



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.

Staff Changes for 2017/18

As we draw near the end of another busy year I would just like to let you know of a few staffing changes for the 2017/18 academic year:-

Firstly Mrs Naomi Jefferies will be leaving her role as SENCO and taking up a post at West Buckland school. I would like to put on record my thanks for the tremendous job Naomi has done for us over the past two years. She has transformed the SEN provision of our school and in turn transformed the lives of many of our children and their families.

Naomi wanted you all to know:-

"I am very sad to be leaving Our Lady's Catholic Primary School. The caring, commitment and support shown by staff, pupils and parents makes it a unique and special place to work and it has been a privilege to be part of this wonderful school community".

I am delighted to welcome Eve Daunton as our new SENCO from September 2017. Eve is an experienced SENCO who currently works at Pilton Infants. I am sure you will all make her welcome.

After 25 years of service Mrs Sandra Arnold will be leaving us in July. Mrs Arnold will be sorely missed by all at Our Lady's. As and when I have details of her replacement I shall let you know.

Class Re-organisation

There will be some slight changes to the class teachers from September 2017:-

Robin	Miss Hannah Nash
Heron	Miss Lorna Wilby
Puffin	Mrs Caroline Cohen

Owl	Miss Michaela Mitchell/ Mrs Hannah Harding
Eagle	Miss Kayleigh Newcombe
Kingfisher	Mrs Zoe Trim
Swallow	Mrs Diane Chavasse
PE	Miss Jemma Sloman
Music	Mrs Suzanne Hynes
Reading	
Interventions	Mrs Katie Everett
Troops to Teach	Mr James Barnard

We would also like to say goodbye to Mrs Lucy Jones who is leaving us in July to have a baby! Mrs Jones has made a big impact in her short time with us and we wish her and her family all the best—we hope to see you return one day!

Rob Meech, Principal

Congratulations

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

Cody Wonnacott
Megan Conneely
Brooke Logan
Blake Moore
Zuzanna Filipczyk
Kori Skinner
Alex Sim
Amy Richards
Leo Davis
Preston Thake
En Chen



We are very proud of you

Dyslexia Support

There are some really good, short video clips on the link below about what children feel like when they are dyslexic and what parents can do to support.

<http://dyslexia-assist.org.uk/for-children/>

Job Opportunities at Our Lady's

We have a couple of job opportunities available in school from September.

Please see further details at the end of this newsletter.

Attendance

Congratulations to **EAGLE** and **KINGFISHER** classes who have the highest attendance for the whole year at **95%** closely followed by **OWL** class at **94.9%**.



Star Learners

Very well done to the following children who were our Star Learners for last week. They are all invited to attend afternoon tea with Mr Meech on Thursday 20th July.



Holly Groves
Aaron Johnson
Jaime Jithesh
Tyran Tucker
Tianna Mallaband-Whitham
Macie-Grace Hudson
Henry Hopkins
Lilly-Marie Havers
Taylor Mai McGinley
Cora Sherman-Till
George Roberts
Ellie-Mae Harman
Poppy-Amelia Dunlop
Jamie Gibson

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



What a hot week we've had in Barn-a-b's...! The children have coped very well and copious amounts of sun cream has been applied, sunhats worn and water drunk. We are fortunate to

have some lovely shaded areas and we have made the most of these this week.

A reminder please - that those of you who wish to apply for the 30 hours of funding from September need to do so fairly imminently. We sent home a letter last week which explained the process but if you require another one, or any help with accessing the internet, please pop in and ask. We need the code that you receive from HMRC in order to send it to Devon before the end of term.

Our admin staff have relocated. If you need to speak to one of us, please come and find us in the school office where we are working alongside the admin team of Our Lady's. Also, the Barn-a-b's phone number will no longer be in use so please ring 01271 345164 to speak to us.

The Barn-a-b's booking and payment system is looking to go online in September. Watch this space and we will let you know in due course. Any parents who wish to change hours for September, please speak to Jen who is compiling a spreadsheet in advance.

*May the Lord bless you and
take good care of you,*

*May the Lord smile on you and
be gracious to you,*

*May the Lord look on you with
favour and give you peace.*

Amen

Dates

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

23rd June	SWALLOW to Pilton Community College 9-2.30pm (Intake Day)
25th June	First Holy Communion - St Mary's Church 11am—all welcome
28th June	SWALLOW Class to Tapeley Park
28th June	Sports Premium Swimming for KINGFISHER Class
29th June	New Intakes for Sept Come and Play 9.30-11am
29th June	Parenting Group 1.15-3pm
30th June	New Intakes for Sept Come and Play 9.30-11am
3rd July	Cricket EAGLE Class—Barnstaple Cricket Club
3rd July	Guitar Performance to Parents
5th July	Last Sports Premium Swimming for KINGFISHER and SWALLOW Class
6th July	Last Parenting Group 1.15-3pm
12th July	Last Karate Club Session
13th July	Whole School Topic Open Evening 6pm-7.45pm
19th July	SWALLOW Class end of year Performance to Parents 6pm
24th July	End of Year Mass—St Mary's 10am
25th July	Sports Day—Pilton Community College
26th July	Last day of term
5th Sept	Autumn Term begins



Reach for the Stars!

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

Congratulations to **Tianna Mallaband-Whitham** who was awarded a certificate of achievement in recognition of earning 15 credits for the SAS Football Club U8 Girls team.

