



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.

Welcome

Welcome to the new school year. I hope that you had an enjoyable and relaxing summer. I would especially like to welcome all the new children, their families and new members of staff who have started at Our Lady's this term.

A special welcome to Miss Knill who joined us as our Year 4 Teacher and Mrs Wardle who is now our SEN Teacher in Year 6. We also welcome back Mrs Ruth Tucker, Teaching Assistant from Maternity Leave this week.

The school are delighted to have been approached by a local charity, Barnstaple Community Welcome, to support them in re-settling a refugee family. In November a young family from Syria will be joining the school. The opportunity to be part of this project is living testament to the core catholic values of our school and I know you will join myself, the staff and the children in welcoming this new family to our school.

I wish you, all our staff and children an enjoyable and successful year.

Rob Meech
Principal

School Clubs

Letters for clubs have been sent out recently. Below are the clubs that are running this half term, the finishing time, the adult responsible and the start date for the club.

Monday	Multi-Skills Club (Yr1&2) (4.15pm) Miss Sloman (Fee)
Tuesday	Netball (Yr 5&6) (4.15pm) Mrs Houle Alternate Weeks Yr 5 & 6
Wednesday	Invasion Games (Yr 3-6) (4.15pm) Miss Nichols

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

Children entitled to free school meals (ie children whose parents receive certain benefits such as Income Support, Job Seeker's Allowance and other relevant benefits) are also entitled to receive a 50% discount towards the cost of afterschool clubs, school trips, music tuition and holiday clubs run by the school.

Food Bank Donations

Thank you to all parents that donated food for our Harvest Festival. We would like to continue to work with the Food Bank throughout the year and would like to encourage you to send in donations on a more regular basis as and when you can. Any cereals, tinned food and dried foods such as pasta, cereal and instant mash potato would always be welcome.

Thank you in advance for your help with this.

Autumn Term Dates

Dates for the term are attached to this newsletter, can be found on the school website or in the school porch. The term dates are subject to change and I would encourage parents to check the fortnightly newsletter for up to date information.

**The next newsletter will go home on:
Friday 8th November 2019**



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Reach for the Stars!

Well done to the following children who over the summer holiday had achievements in the following areas:

Congratulations to **Evelyn Brown** who was awarded a certificate for achieving her Stage 7 Swim England Award and **Millie Harley** who achieved her Stage 2 Certificate.

Congratulations to **Evie Jones** who was awarded a medal for boxing.

Well done to **Francesca Doherty-Godfrey and Rosie Smith** who were awarded medals for taking part in the Barnstaple Carnival.

Congratulations to **Bailey and Elena Gwynn, Maci and Leah Loder-Reid and the other 13 children from Our Lady's** who took part in the Library Reading Challenge over the summer holidays.

Well done to **Finlay Silverlock** who received a medal for completing his first triathlon.

Congratulations to **Hannah Bale** who recently passed her Grade 1 clarinet Exam.

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.

Service Awards

This term we are rewarding through Service Awards. We will be announcing the recipients of the service awards from each class at our Praise assembly every Friday morning at 9.15am. All recipients will receive a certificate and their photo will be displayed around the school outside their class on the Service Award Boards.



Very well done to the following children who are our recipients of the Service Awards so far this year:-

Charlie Yeaman

Darcie Steele

Makayla Harvey

Cora Sherman-Till

Bradley Ball

Nnenna Amandiogu

Aneta Wentura

Zarah Wells

Bethan Silverlock

Harry Barnard

Willow-Ivy Davies

Amy Richards

Jessica Cocks

Jessica Lake

Oliver Wiacek

Gavin Joby

Summer-Jayne Robins-Ridd

Colbie-Rae Gammon

Luca Sansone



Music Tuition in School

We can offer various opportunities for your child to learn a musical instrument during school time. Currently we have tutors in the following instruments:- Guitar, Flute, Keyboard, Piano.

Please see a member of the Admin team for contact details for these tutors if you are interested in finding out more. Music Tuition is offered at half price to pupil premium children.

Year 6 Parents

You should have received details about how to apply online for a secondary school place for your child. You need to apply for a school place online by 31st October. If we can be of any help in the process please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Welland in the school office.

