



Newsletter

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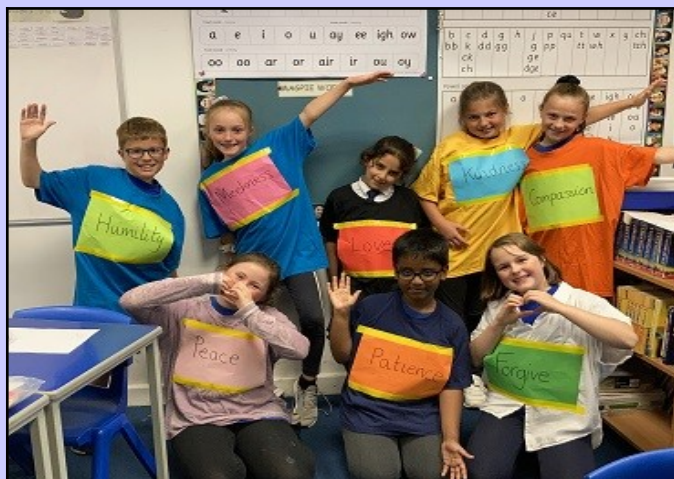
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In Our Lady's Catholic Primary School we learn about God and try to follow his footsteps by showing care and respect for one another.

The Music Performance Award is awarded to Kingfisher Class for their excellent performance of singing "You can Count on Me", in our Praise and Rejoice assembly this week.

A Beautiful performance, well done Kingfisher Class! So lovely to have singing returning to our school again!

Mrs. Hynes



Autumn Term Dates

Fri 15th Oct	Tempest Photo Orders to be in
Fri 22nd Oct	Last day of half term
Mon 25th Oct	Half Term Holiday
Sun 31st Oct	Deadline for Secondary School Applications
Mon 1st Nov	Non Pupil Day—School Closed
Tue 2nd Nov	Pupils Return to School
Thu 16th Dec	Last day of term
Mon 3rd Jan	Non Pupil Day—School Closed
Tue 4th Jan	Pupils Return to School

Any future dates will be shared via parentmail.

Individual Photos

Order forms and proofs have been sent home for these. If you would like to purchase any photos please can you bring the Tempest envelope with your order and payment by Friday 15th October. There will be a photographer in school on Monday 11th October for those children that missed having their photograph taken earlier in the term. Thank you.



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

As a school we have signed up to access the National on-line Safety software.

They provide regular updates and access to short videos that will help you stay informed on the latest online safety news, quickly gain practical tips and advice, and access free online resources.

Please can you register via the link below to allow you to start accessing these useful and important resources:

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/our-lady-s-school>





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

It's been perfect weather for Peppa Pig, with all the rain and puddles! It's a great idea to send children in in wellies and have a change of shoes in their bag, like many of you have been doing.

We are running low on our supplies of spare clothes. Please send your child in with spare clothes. If you have any clothes, or wellies, your child has grown out of in age 2-4 we are grateful for donations.

We are learning about harvest festival and where food comes from. See what berries and fruits you can find out and about, and bring some in for our nature collection.

Don't forget to keep an eye out for the itchy little nits!! Headlice are about!

We are glad to see that the children are feeling much better from the coughs and colds going round.

Please note that long hair should be tied back, headlice are about and this does help to prevent them from spreading. Children should not be wearing any jewellery in school apart from stud

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



John 3:18

Squid Games

Please be aware that some of our children have been talking about a new series trending on Netflix called, Squid Games. It is rated 15 in the UK and children have turned this into a game. We have stopped this related game being played in school but we wanted to make all adults aware of it. There is also a version of the series which has been turned into a game on Roblox's which some children may access.

Tennis Coaching in School

We have arranged for the following classes to have a one hour tennis coaching session, run by Tarka Tennis, in school and during the school day. Please could you ensure that your child comes into school wearing their PE kit on the following days:-

Monday 11th October

Year 6 Swallow
Year 3 Owl

Wednesday 13th October

Year 2 Puffin
Year 1 Heron

Monday 18th October

Reception Robin
Year 5 Kingfisher
Year 4 Eagle

Scopay/Invoice Payments

Invoices will be sent out shortly for monies due for Breakfast and After School Clubs and Pre-School fees. Please could these be settled via Scopay (ideally) or cash to the school office. Some of these are for small amounts that continue to be issued each month without being settled. To keep our administration costs down it is important that these are paid on time.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Attendance

The school closely monitors attendance on a weekly basis and we work in partnership with the Educational Welfare Officer.

**EVERY
SCHOOL DAY
COUNTS**

Start of the day

Registration opens for all children at 8.45am every day. Lessons start promptly at 9am. Children arriving at school after this time will be marked as late in the register.

Ten Ten Newsletter

The Ten:Ten October Newsletter is available to view via the link below:

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/>

Governor's Update

I'm excited to introduce myself as the new Chair of Governor's for Our Lady's school. Whilst I've been associated with the school and the church for the last seven years and have served on the Local Governing Board for the last five years, the role of Chair is a new one to me.

