



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.

Dear Parents and Carers

As you may be aware, there are a growing number of cases of Covid in the South West. As the adult population becomes vaccinated, inevitably the virus is being transmitted more through our younger population.

As a school community, it is important that we double our efforts to maintain a covid safe environment. Therefore, we will maintain ALL of our covid measures until the end of the term.

These include:

Class bubbles - no mixing of children in school or at break times.

Regular hand washing throughout the day.

Regular cleaning of surfaces.

Staff wearing face coverings in school.

Staff testing twice a week.

Limited visitors on the school site.

Staggered start and finish times.

Social distancing throughout the school.

We ask that all parents and carers wear masks when on the school site and maintain a 2m distance where possible.

If your child shows any symptoms of covid then please do not send them to school and seek medical advice. The pollen count is quite high and there are similar symptoms between hay fever and covid; for this reason we ask that you err on the side of caution. If you require lateral flow tests for your family then these can be obtained free of charge from the covid marquee in the leisure centre car park.

If your child does need to self-isolate then remote learning will be available for them.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to do many of the end of year traditions. There will be no whole school sports day but we will endeavour to offer sporting opportunities for individual year groups. We plan to have a sports day in September.

Transition arrangements for children to meet their new teacher are being planned and we will share with you in due course.

There will be no end of school year mass, but like last year we will be holding an end of year liturgy for Y6. At this stage, this will be for children only.

I appreciate this is not the end of the year we hoped for, but it is essential that we remain vigilant and cautious, so we can safely make it to the summer holidays.

September will hopefully bring a fresh start for us all and there are many exciting changes that I will share with you in due course. As always all plans are dependent on Government guidance.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Meech
Executive Headteacher

**The next newsletter will go home on:
Friday 2nd July 2021**



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

Thank you for returning the forms with any changes of hours that you wish to make for September. Confirmation of the hours and sessions allocated to you will be sent out in the next few weeks.

Please keep us updated with new information, such as allergies, medication, changes in phone numbers and so on.

For those starting in Barn A B's we have a sweatshirt with the Barn A B's logo on that can be purchased via Scopay or direct from the school office for £10. These are available in ages 2-3, 4-5 and 5-6. These can be teamed with a yellow polo shirt (available in most supermarkets). Although the wearing of the 'uniform' is not compulsory for Barn A B's children, they do look smart and the sweatshirts are easy to wash.

Is My Child Too Ill For School

The following NHS website may help you with deciding on whether your child is well enough to attend school.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Please be aware of COVID symptoms if your child is presenting with a high temperature, a continuous cough, loss of taste or smell then please do not send your child to school and phone 111 for advise on getting a Covid test done.

Thank you for supporting our non uniform day today where we celebrated the feast of St Aloysius Gonzaga by wearing yellow, blue or white for £1.00. St Aloysius is the patron saint of Young Students and Christian Youth and the various colours represent different things in his life. The money raised will be donated to The Catholic Children's Society.

The main aim of CCSP is to help children and their families in times of financial need by offering Essential Grants and Patchwork Parenting programmes throughout the Diocese.

Change to Uniform

From September all children will be expected to wear a tie as part of their school uniform.

For girls, this should be worn with a white collared shirt (short or long sleeved) and for boys this should be worn with a blue collared shirt (short or long sleeved). The ties are navy clip-ons and will be available to purchase from the school for £4 - we will alert you when they are in stock.

On P.E days, children can continue to wear their P.E kit into school. The P.E kit will not change.

BOYS

Grey tailored trousers or shorts; Blue collared shirt; School Navy Jumper; Navy Blue clip-on Tie; grey socks; black shoes.

GIRLS

Navy Blue Pinafore or Pleated Skirt; White collared shirt; School Navy Jumper; Navy Blue clip-on Tie; Navy socks or tights; black shoes.

PE KIT FOR GIRLS AND BOYS

Trainers (rather than plimsolls); School PE T-Shirt; Navy Shorts or joggers/leggings; School PE Hoodie if required.

School jumpers (£14.50 or £15.50), PE T-Shirts (£7), PE Hoodies (£15), PE Kit Bags (£5), Navy Backpacks (£15) or Book Bags (£5) - all with the school logo on (apart from the jumpers) are available to purchase from the school office with payment being made via Scopay. Please ask the school office for a log in for Scopay if you have not already set up an account.

Summer Term Dates

Mon 28th June	Y5 Cricket Festival, Pilton Cricket Club
Tues 6th July	Y6 Transition day for Pilton Com Col
Tues 13th July	Y6 trip to Skern Lodge
Fri 23rd July	Last Day of Term
Mon 6th Sept	School open for Uniform sales
Tues 7th Sept	School open for Uniform sales
Weds 8th Sept	Autumn Term Starts
Fri 9th Sept	Reception Class Starts