As always it is crucial that applications are received by the deadline of 31st October. Online applicants will receive immediate confirmation of their preferences, but can change their minds any time until midnight on 31st October, and can log in to see their offers on the morning of Monday 2nd March 2020. Please apply at:

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



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A cartoon illustration of a giraffe with yellow fur and black spots, standing on a white background.

are learning about is kindness, and our children have demonstrated and talked about kindness. Look out for our displays in the hall and outside the sensory room.

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Asthma Inhalers

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Absences from School

If your child is absent from school **for any reason** please telephone the school office (01271 345164) first thing in the morning. Mrs Welland will chase up unexplained absences each morning and where possible, make contact.

Please note that if your child has vomited or had diarrhoea, they must stay away from school until **48 hours** after the symptoms have stopped. If your child is unwell with symptoms of flu, please make sure they stay off school until they are fully recovered.

Healthy Snacks

Just a reminder that all Key Stage 1 children receive a free healthy snack for morning break. You are welcome to send Key Stage 2 children into school with a healthy snack (not chocolate or crisps).

Children who would like to eat a healthy snack during afternoon break are more than welcome to bring this in from home.

Volleyball Club

Every Saturday
9.30- 11.00



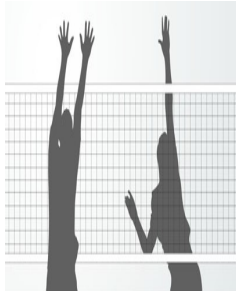
North Devon Leisure Centre
Year 4 to Year 10 boys and girls
Younger children are welcome with parents

Come and join us on Saturdays for a fun session of volleyball. Each week we run through key volleyball skills, finishing with game play. All levels are welcome from complete beginners to regular players. No need to book, just turn up and your first three sessions are free!

We have players from our club who currently play for:

our teams in the South West league
our team in a National league
the junior South West squads
the England Cadets, England Junior
and England Senior teams

Many of these players started here at our Saturday Morning Club!



All our coaches are DBS checked and Volleyball England qualified. Parents are welcome to stay or leave. Our Saturday morning sessions run during term time from September to Easter, then we move onto the beach. If you have any questions please contact Becky Spencer at beckster_s@yahoo.com

ParentMail

This newsletter will be sent to you via parentMail twice a term. We use parent mail on a very regular basis to advise you of events and notices of things happening in school. It is our main form of communication with you as parents. Please ensure that the school has an up to date email address for you and that you have registered to receive parentMails.

Keep an eye on our school website www.ourladys.devon.sch.uk for tweets, photos, copies of letters home, school diary of events etc.

Breakfast and After School Club

Sessions for our Breakfast and After School Clubs can now be booked on line via SCOPAY. Breakfast sessions are from 7.45am until 8.50am at £3.80 with out breakfast and £4.30 with breakfast. Afterschool Club sessions are from 3.15-4.15 with a snack for £4, 4.15 –5.15pm for £4 or 3.15-4.15pm for £7.50. You can pay for these sessions and book in advance. Please see a member of the Admin Team if you need log in details.

Visit by an Author

We are pleased to say that Gill Lewis will be visiting our PUFFIN class on Tuesday 8th October as part of the Appledore Book Festival.

Swimming for SWALLOW Class

Weekly swimming sessions will commence for SWALLOW class on Wednesday 30th October for 6 weeks. Please can you ensure that your child has their swimming kit in school on these days. SWALLOW class will leave school to walk to the Leisure Centre at 12.45 and will return to school before the end of the school day.

School Dinners

We have a wide variety of hot, freshly cooked, school dinners on offer on a 3 weekly cycle. As well as the healthy main choice there is always a vegetarian option and a jacket potato with cheese and/or beans available. Fresh salad and bread are also available daily. The meals are all prepared on-site in our school kitchen. School dinners are free to all children from Robins to Puffin class and are a very competitive £2.30 per day for children in Owl class upwards.



School dinners can now be paid via the schools on line cash system SCOPAY. You should have received individual log in details for your child/children. If you need any assistance with registering to use this facility please see the School Office. The choice of meal for the day can be booked with the class teacher at registration in the morning.

Our school dinner menu can be found on the school website www.ourladys.devon.sch.uk or from the school office. We will be sending out a new menu which will commence on Tuesday 29th October 2019.

