



# 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.

## Congratulations

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

Alex Sim	Charlie Morris x2
Troy White	Todd Thorne
Ebony Parkhouse	Liam Curtis
Evie Jones	Bethan Silverlock
Brooke Logan	Grace Thurman
George Roberts	Coddy Wonnacott
Lottie Parker	Freddie Pattenden
Alfie Gatting	Roe Hawkins
Freddie Coates-Scott	Harvey Dennis
Janice Jithesh	Nicola Osumek
Rio Bishop	Summer-Jayne Robins-Ridd
Joseph Smyth	George Kerswell

**We are very proud of you**

## On-Line Safety Alert

The school has been alerted to an app which is known to be a source for paedophiles to contact children! It is called **Roblox** and apparently very popular with our children.

Although no children have been targeted we feel we should alert our parents so that you can be vigilant of this. If you have any concerns please see your class teacher.



**The next newsletter will go home on:  
Friday 10th March 2017**

## Dates

A reminder that Prayer and Praise takes place every Thursday morning from 9.15am. All parents, carers and friends are welcome.

1st March	Ash Wednesday—11am school hall
<b>1st March</b>	<b>OWL Swimming</b>
1st March	Holy Communion Session 5-6pm
<b>1st March</b>	<b>Volley ball (Gifted and Talented) Yr6 PETROC College (Invitation only)</b>
2nd March	OWL—Roman Workshop
<b>2nd March</b>	<b>World Book Day</b>
3rd March	EAGLE Trip to Exeter Museum
<b>7th March</b>	<b>OWL Class—Primary Stem Challenge</b>
8th March	OWL Swimming
<b>8th March</b>	<b>Holy Communion Session 5-6pm</b>
10th March	CAFOD Family Fast Day
<b>10th March</b>	<b>KINGFISHER— Multi Cultural Diversity Day PCC</b>
15th March	Holy Communion Session 5-6pm
<b>15th March</b>	<b>OWL Class Swimming</b>
16th March	School Choir visit to Pilton House
17th March	Sport Relief
<b>20th March</b>	<b>PTFA Decorate an Easter Egg Competition</b>
<b>22nd March</b>	<b>PUFFIN class trip to Safe Haven Exotics</b>
22nd March	OWL Class
<b>24th March</b>	<b>PTFA Non Uniform Day</b>
28th March	Class Photos
<b>29th March</b>	<b>Holy Communion Session 5-6pm</b>
29th March	OWL Swimming
<b>30th March</b>	<b>OWL Act of Worship</b>
31st March	PTFA Easter Bonnet Parade and Children's Chocolate Raffle
<b>31st March</b>	<b>Term finishes 3.15pm</b>
18th April	Summer Term begins 8.50am



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

We hope you all enjoyed the half term break with your families. Your child's Barn-a-buddy would love to see photos of the adventures you got up to – remember you can pop these onto Tapestry at any time. Our topic at the moment is 'Where We Live' and we have had a fantastic week talking about our houses.

As the weather improves we want to take short walks around the area. We will let you know when and where we are going. We will be focusing on listening skills, road safety and observation of the environment.

We want to start improving our garden and growing some plants. If you have time to spare to help please let us know.

We hope you found the reports helpful. Our parent partnership is very important to us and we value your feedback. Thank you for completing the recent surveys. We currently have about 40% back and are very pleased with the results. If you showed some interest in being more involved with your child's day at Barn-a-b's please let us know. We had 8 people say they were possibly interested but as the majority of the questionnaires were anonymous we don't know

## Attendance

Congratulations to **OWL** who have the highest attendance so far this year at **96.8%** closely followed by **EAGLE** at **96.7%**.

**EVERY  
SCHOOL DAY  
COUNTS**

## Swimming for OWL Class

Just a reminder that OWL class will commence swimming for 6 weeks on Wednesday 1st March.

Please ensure your child comes to school with their swimming kit and an appropriate coat to enable them to walk to the Leisure Centre. Thank you.

## School Clubs

Below are the finishing dates of the clubs that are running this term.

<b>Monday</b>	Tag Rugby (Yr4,5&6) (4.15pm) Miss Sloman (Fee)
<b>Tuesday</b>	Homework (Yr 3&4) (4.15pm) Mr Meech and Staff
	Gardening Club (4.15pm) (by invitation) Miss Mitchell
	Netball (Yr 5&6) (4.15pm) Mrs Houle
<b>Wednesday</b>	Homework (Yr 5&6) (4.15pm) Mr Meech and Staff
	Karate (4.10pm) Mike Leverton (Fee)
<b>Thursday</b>	School Choir (4pm) Mrs Hynes
<b>Friday</b>	Tennis (Y1,2&3) (4.15pm) Miss Sloman (Fee)
	Play and Pray (Y3-Y6) (4.15pm) Mrs Cohen

Please ensure that you collect your child promptly at club finishing time. Thank you.

