



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.

Head Boy/Girl for 2017/18

Congratulations go to:-

Head Girl: **Savannah Fiddes**

Head Boy: **Oscar Meech**

Deputy Head Girl: **Lola Ridgeway**

Deputy Head Boy: **Woody Farmery**

The following pupils have been made House Captains:-

St Cecilia Millie Bishop
Alphy Siby Cherian

St Anthony Drew Phillips
Chase Spencer

St John Fisher Sophie Phillips
Carlie Tucker

St Bernadette Kayleigh Lancey
Sheetal Mathew

The following pupils become our Librarians:-

Tia Philpotts and Liam Claydon O'Hara

Well done to all our Year 6 pupils. We know you will carry out your duties admirably and make the school very proud.

Autumn Term Dates

16th October	Parent Consultations
18th October	Parent Consultations
18th October	X Country Competition Torrington
18th October	No Karate Club
18th October	Last Swimming for KINGFISHER
19th October	Harvest Thanksgiving—OWL Class
20th October	PTFA Non Uniform Day and Cake Sale
20th October	No Tennis Club
20th October	Half term begins at 3.15pm
30th October	SCHOOL CLOSED — Non Pupil Day
31st October	Pupils Return to school
31st October	Deadline for applying for secondary school place
1st November	Swimming starts for SWALLOW (6 weeks)
2nd November	Tempest School Photo Order deadline
7th November	PUFFIN trip to Tiverton Museum
8th November	Swimming for SWALLOW
15th November	Swimming for SWALLOW
17th November	Flu Vaccinations KS1/Yr3 & Yr4
17th November	Children in Need
22nd November	Swimming for SWALLOW
24th November	SCHOOL CLOSED—Non Pupil Day
27th November	Last Football Club
27th November	SWALLOW—School Nurse (Height and Weight checks)
29th November	Swimming for Swallow
30th November	Advent Service—PUFFIN
6th December	Last swimming for SWALLOW
8th December	PTFA Christmas Bingo and Raffle
8th December	Last Tennis

Year 6 Parents

The deadline for applying for a secondary school place for your child is **31st October**. Apply at:

www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline

The next newsletter will go home on:

Friday 3rd November 2017

Congratulations

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

Evie Jones	Amelia Gerraghty
Finlay Silverlock	Joseph Smith
Charlie Yeaman	Adriannas Stancic
Millie Passmore	Tom Manoj
Jessica Lake	Adam Dyer
Amy-Lou Trickey	Reese Elshout
Rio Bishop	Dakota Skinner
Tianna Mallaband-Whitham	Declan Burns
Summer-Jayne Robins-Ridd	Ollie Scoines
	Riley Yates
	Nnenna Amandiogu
	Poppy Shaddick-Banwell

We are very proud of you.



Watch out for our Children in Need goodies that will go on sale after half term. We will be raising money for Children in Need on Friday 17th November.

School Website

Please visit our school website www.ourladys.devon.sch.uk. The class pages have had new photographs added to them. Both the Sports Premium and Pupil Premium Reports for 2017/18 and the review of expenditure for 2016/17 can now be found on the website.

Dyslexia Tip

When giving instructions, say things in the order you want them done in. Instead of 'before you go outside, put away your books', say 'put away your books then go outside'.

May the Lord bless you and take care of you.

May the Lord be kind and gracious to you.

May He fill you with the wonder of his loving presence.

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

May we help to bring love, joy and peace to others. Amen

Don't forget the PTFA Non Uniform Day and Cake Sale—Friday 20th October 2017

£1 to wear what you like for the day. This will include a free cake. Additional cakes 50p. Donations of cakes to the school office gratefully received. Thank you.

Star Learners

Very well done to the following children who are our Star Learners for the last two weeks:-



**Lilah Walsh
Adam Dyer
Ruby Cannon
Brooke Logan
Lewis Langley
Alex Sim
Savannah Fiddes
Ruby Foster
Pixie Barnett
Kori Skinner
Leah Dennis
Stanley Smyth
Ollie Scoines
Grace Thurman**



New Dinner Menu

The school dinner menu will change for the second half of Autumn Term. The website has been updated with the new menu. Copies of this menu will be sent home shortly.



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

Please don't forget we finish for half term on Friday 20th October and return on Tuesday 31st October.

There has been a lot of focus in the news about the 30 hours, we can reassure our parents, that the 30 hours has been of great benefit to us, and our parents. Working parents can claim up to an extra 15 hours. There are other incentives we can claim, which will enrich your child's educational experience in Barn-a-b's, so we may ask you to complete forms from time to time.

