



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:

Tyran Tucker	Summer Logan
Tony Mallaband-Whitham	Henry Hopkins
Lexie Duncan	Oscar Meech
Lily Hammond	Jake Langley
Matthew Silverlock	Christy Raji
Sophie Phillips	

We are very proud of you



Mathletics

Your child has recently come home with log in details to Mathletics, a new maths initiative that we are using in school. This is a child friendly site, endorsed by the school, your child is safe to download this onto a tablet, chromebook or laptop and can then access maths games at home. Some tablets may need you to install Adobe Flash Player before the Mathletics App can be loaded. Alternatively you can access Mathletics via a normal website browser.



Please ensure that you log in as a child and not a parent or teacher. Your child's log in details have been provided via their class teacher. Please see your class teacher if you have any questions.

Visit From an Author

Last Thursday an author came to visit Our Lady's. Her name was Claire Barker. It was amazing and all the children loved it. The atmosphere was through the roof and when she started reading, the children stared in wonder, inspired by her work. She was in costume. You could have thought she was dressed up for World Book Day like everyone else, but she always dresses like that for school visits. She has written a trilogy of Knitbone Pepper books and seven overall. All seven have been translated into 28 languages and sold in 8 countries. Claire had brought a hat bag which contained hats and the book that influenced her to write- Danny The Champion Of The World. Near the end of the visit, she did a Q & A; lots of people were given cards. Then she left, with a cheerful wave.



Kye West, Year 6

Website

Please visit the class pages of the school website to see some wonderful photos of our children on World Book Day and the Roman Workshop.

Attendance

Congratulations to **OWL** who have the highest attendance so far this year at **96.9%** closely followed by **EAGLE** at **96.7%**.



Since the beginning of Spring Term **KINGFISHER** have had the highest attendance with **96.3%** followed by **PUFFIN** with **96%**.

The next newsletter will go home on:
Friday 24th March 2017



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

This week we are learning about how plants grow.

Studies show that children who have a wide and varied vocabulary do well throughout school. To help your child at home, try talking about the things you see. If you are on a walk, look out for different types of flowers and see if you can find out their names such as daffodils, dandelions, tulips etc. At our circle time we were looking at beetroot, turnips and swede – one child knew they were all types of vegetables.

Reading to your child is important for their development – we are happy to let the children borrow books from our book corner to read at home and return. Thank you to the parents that donate old books, toys or clothes – we can also make use of them.

As an exciting addition to our learning we have visitors joining us over the next few weeks. We have Mrs Recycle coming in to talk about recycling, Ranger Russ bringing in a variety of mini beasts and small animals, and Jiggywrigglers will be coming in after Easter for a series of sessions involving dance, music and stories.

We will keep you informed about the progress of the transfer of management of Barn-a-b's from our current committee run pre-school to become Our Lady's governor run pre-school.

Dyslexia Session for Parents

Geraldine Herage, School Governor and Naomi Jefferies, SENCO will be holding a session for parents for supporting children with dyslexia from 3pm until 3.30pm on Tuesday 2nd May, in the staff room. Please could you let Claire Silverlock in the school office know if you are interested in attending.

School Trips

Please be aware that if school trips are not paid for the trip is unlikely to go ahead. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

School Clubs

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

Monday	Tag Rugby (Yr4,5&6) (4.15pm) Miss Sloman (Fee)
Tuesday	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
Wednesday	Homework (Yr 5&6) (4.15pm) Mr Meech and Staff Karate (4.10pm) Mike Leverton (Fee)
Thursday	School Choir (4pm) Mrs Hynes
Friday	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.

Trust and pray, do your best
today and leave it in the
hands of the Lord.

Amen

CAFOD Family Fast Day

Thank you to everyone who helped support the CAFOD Family Fast Day today.





Reach for the Stars!

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

Apologies to **Errin Fee** who wasn't included in the names for the school netball team in the last newsletter. **Errin** was part of 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.

Congratulations to **Chase Spencer, Matthew Silverlock** and **Bethan Silverlock** who completed all the races in the Gliddon and Squire Cross-Country League for 2016/17 – **Chase** came 13th out of 68 runners in her age group.

Well done to **Romeo Hleza** who was awarded a Rugby Tots – Happy Tot Certificate.

Romeo Hleza has also been awarded his certificate of investiture into the 1st North Devon Beaver Colony.

Congratulations to **Amber Ladyman** who has achieved her ASA Stage 3 swimming certificate.

Patrick Henry, Errin Fee, Lily Hammond, Lexie Duncan and **Matthew Silverlock** attended a Volleyball Futures Programme Training Day with an England Volleyball coach on 1st March.

Well done to **Chase Spencer** who competed for North Devon Athletics Club in a Sportshall Competition at Plymouth Life Centre and came 8th in the 1 lap hurdles, 8th in the 2 laps and 6th in the speed bounce.

Good luck to **Matthew Silverlock** and **Patrick Henry** who have been selected to represent Devon in the Regional Finals for under 11 boys Sportshall Athletics in Torbay on Saturday 11th March.

Congratulations to **Bence Bartos** for achieving the ranking of 7th KUP in his karate grading.

Well done to **Lily Hammond** who received a certificate for taking part in the Ladies British Carp Cup Competition recently.

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 on Thursday 30th March with Mr Meech.