100% Attendance

It gives me great pleasure to congratulate 10 pupils on their 100% attendance (2018/19). Well done to the following children and their families.

Harry Barnard
Ryan Davis
Elle-Mae Harman
Ivy Hleza
Romeo Hleza
Billy O'Grady
Isla O'Grady
Bethan Silverlock
Rosa Wells
Zarah Wells

Regular attendance and punctuality is crucial if children are to make good progress at school. We look forward to more children benefiting from being in school for every day that they can.

Congratulations

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

Lilly-May Davis	Harvey Moore
Bentley Harold-Branch	Declan Burns
Gabby McFadden	Mylee Denning
Ava Bradfield	Todd Thorne
Paige Loman x2	Kyle Tucker
Nnenna Amandiogu	Mason Harvey
Dakota Skinner	Rosa Wells
Andres Cabagnon	Tong Chen
Lexi-Mae Dunlop x2	Leah Loder-Reid
Immanuel Mathew x2	Jamie Gibson
Raine-Rae Hawkins	Isla Lowry
Peter James Webb	Lilah Walsh
Cody Wonnacott	Bethan Silverlock
Airon Everett	Charlie Morris



We are very proud of you.

God of wisdom and might,
we praise you for the wonder of our being,
for mind, body and spirit.
Be with our children as they begin
a new school year.
Bless them and their teachers and staff.
Give them strength and grace as their
bodies grow;
wisdom and knowledge to their minds
as they search for understanding;
and peace and zeal to their hearts.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Autumn Term 2019

5th September	Children return
9th September	Reception Class Children Commence
11th September	Swimming starts for KINGFISHER (6 weeks)
13th September	Multi Skills Club Y1&2 starts (12 weeks)
18th September	Invasion Games Club Y3-6 starts (12 weeks)
19th September	Open Evening at The Park School—Y6 from 5.45pm
19th September	Graham Hill from Pilton Community College to see Y6
20th September	Parents' Information Sheets go home
23rd September	Open Evening at Pilton Community College—Y6 from 6pm
23rd September	The Park School Open Morning—Y6 from 9.05am to 11.20am
24th September	Netball Club—Y6 starts (runs alternate weeks)
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25th September	The Park School Open Morning—Y6 from 9.05am to 11.20am
25th September	Pilton Community College Open Morning—Y6 9am to 11am
26th September	Pilton Community College Open Morning—Y6 9am to 11am
26th September	The Park School Open Morning—Y6 from 9.05am to 11.20am
27th September	Pilton Community College Open Morning—Y6 9am to 11am
30th September	Individual School and Barn a Bs Photos
1st October	Netball Club—Y5 starts (runs alternate weeks)
2nd October	Cross Country at Pilton Community College Yr 4, 5 & 6—9.30-12.30.
3rd October	Menu Change— Burger, Chips, Peas and Sweetcorn
4th October	Harvest Assembly—Year 6
8th October	Visit from Author, Gill Lewis for Year 2
11th October	Announcement of Head Boy/Girl 2019/20 and School Council
16th October	Last Swimming for KINGFISHER
17th October	PTFA Non Uniform Day and Cake Sale

17th October Half term begins at 3.15pm

28th October	SCHOOL CLOSED — Non Pupil Day
29th October	Pupils Return to school
30th October	Swimming starts for SWALLOW (6 weeks)
4th November	Parent Consultations
6th November	Parent Consultations
29th November	Advent Service—PUFFIN
4th December	Last swimming for SWALLOW
10th December	Christmas Experience—Whole School—St Mary's Church
16th December	Last Multi Skills Club
16th December	Whole School Mass at St Mary's—10am
18th December	Last Invasion Games Club
17th December	School Christmas Dinner/Christmas Jumper Day
19th December	Nativity to school and parents — 10.30am at St Mary's
20th December	PTFA Children's Chocolate Raffle
20th December	Judging of PTFA Decorate a Christmas Tree Competition
20th December	PTFA Non Uniform Day
20th December	Christmas Holiday from 3.15pm
6th January 2020	Children and Staff Return

Whole School Act of Worship Assembly every Monday morning from 9.15am
 Whole School Praise & Celebration Assembly every Friday morning from 9.15am.
 All parents, carers and friends are welcome.