Please keep us updated with any change of circumstances, change of address, phone number and so on. It's also important that we know who is collecting your child. We take safeguarding our children seriously and have to keep to our policies.

We have loved learning about nursery rhymes, children have been performing songs to each other.

Next term we will be learning about number songs, and of course fireworks, and advent.



Reach for the Stars!

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

Well done to the following children who received Certificate's of Achievement for their time spent during last academic year with Oscar the Pets as Therapy dog:-

Kimberly Dyer
Rachel Stanworth
Henry Hopkins
Skye Duxbury
Oskar Czechowski
Charlotte Fry
Nathan Davis
Arianne Henry

Cora Sherman-Till
Liam Curtis
Roe Hawkins
Sophie Phillips
Ffion Rippon
David Scholtz
James Harmon-Clarke
Sarah-Louise Dyer

Congratulations to all our Year 4, 5 and 6 children who attended the Pilton Cross Country Festival on 4th October. All children received a certificate for participating and completing the course.

The following children received medals for being placed in their cross country races:-

Lola Ridgeway—1st place yr6, **Chase Spencer**—2nd place yr6, **Jake Langley**—2nd place yr6, **Amelie Lear**—3rd place yr4 and **Harvey Dennis**—3rd place yr4. Well done to everyone that took part. We are really proud of you.

Well done to **Finlay Silverlock** who was awarded a Learn to Swim certificate for completing Stage 1 of his swimming lessons.

Congratulations to **Summer-Jayne Robins-Ridd** who was awarded a certificate for swimming 600m.

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.

School Choir

Exciting news, we are amalgamating the children's choir and the adult community choir. The choir is for Pupils in years 2-6 and any parents, grandparents, carers or friends who love to sing and wish to participate. No previous experience of singing necessary. Just bring yourselves and your voice! Letters will go home shortly advising of the start date for this club.

Full Governing Body Meetings

The Full Governing Body (FGB) meetings for this academic year 2017/18 are as follows:-

Wednesday 6th December at 6pm
Wednesday 14th March at 6pm
Wednesday 11th July at 6pm

The governor pages on our website are kept up to date with the minutes of these meetings.

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	Football Club (Yr4, 5&6) (4.15pm) Miss Sloman (Fee)
Tuesday	Homework (Yr 3&4) (4.15pm) Mr Meech and Staff
	Netball (Yr 5&6) (4.15pm) Mrs Houle
	Gardening Club (4.15pm) Miss Mitchell
Wednesday	Homework (Yr 5&6) (4.15pm) Mr Meech and Staff
	Karate (4.10pm) Mike Leverton (Fee) No Karate on 18th October
Thursday	Gymnastics (Yr3&4) (4.15pm) Miss Sloman (Fee)
Friday	Tennis (Y1&2) (4.15pm) Miss Sloman (Fee)

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

Harvest Thanksgiving

At 9.15am on Thursday 19th October OWL class will be leading the school in our Harvest Thanksgiving. As part of this celebration, we will be collecting food and other goods to be donated to the Freedom Centre, which is a Barnstaple based charity supporting a wide range of people in need across North Devon. Children are invited to bring donations to their class teacher. Suitable donations are:

Tea bags, Kitchen Roll, Cocoa, Coffee, Sugar, Squash, Soup, Tinned fruit, Rice pudding, Chopped tomatoes

Information about this local charity providing help and support to vulnerable individuals in North Devon can be found at www.freedomsocialprojects.org.uk

We look forward to seeing as many parents, carers and friends at the assembly as possible.

School Non Pupil Days

Please be aware that we have non pupil days on Monday 30th October and Friday 24th November. School finishes for half term at 3.15pm on Friday 20th October and pupils return to school on Tuesday 31st October.

Attendance



Congratulations to **EAGLE** class who have the highest attendance for the Autumn term so far at **98.5%** closely followed by **SWALLOW** class at **98%** and **HERON** class at **97.8%**.



School Council 2017/18

We were happy to announce our School Council Representatives for this academic year at assembly on Wednesday 11th October. The following are the proud representatives elected by their class:-

ROBIN	Charlie Yeaman Ivy Hleza
HERON	Immanuel Mathew Chloe Brown
PUFFIN	Harry Barnard
OWL	George Kerswell Summer-Jayne Robins-Ridd
EAGLE	Amelie Lear K-Lib Groves
KINGFISHER	Lola Meech George Roberts
SWALLOW	Lola Ridgeway Drew Phillips Salvatore Telese

We wish them well in their new roles.