Milly Harley
Kacper Czechowski
Isla O'Grady
Lottie Parker
Ebony Parkhouse
Tony Mallaband-Whitham
Jonathon Jinson
Kyle Tucker
David Scholtz
Colbie-Rae Gammon
Remi-Roux Luxton
Millie Bishop
Jake Peterson



North Devon Literacy Hub

Meets on the last Saturday of every month from 1-3pm on the top floor of Barnstaple Library. The next meeting is Saturday 25th March. The sessions are for parents, carers and children.

The sessions are run by Jo Bradley, Dyslexia Specialist Advisory Teacher. The hub are on Facebook under 'The North Devon Literacy Hub' and details of all their events are posted on it.

Dates

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

14th March	KS1 Parent Lunch (book in advance)
15th March	Holy Communion Session 5-6pm
15th March	OWL Class Swimming
16th March	School Choir visit to Pilton House
16th March	SWALLOW Tag Rugby Park School
17th March	Coffee & Conversation 9-10am
20th March	PTFA Decorate an Easter Egg Competition—Eggs on Sale £1
20th March	Red noses go on sale £1
22nd March	PUFFIN class trip to Safe Haven Exotics
22nd March	OWL Class Swimming
22nd March	Holy Communion Session 5-6pm
24th March	PTFA Non Uniform Day
24th March	Red Nose Day
26th March	Mothers Day Service—St Marys 9am
28th March	Class Photos
29th March	Holy Communion Session 5-6pm
29th March	OWL Swimming
30th March	OWL Act of Worship
31st March	PTFA Easter Bonnet Parade and Children's Chocolate Raffle
31st March	Term finishes 3.15pm
18th April	Summer Term begins 8.50am
2nd May	Dyslexia Session for Parents 3pm

Family Hack Jam Event - Thursday 20th April

Park School would like to invite you to their Family Hack Jam at Park Community School, Barnstaple.

The aim of this Family Hack Jam event is to bring together friends, families and teachers to discover the fun, excitement and power of computer science, through an enjoyable, team-based problem-solving evening. We have 50 free places available - please visit Park School's website front page for more information about the event and to book a place.

<http://www.parkcommunity.devon.sch.uk>

Mothering Sunday Service at St Mary's

Our Lady's School will be taking part in the mass at St Mary's Church on Mothering Sunday 26th March. This involves welcoming, reading and singing! We would love to see you there. You do not have to be in the School Choir to take part. If you are able to represent the school on that morning, then please let Mrs Welland or Mrs Silverlock in the school office know.



All parents, carers, grandparents and friends are welcome to join us but if you are unable to, then your child can be dropped off at church but prompt pick up at 10.30am is necessary. Please wear full, smart school uniform and be at church for 9.00am.

Good Service Awards

Stanley Sargent was awarded his Red Good Service Award for donating his own fast food meal to a homeless man. Well done Stanley.



OWL Act of Worship

OWL class will be leading the Act of Worship on Thursday 30th March. All parents, carers, grandparents and friends are welcome to attend this assembly at 9.15am.

RED NOSE DAY

Our Lady's will be supporting Red Nose day on Friday 24th March. Red noses will go on sale (in classrooms) from Monday 20th March until Friday 24th March for £1. That day is also a PTFA non uniform day. Pay £1 and wear whatever you like for the day.

PTFA Easter Events

We will be holding a decorate an Easter Egg competition. Foam 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. Decorate them with as much imagination as you like!



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.



Donations .. Donations .. Donations .. Donations

Chocolate donations for this event will be gratefully received. Please bring in any chocolate Easter eggs, chocolate bunnies or bars of chocolate to the School Office before or on the morning of Friday 31st March. The more chocolate we get the more prizes there are for the children. Raffle tickets will be sent home shortly.

By supporting our PTFA events you are helping to provide more Chromebooks in each classroom. The PTFA recently contributed £1,500 towards another 16 new Chromebooks for the school. Thank you for all of you that have donated to our events.

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

School and Community Adult Choirs Visit to Pilton House

Both our Children's and adult school choirs will be visiting Pilton House Residential Home on Thursday 16th March to perform some songs for the residents. The children will be walking down during school time and will be returning to school for the end of the school day. Please pick children up from school at normal pick up time. Please ensure that your child has a coat in school on that day.

Family Holiday Association Breaks at Mother Ivey's Bay

After successful trials last year the Family Holiday Association are happy to be partnering again this year with Mother Ivey's Bay holiday park to offer families quiet, relaxing breaks in Cornwall.

What are these breaks and who are they suitable for?

The breaks are at a smaller, quieter site than the all-singing all-dancing Butlin's or Haven parks. They do not have the same range of entertainment and activities on offer and provide families with a more laid-back, relaxed holiday experience. Breaks at Mother Ivey's Bay would suit families who:

- would enjoy or benefit from a quieter holiday
- are more confident about going on holiday and making their own entertainment
- have access to their own transport and would be able to use the break as an opportunity to explore the surrounding area.

Where are these breaks?

Mother Ivey's Bay is a caravan park on the stunning north Cornwall coast near Padstow.

When do these breaks take place?

There are a range of dates for these breaks across the year, both in and out of the school holidays. Once applications have been made we will contact you with the exact dates available and instructions on how to book.

What are the criteria?

These breaks are open to families who are on a low income, have at least one child under 18, who did not have a break last year and won't be having one this year.

How do I apply?

Applications for these breaks are made via our website:- www.familyholidayassociation.org.uk/apply-for-a-break/ in the Quieter Breaks section of the Referrer's Area. You'll need to be logged in to access the application form - if you need help with this please email grants@familyholidayassociation.org.uk or call us 0203 117 0651.

World Book Day

2nd March 2017