Tianna also completed a 5km Race for Life in Plymouth, in blistering heat, raising lots of money for Cancer Research. Very well done **Tianna**.

Well done to **Reese Elshout** who was awarded a medal for completing a Fun Run at Tiverton Fair.

Congratulations to **Maddison Daniel** who was awarded a certificate and medal for 3rd place in the Trampoline in the Falcons Gymnastic Academy Club Competition 2017.

Well done to **Bethan Silverlock** who was awarded her stage 4 ASA swimming certificate.

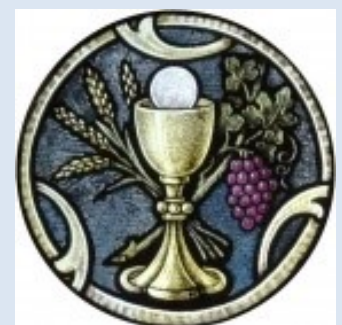
It is wonderful to be able to celebrate the hard work and talents of our pupils. Children are invited to bring in their certificates, medals and good news on a Thursday morning so that they can be given out at assembly and celebrated in the school newsletter.

The next newsletter will go home on: Friday 7th July 2017

First Holy Communion

Several of our Year 4 children will be celebrating their First Holy Communion on Sunday 25th June at St Mary's Catholic Church at 11am. Tristan Barnard, Lola Meech, Arianne Henry, Olivier Blaszczyk and Sarah-Louise Dyer would love to see as many of our school community at this service as possible. Children who are attending to sing should be at church in smart, school uniform by 10.45am. Children do not have to be accompanied during the service but will need collecting from church at 12midday.

We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.



School Clubs

Below are the start dates for the clubs that are running this term.

Monday	Football (Yr5&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.

THE READING AGENCY AND LIBRARIES PRESENT

ANIMAL AGENTS

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2017

animal-agents.org.uk

Barnstaple Library Launch Event

Saturday 15th July 10.00am-3.00pm

Stalls and activities all day

Barnstaple Library

Library Square

Castle Green

Meet some animals from
Exmoor Pony Centre
Exmoor Zoo
Really Wild Learning
Safe Haven Exotics

Children's authors
Alan Bosley
Victoria Eveleigh
Sandra Everitt
Miriam Latimer
Lisa McNeill
Dan Metcalfe
Olli Tooley

Scencedipity
WOW scrapstore
Devon Wildlife Trust
Mabels Ices
Goodwin Art Gallery
Barnstaple History Group
Phatdog Events
The Plough
Exmoor National Park
The Voice Radio Station

EXMOOR NATIONAL PARK
Safe Haven Exotics C.I.C.

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SUMMER READING CHALLENGE
THE READING AGENCY

Calling All Talented Children

The hit ITV show - Little Big Shots hosted by Dawn French are back shining the spotlight on more amazing kids.

The programme simply celebrates young talent and funny, entertaining children – from teeny tap dancers to dinosaur experts, from viral superstars to acrobats, impressionists to comedians, from superb singers to Rubik's Cube speed champions, mathematicians to sensational spellers. It is not a competition or game show. Whether individuals, duos or groups of youngsters, the only rule is that the child is between the ages of 3 and 13.

We are looking for performers and skills of all kinds and would love to know if you think there might be someone in your school that knows a potential Little Big Shot!

If you are interested in applying please visit the link below: https://www.walltowall.co.uk/casting/little-big-shots_1019.aspx

The Fisher-Knight's Tale

A pop-up puppet show for families (age 5+)
THE TENT ON THE SQUARE
BARNSTAPLE
Saturday 1st July: 12pm and 4:45pm
Admission £6 adult, £4 child
Visit www.theatrefest.co.uk to book

www.wildtotheatre.co.uk
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Chartwells Catering have a Vacancy in: **Our Lady's Primary School** **Barnstaple**

School Meals Cook/Unit Manager – 30 Hours a Week
(Position's are term time only with Salary Spread Over Whole Year)

Are you interested in School Catering that fits around your family life?
If so, why not join our friendly professional Catering team.
Appropriate training will be given and smart uniforms provided.

Please contact the Chartwells Area Manager on **07584616511**
or

E-Mail **cornwall.vacancies@compass-group.co.uk** for an application form.



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VACANCY – OUR LADY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL – PART TIME CLEANER



**Required from 4th September 2017 – 9 hours per week @ £8.25 per hour (3.30-5.45pm) – term
time only**

We are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic, committed and motivated individual to join our Caretaker and undertake cleaning of set areas including classrooms, cloakrooms and toilets.

At Our Lady's we aim to provide a Christian, caring, secure family environment where each child is valued as a unique individual who is able to benefit from and contribute to the life of the school.

We value the trust placed in us by parents of the children in our care and we strive to ensure that all our children prosper and thrive. The environment we create is one where the children feel confident, secure, valued and able to express their views and opinions whilst understanding the importance of listening to others.

We are looking for someone who :

- is able to take the lead and work their own initiative
- remains calm in a busy environment
- is able to work as part of a team
- is flexible, adaptable & willing approach
- is enthusiastic and has a "can do" attitude
- is willing to support the ethos of the school

Please note this job will involve manual handling on a daily basis.

Application packs are available from Mrs Morris in the school office – please email sbm@olcs.uk

Our Lady's is committed to safeguarding and a full DBS check and references will be required for the successful candidate.

Closing date for applications:- 05/07/2017