## Thank you and Goodbye

Jean Pennyfield the lollipop lady that stands at our side entrance on Chanters Hill is leaving today. We thank Jean for her dedication over the last few years.



Please be aware that for the immediate future we may be without a crossing patrol at this entrance and care should be taken with crossing this busy road.



### Reach for the Stars!

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

Congratulations to the school netball team who represented the school at the final of the high five netball competition. The team performed really well and we are very proud of their achievement to get through to the final:-

**Tony Mallaband-Whitham**

**Patrick Henry**

**Matthew Silverlock**

**Lexie Duncan**

**Lily Hammond**

**Taylor-Mai McGinlay**

**Summer Logan**

Congratulations to **Keiron Quick** who was awarded a Judo medal for following the rules.

Well done to **Romeo Hleza** who has achieved his Octopus Level 1 Swimming Certificate.

Congratulations to **Sophie Phillips** who was awarded a certificate for achieving her Stage 7 Swimming.

Well done to **Lola Ridgeway** who won a medal for gymnastics for coming second in her age group in a competition.

Congratulations to **Ruby Cannon** who has achieved her Rainbow 5m ASA swimming certificate.

Congratulations to **Tony Mallaband-Whitham**, **Brandon Edwards** and **Lilly-Marie Havers** who took part in the very successful Gang Show over half term.

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.

### Star Learners

Very well done to the following children who were our Star Learners over the last fortnight. They are all invited to attend afternoon tea with Mr Meech.



**Teegan Thorne**

**Ashton Cain**

**Rio Bishop**

**Ryan Davis**

**Reggie Staddon**

**Ella Pawley**

**Amy Bulley**

**Nathan Davis**

**K-lib Groves**

**Taylor-Mai McGinlay**

**Harrison Phillips**

**Lily-May Morgan**

**Salvatore Telese**



**May the Lord constantly  
bring us to himself,  
forgive our sinfulness  
and help us to help each  
other.**

**Amen**





### PTFA Film Night

Thank you to all those that came along to our film night. We raised over £200 for the school which will go towards additional Chromebooks for classrooms.

### PTFA Easter Events

We will be holding a decorate an Easter Egg competition. Eggs will go on sale from the school office on 20th March for £1 per egg. Eggs should be returned to school for judging on the 31st March.



The 24th March will be a non uniform day for £1.



We will be holding the Easter Bonnet Parade and Children's Chocolate Raffle on Friday 31st March.

We will be looking for as many donations of chocolate and/or Easter eggs for this event. Please bring these into the school office. The more chocolate we get donated the more prizes there will be for the children.

Thank you for your continued support.

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

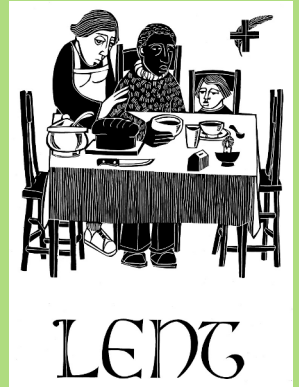
### Ash Wednesday School Service

Please be aware that we will be holding an Ash Wednesday service in the school hall at 11am on Wednesday 1st March. As a result of this there will be no Prayer and Praise next week.

All parents, carers, grandparents and friends are most welcome to attend this service.

### Lent

Lent is a time for reconciliation and of growing closer to God. It is a time for doing something positive and, as is our Catholic tradition, the children and staff focus on:



**Prayer**—spending more time with God.

**Alms-giving**—Giving to those who have very little or sharing what you have with someone who needs it.

**Sacrificing**—Giving up something that you really like.

This year our main focus is on strengthening the prayer life of ourselves and the school, look out for future newsletters with information on how you may be involved.

On Friday the 10th March the school will take part in the CAFOD Lenten Fast Day by eating a very simple lunch. Lunch for the whole school will be soup and bread, with fruit for dessert. The cost of this meal to KS2 children will be £1.50 but we encourage families to pay the normal £2.20, so that a 70p donation from each meal goes to support the work of CAFOD. KS1 families are encouraged to make a donation towards the meal on that day.

Further details of the CAFOD Family Fast Day will be sent home shortly.