We owe a great deal to our previous Chair, Sandy Anderson who was in the post for many years, working tirelessly behind the scenes at both Plymouth CAST and on behalf of Our Lady's. Due to the length of time served, we unfortunately saw the retirement of two other longstanding governors, namely the vice-chair Michelle Cobby and Di Carr. Michelle and Di have long links with Our Lady's due to children within their families attending the school. I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank them for their commitment and hard work over the years. Father James one of our Foundation Governors also moved on to a new parish in the summer holidays and the school and governing board wish him well in his new role.



We are pleased to welcome three new governors to the Local Governing Board recently, Ana Barbosa Richards as a Parent Governor and Mary Szymankiewicz and Father Peter Morgan as Foundation Governors but after this long period of stability, we are now looking to recruit three new members to our established Local Governing Board. Each Governor has an area of accountability and a link class and the board meets twice a term. Obviously, due to COVID-19 we have been meeting on-line and we have recently had our first face to face meeting in nearly two years. However, we have decided to alternate remote and in person meetings, so our next meeting in November is remote.

If you are interested in a role as Governor of Our Lady's school or know someone who would like to know more about what's involved then please contact, Claire Silverlock, Clerk to Governors (clerk@olcs.uk) who can give you more information. I'm also happy to have contact with anyone who would like to make an application and Claire can pass on my contact details.

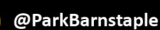
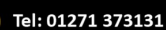
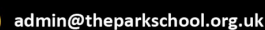
God bless

Geraldine Herage
Chair of Governors

**The next newsletter will go home on:
Friday 6th November 2020**



www.theparkschool.org.uk



Generations of Success

Choosing your secondary school?

If you or your child are undecided in which secondary school to join in September 2022, please book one of our Open Morning tours.

Open Mornings

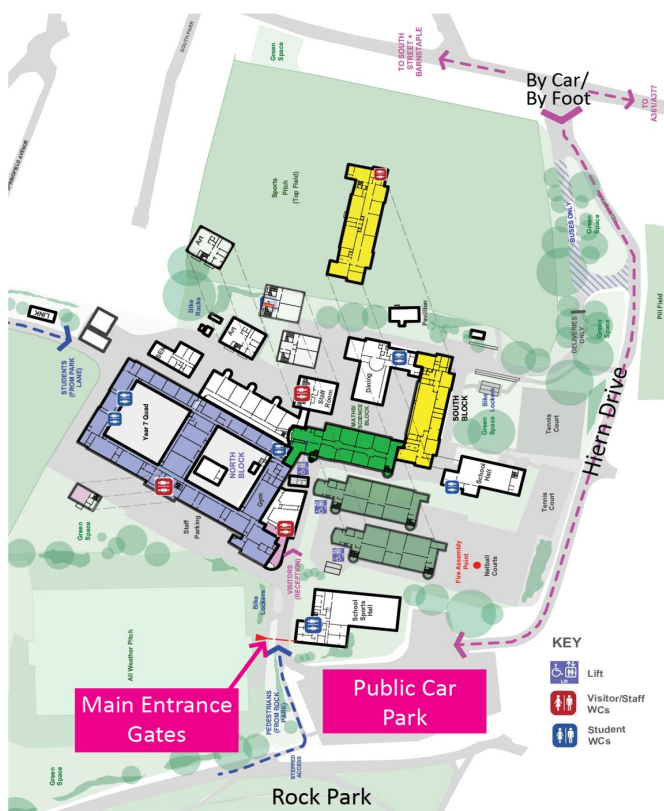
18th October - 22nd October
Daily 8.50am - 10.40am

The morning will start with an introductory talk from Headteacher Mr Waldron, our Leadership Team will then take you on a tour of the school.

If you have any further questions, we will have a number of staff and students available after the tour.

Tickets must be booked in advance - click the Eventbrite link (places are limited)

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If you are unable to attend, please view our virtual Open Event on our website.



Covid Safety Restrictions

To make the event as safe as possible, we are restricting the number of people to 80 per day. Adults please wear a face covering in buildings (unless exempt), also recommended for children if possible.

Parking And Access (see map)

By Car

Follow Hiern Drive and park in the public car park. Please enter by foot through the school's main entrance gates.

By Foot

Via Hiern Drive footpath or Rock Park, follow the map and enter via the school's main entrance gates.

Open Mornings 18th Oct - 22nd Oct
8.50am until 10.40am

Please arrive via the main entrance gates from 8.40 am.
Students will direct you to the School Hall for an 8.50am start.

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If you have any further questions, we will have a number of staff and students available after the tour.

Refreshments are provided in the School Hall after the tours.

Our Lady's School takes incidents of bullying, including on-line safety seriously. For further information the school's policy is available on our website or please see your child's class teacher if you have any concerns. www.safer.internet.org.uk



CAROL ANNE
NETBALL CLUB

COME AND JOIN US!

Starting on 7th September 2021:
U9s fortnightly on Tuesdays 6-7pm
U11s weekly on Tuesdays 6-7pm
@ Park School, Barnstaple

We are always looking for new junior members to join our friendly, supportive and competitive club. We welcome players of all abilities and experience levels. Playing netball is a great way to make new friends and have fun playing sport!

