



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.

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 19th December. There will be no charge for this.

Attendance

Congratulations to **KINGFISHER** who have the highest attendance so far this year at **97.5%** closely followed by **SWALLOW** at **97.2%**.

The whole school's attendance is **96.2%** for the Autumn Term.



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 18th January 2019

Dates

17th Dec	Whole School Mass—St Mary's—10am
19th Dec	Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day
20th Dec	Nativity to Parents—St Mary's 10.30am
21st Dec	PTFA Non School Uniform Day
21st Dec	PTFA Children's Chocolate Raffle
21st Dec	Judging of decorated paper Christmas Trees
21st 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
7th Jan	Children and Staff Return
9th Jan	EAGLE Class Swimming



Congratulations

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

Romeo Hleza	Maciej Gozdziwski
Macie Andrews	Paige Loman
Haydon Rigler	Declan Burns
Freddie Coates-Scott	Scarlett Rudge
Darcie Steele	Finlay Silverlock
Haydon Moore	Millie Passmore
Peter Bulley	Charlie Yeaman
Ivy Hleza	Rudi Thake
Dylan McFadden	Archie Jewell
George Roberts	Kori Skinner
Alex Sim	Liam Angell
Hannah Bale	Nathan Davis
Evelyn Brown	Blake Moore
Caitlin Clarkson	David Scholtz
Harvey Dennis	Henry Hopkins
Colbie-Rae Gammon	Janice Jithesh
K-lib Groves	Lewis Langley
Ellie-Mae Harman	Amelie Lear
Roe Hawkins	Harvey Moore
Jasmine Hooker	Charlie Morris
Freddie Pattenden	Nicola Osumek
David Przeworski	Tilly Stevens
Lowen Rolfe	Todd Thorne
Tyler Rudge	Grace Thurman
Marcus Sage	Zarah Wells
Bethan Silverlock	Cody Wonnacott
Rachel Stanworth	Oscar Yeaman
Leah Dennis	Alysha Stribling

We are very proud of you

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



IMPORTANT REMINDER apply for your place at school by 15th January 2019. 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 21st December and we start back on the 7th 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.

On-line Safety

We have been made aware of several sites offering on-line safety advice for parents. It would be worth taking a few minutes to visit the three website pages below:-



<https://www.familiesonline.co.uk/life/news/school-warns-parents-of-strip-fortnite-craze>

https://nationalonlinesafety.com/?gclid=EAlaIQobChMI4f74qJ-a3wIVbrvtCh0eGQJBAAAYASAAEglzPPD_BwE

<https://2j39y52a62gm1afygb3g1xbu-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/KIK-Parents-Guide-December18.pdf>

**Spring Term commences on Monday
7th January 2019 for staff and
children.**

Children's Chocolate Raffle

The Chocolate Raffle will take place on Friday 21st 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.

Thank you for all your support

The PTFA would like to thank the parishioners, families and staff that supported the Christmas Bingo and Raffle. We raised an incredible £720 for school funds.

Christmas Reading Suggestions

How about taking a look at the following books:-

The Jolly Christmas Postman— Janet and Allan Ahlberg—(KS1)

A Christmas classic! Interactive, full of well-known characters and Christmas cheer. A festive favourite which children love to re-visit again and again.

All I want for Christmas—Rachel Bright (KS1)

There's so much to do before Christmas comes: baking, wrapping, glittering with glue! Presents and treats are lots of fun, but this book acts as a timely reminder that the festive season is about caring for each other as well as receiving gifts.

The Christmasaurus—Tom Fletcher (Age7+)

Magical adventure story about friendship and families, sleighbells and santa, music and magic. Warm, engaging, funny and packed with memorable characters and Christmas magic.

Bah! Humbug! - Michael Rosen (Age9+)

A modern and relevant retelling of Christmas Carol through the story of Harry Gruber. He's playing scrooge in his school Christmas play and desperately wants his dad to forget about work for an evening to watch him perform ... but will he?

Have you applied for your child's Primary School Place for September 2019?

If your child was born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015 [you can apply](#) for your child's primary school place online before 15 January 2019.

You can enter up to three school preferences if you wish. Please ensure you have also returned the Our Lady's Supplementary Form 2019 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!

An important letter regarding safeguarding was sent home today. Please check your child's book bag. Thank you

Eagle Class Swimming

Eagle class will be commencing swimming every Wednesday afternoon from Wednesday 9th 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 Tuesday 8th January 2019 will be Roast Chicken instead of Roast Turkey. Thank you.

