



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.

Spring Term Dates

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

19th February	School Returns
21st February	Swimming begins for EAGLE
22nd February	PTFA Disco 5-6.30pm KS1 & 6.30-8pm KS2
23rd February	CAFOD Family Fast Day
28th February	Swimming EAGLE
1st March	World Book Day
7th March	Multi-Cultural Diversity Day PCC
7th March	Swimming EAGLE
12th March	PTFA Decorate an Easter Egg go on sale
14th March	Swimming EAGLE
19th March	Sport Relief
20th March	Class/Team Photographs
21st March	Swimming EAGLE
22nd March	KINGFISHER Act of Worship
26th March	Holy Week at Our Lady's
28th March	Last Swimming for EAGLE
29th March	PTFA Easter Bonnet Parade/ Decorate an Easter Egg and Create an Easter Garden Competition and Chocolate Raffle
29th March	Easter Holiday begins 3.15pm

Monday 16th April: School Returns for Summer Term

Holiday Club at the Ultimate Adventure Centre

Running from Monday 12th to Friday 16th February. £30 per day. Please telephone 01237 880028 or email info@ultimateadventurecentre.com for more information.

School Clubs

Below are the clubs that are running this term, the finishing time, the adult responsible and the start date for the club.

Monday	Volleyball Club (Yr5&6) (4.15pm) Miss Sloman (Fee)
Tuesday	Homework (Yr 3&4) (4.15pm) Mr Meech and Staff
Wednesday	Homework (Yr 5&6) (4.15pm) Mr Meech and Staff
Thursday	Choir (Yr2 and above) (4.00pm) Mrs Hynes
Friday	Tennis (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.

Thank you for those of you that sent in 1p and 2p coins. We raised over £50 for the NSPCC.



**The next newsletter will go home on:
Friday 2nd March 2018**

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



We enjoyed having Oscar the Pets as Therapy dog come to visit us as part of Children's Mental Health Awareness Week. Mental health is really important even for under 5's. The majority of the work we do supports children to name and manage their emotions. Our simple rules to promote safe personal, emotional and social development are:

Listen! Walk! Share! Kind hands!

If you have any concerns about your child's emotional well-being please come and see us. As a "Thrive" school there is a wealth of support and information in school. The children's centre run some fantastic parenting courses and are a great resource.

Well done to Bentley and Noah for being star learners. Bentley worked really hard to write his name and Noah has been practising his writing at home.

Barn A B's is closed for the week of the 12th February. We open again on Monday 19th February.

Congratulations

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

Adam Dyer	Blake Moore
Amelie Lear	Kyle Tucker
Mylee Denning	Nathan Davis
Ruby Cannon	Joshua Jennings
Caitlin Clarkson	Maddison Daniel
Roe Hawkins	Harriett Routley
Charlie Morris	Riley Yates
Chloe McClure	Billy O'Grady
Peter Bulley	Dakota Skinner
David Przeworski	Isla Lowry
Tom Manoj	Nnenna Amandiogu
Ryan Davis	Millie Harley
Nathan Davis	Kori Skinner



We are very proud of you

PORTMORE GOLF PARK FREE AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

PORTMORE
JUNIOR
GOLF ACADEMY

Every Friday
4.30 - 5.15
no cost, all
equipment provided

For all primary school children, come and have a go, have some fun and learn to play this great game. Sessions will be on the driving range, putting and chipping greens and on our specialized short course. Coaching by Andy Pye, PGA Professional with the help of our junior team.



www.andypyegolfcoaching.com



Safer Internet Day

Konflux Theatre came in to school on 6th February to work with KINGFISHER and SWALLOW classes. The classes performed a play to the rest of the school and some parents on keeping safe on the internet.

Did you know? 52% of 8-11 year olds have their own tablet and 23% have their own social media account. 94% of this age group spend a staggering 13 1/2 hrs a week online!

www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/

has some useful tips on how to keep your children safe on-line. Please see the Parents tab on our website for more on-line safety links:-

www.ourladys.devon.sch.uk

Attendance

Congratulations to **SWALLOW** who have the highest attendance so far this year at **97.7%** closely followed by **EAGLE** at **97%**.



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





Reach for the Stars!

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

Congratulations to our school Netball Teams who competed in an interschool competition recently. Our team of **Jake Langley, Oscar Meech, Lola Ridgeway, Savannah Fiddes, Sophie Phillips, Millie Bishop** and **Ella Pawley** achieved first place in the event and our other team of **Troy White, Drew Phillips, Ffion Rippon, Lillie-Marie Havers, Arianne Henry, Lottie Parker** and **Lola Meech** came third.

Well done to **Poppy-Amelia Dunlop** who was awarded her red belt (8th Kyu) in Aikido.

Congratulations to **Tianna Mallaband-Whitham, Chase Spencer** and **Bethan Silverlock** who were awarded medals for completing 5 cross country runs from September to February in the Gliddon and Squire Cross Country League.

Well done to **Reggie Staddon** who came 12th out of 86 runners at Junior Park Run.

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.



Lily-May Morgan
Kimberly Dyer
David Przeworski
Freddie Coates Scott
Lola Ridgeway
Charlie Yeaman
Dakota Skinner
Bentley Harrold-Branch
Noah McCluskey
Darcie Harrison
Peter Bulley
Charlie Morris
Joshua Jennings
Chloe McClure
Ffion Rippon



Swimming for EAGLE Class

Just a reminder that EAGLE class will commence swimming for 6 weeks on Wednesday 21st February.

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.

During the February half term the FA Skills team in Devon are running football sessions for BOYS and GIRLS aged 5-11 for just £5 a day. The FA Skills holiday football coaching sessions are perfect for children who want to develop their football skills, meet new people, be active and have some fun during the holidays. All children who attend the session will be entered into a draw to win a signed England football shirt from the players.

Thursday 15th February, Tews Lane, Roundswell, Barnstaple 10am—2pm £5 per child Grass Pitch. Please bring a packed lunch and pay upon arrival.

To book a space please email Kevin.Weir@thefa.com or visit our website www.thefa.com/skills

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.

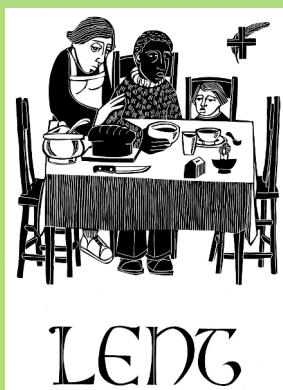
Alms-giving—Giving to those who have very little or sharing what you have with someone who needs it.

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 23rd February 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 £2.30, so that an 80p donation from each meal goes to support the work of CAFOD. KS1 and Barn a B's 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.



PTFA Events

PTFA Disco

We will be holding a Disco for children on Thursday 22nd February. KS1 (R-Yr2) children will be from 5-6.30pm and KS2 (Yr3-Yr6) children will be from 6.30-8pm. Tickets will cost £2 to include a drink and a snack. Please return the slips sent home this week to book and pay for tickets by Tuesday 20th February.

PTFA Easter Events



We will be holding a decorate an Easter Egg competition. Eggs will go on sale from the school office on 12th March for £1 per egg.

Eggs should be returned to school for judging on the 29th March.

Create a miniature Easter Garden in a box. These will be judged on Thursday 29th March. £1 to enter.

We will be holding the Easter Bonnet Parade and Children's Chocolate Raffle on Thursday 29th 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.

Scholastic Book Fair



Thank you to everyone that helped support our recent Scholastic Book Fair. We hope your children enjoy reading the lovely new books you purchased. As a result of this we will be able to order a number of new books for our school library.