Email: carolannejuniors@gmail.com

Website:

<https://carolannenetballclub.co.uk>



Libraries
Unlimited



Children's events at Barnstaple Library

Baby Bounce & Rhyme Time

Wednesdays & Fridays, Term time 10.30 - 11.00

Come along, have fun, join in with some old favourite rhymes and learn some new ones.

Library Lego Builders

Saturdays, 14.00 - 16.00 For all ages

Build a Lego creation to display in the library.

Drop in Children's Crafts & Coffee Morning

3rd Saturday of the month

10.00 - 12.00

Come and stick for a bit! Provided by BFGs-Barnstaple Library Friends Group. Donations welcomed

librariesunlimited.org.uk devonlibraries.org.uk torbaylibraries.org.uk



At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one game of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents Need to Know about

POKÉMON GO



Pokémon GO has been among the world's most popular mobile games since its spectacular release in 2016. It's recently enjoyed a resurgence, thanks partly to people combining entertainment and exercise during lockdown - Pokémon GO - like the Pokémon TV show, trading card series and other video games - players capture, train and battle with their Pokémon creatures; physically exploring locations while using augmented reality via their phone's screen. The game generally provides a positive experience, but there are still some safety concerns to consider.

ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS

Pokémon GO requires players to visit in-game landmarks like Pokéstops and Gyms. These are often situated at public real-world locations such as churches or post offices. Sometimes, however, they can inadvertently end up being placed in dangerous areas which are unsuitable for children, even when accompanied by an adult; near a construction site or a main road, for example.

STRANGERS & MEETING OFFLINE

Players often cooperate with friends in the game, and there are many online discussion hangouts. As well as sharing tips and info, these groups may arrange to meet offline to catch Pokémon or attend raids (communal events where players flock to the same real-world place for a mass battle). This can put children at risk of being messaged and invited to meet by strangers under the pretence of talking about the game.

DATA COLLECTION

When a player logs into their Pokémon GO account, the game collects personal data about the user and their device. Locations, emails, names, ages and even camera images can all be accessed. What then happens to this information is open to debate. Niantic, the game's developers, maintain that they do not sell user information to third parties - but the fact that they have it at all is a concern, nonetheless.

VISIBLE PROFILES & LOCATION

Pokémon GO players can add each other as 'friends' in the game by sharing their trainer codes. Two trainers who do this can then view each other's information, such as their username. If a username gives any clues to the player's real name or personal details, a stranger may then be able to look them up online. The game also lets users upload images to social media, which could publicly disclose a child's exact location.

IN-GAME PURCHASES

The game uses a currency called Pokécoins, which can be bought for real money (in bundles between £0.79 and £59.99) and exchanged for in-game items such as Pokéballs and berries. It's extremely easy for a child to purchase Pokécoins (even accidentally) if there's a payment method connected to their mobile phone - and possibly rack up a sizeable bill without realising it!

Advice for Parents & Carers

PLAY ALONGSIDE YOUR CHILD

Finding and catching Pokémon with young ones could turn into a great mutual hobby. At 25 years old, it's one of the few games franchises that spans two generations. Enjoying the game together will give you plenty of new things to talk about with your child and if you played Pokémon in your own childhood, you might impress them with your knowledge of the digital critters!

ENCOURAGE AWARENESS

Remind your child of the physical dangers they could face while catching Pokémon and emphasise staying aware of their surroundings. The game will often alert children (through their phone) when they are close to an interesting Pokémon item - usually sending them excitedly rushing off to find it - so they should never play Pokémon GO near busy roads or in places they don't know well.

DISGUISE THE EXERCISE

One of Pokémon GO's benefits is that it encourages young (and not-so-young!) ones to get exercise outdoors. Some parts of the game can be completed from home, but it's best experienced while walking around your local area. Certain tasks (like visiting Pokéstops) can be repeated every day - and an hour outside having fun catching Pokémon will hardly feel like exercise at all!

USE AN OLDER PHONE

If children use an older phone to play Pokémon GO, then they won't be walking around with their own new device, which could get broken or stolen. Parents are also far less likely to have left a credit card linked to the old mobile. It also means that you can limit the amount of information used to set up an account, and what companies who gain access to your data can do with it.

AGREE PLAY BOUNDARIES

Ensure your child knows where they are (and aren't) allowed to go searching for Pokémon, when they have to be home, and how often they can play the game. Talk to other young Pokémon GO fans' parents or carers to see what boundaries they set for their children. Lunchtimes (if allowed by the school) or after school are ideal times for getting some exercise and catching all those Pokémon!

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Meet Our Expert

Mark Foster has worked in the gaming industry for several years as a writer, editor and presenter. He is the gaming editor of two of the biggest gaming news sites in the world: UNILAD Gaming and GAMINGBible. Having started gaming at a young age with his siblings, he has a passion for understanding how games and tech work - but, more importantly, how to make them safe and fun.



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