Tom Manoj
Liam Angell	Gavin Joby
Nathan Davis	Declan Burns
Charlie Elshout	Lewis Langley
Billy O'Grady	Evelyn Brown
Darcie Harrison	Hannah Bale
Paige Loman	Mya Eaton
Tiani-Faith Passmore	Lacey Dennis
Charlie Boreham	Rosa Wells
Vinny Tregidgo	Paige Thomson
Dylan Hill	Tong Chen x2
Airon Everett	Samuel Doherty-Godfrey
Ciaran Murch	Arthur Taylor
Ben Braunton	Caleb Hughes
Ryan Davis	Bailey Gwynn



We are very proud of you

Attendance

Congratulations to **SWALLOW** who have the highest attendance so far this year at **97.8%** closely followed by **EAGLE** at **96.8%**.



Children's Chocolate Raffle

The Chocolate Raffle will take place on Friday 20th December. Any donations of chocolates or selection boxes will be gratefully received. The more chocolate we get donated the more prizes there will be for the children. Tickets have been sent home and are on sale at £1 a strip.



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

Food Bank Donations

Mr Meech will be taking the donations received so far to the Food Bank today. We will be delivering any further donations that we have received on Friday 20th December.

Could we please ask that you continue to send in tinned food stuffs, tea bags and suitable Christmas treats next week. Many thanks for your continued support.

**Spring Term commences on Monday
6th January 2020 for staff and
children.**

Recent Letter from Mr Meech

As from Monday 6th January all school assemblies will be moved to the afternoon. This is being done to enable us to free up the first 45 minutes of each day for whole school reading activities. Reading, particularly early reading, is a priority of the school and having all children reading at the same time will enable us to maximise resources and support all staff deliver high quality reading lessons.

The first Praise Assembly will be on Friday 10th Jan and the first Prayer Assembly will be on Monday 13th January. Both starting at 2.30pm.

From January, learning will now start at 9am prompt in each class. With this in mind, I ask that children are dropped off in the morning from when the classroom doors open at 8.50am. Each class will have their own registration and reading routines which will become embedded over the coming weeks, but there will be plenty of adults to direct children to what they need to do on entering the class.

We ask that this is not a time for meetings with the class teacher, as they will be listening to children read from the very beginning of the day. If you need to have a meeting with the class teacher then please either visit or ring through to the office and we can organise a suitable time. Class Dojo is still a great way to get a message to the teacher, if you haven't signed up to this please ask your child's teacher for more information.

On the subject of reading, I would like to thank Mrs Everett for her efforts in setting up a lending library. It has proved very successful in a short period of time and I have been delighted to see so many children making use of it. Also a big thank you for anyone who has donated books - please keep them coming! We will have a lot more reading initiatives coming up over the course of next year so please keep an eye out for these.

If any parent/carer would like some support or advice on how to maximise reading time at home then please contact the school, we would be only too happy to help. Finally, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and wish each and every one of you a happy and peaceful New Year.

Have you applied for your child's Primary School Place for September 2020?

If your child was born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2016 [you can apply](#) for your child's primary school place online before 15 January 2020.

You can enter up to three school preferences if you wish. Please ensure you have also returned the Our Lady's Supplementary Form 2020 to the school by the 15th January too. This can be downloaded from our website:-

www.ourlady.devon.sch.uk

Then go to 'Key Documents' then 'Admissions'

[So don't be late; save time and apply online!](#)

Eagle Class Swimming

Eagle class will be commencing swimming every Wednesday afternoon from Wednesday 8th January. Children will need to bring swimming kit into school with them and ensure they have a warm coat as they will be walking to and from the leisure centre.

Change of Menu

Please note that due to our Christmas Dinner taking place on Wednesday 18th December there will be a change of menu on Tuesday 17th December 2019. We will be serving Sausages and Mash and not Roast Dinner. Thank you.

