



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 Back

Happy New Year to you all. We hope you had a peaceful and restful Christmas break. We have sent home the dates of events taking place this term but please see the dates section in each fortnightly newsletter as these will be subject to change.

It is important that your child/children are reading to you for a minimum of 15 minutes each night. The additional work that children do at home does have a significant, positive effect in the classroom. Thank you for your continued help and support with this.

PTFA

Thank you to everyone that supported the various PTFA Christmas events. We raised nearly £300 for the school. The next PTFA event is a film night on Thursday 19th March from 5.30pm until 7.15pm.

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



“...our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active...” 1 John 3:18

Social Media

Please be reminded that the school has an on-line safety policy (copy available on our website www.ourladys.devon.sch.uk). All parents are responsible for endorsing the Acceptable Use Agreement. Within the agreement there is the following statement:

I will not:-

- Use private groups, the school's Facebook page, or personal social media to complain about or criticise members of staff. This is not constructive and the school can't improve or address issues if they aren't raised in an appropriate way.
- Use private groups, the school's Facebook page, or personal social media to complain about, or try to resolve, a behaviour issue involving other pupils. I will contact the school and speak to the appropriate member of staff if I'm aware of a specific behaviour issue or incident.
- Upload or share photos or videos on social media of any child other than my own, unless I have the permission of other children's parents/carers.

Such breaches of this policy will be reported accordingly.

Spring Term Dates



The dates for the Spring Term are attached to the end of this newsletter. These are subject to change so please keep checking the fortnightly newsletter and parentmail.

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 Multi Skills Club (R-Y2) (4.15pm)
Miss Sloman (Fee)

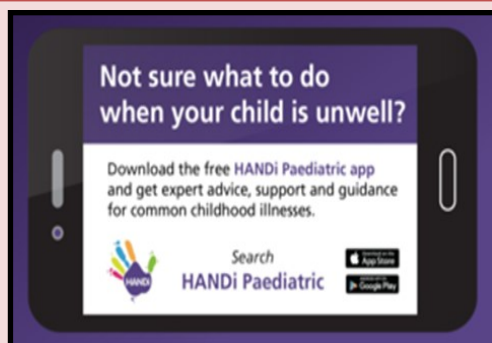
Wednesday Gymnastics Club (Y3-6) (4.15pm)
Miss Nicholls (Fee)

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

Don't forget if your child is a pupil premium child (in receipt or has been in receipt of means tested free school meals) any fees for clubs or music tuition are half price. Please see a member of the Admin team if you require any further information.

Attendance

It is really important that if your child is going to be off school for any reason that you phone the school on 01271 345164 before 10am.



Download the HANDi app for child health advice

If you are unsure of what to do when your child is unwell, download the free HANDi app which provides expert advice on the most common childhood illnesses to parents/carers.

The app contains information about when and how to ask for help, along with what to expect when your child is being assessed. The app is free to download on Apple and Android devices.

**The next newsletter will go home on:
Friday 7th February 2020**

Congratulations

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

Ava Holtmann
Oliver Kane
Gabbi Smith
Millie Passmore
Mira Prigodina
Haydon Moore
Tiana Marowzwa
Dylan McFadden
Jessica Lake
Lucy Hook
Ivy Hleza
Peter Bulley
David Przeworski
Lilah Walsh

Jenson Bennett
Esme Bradfield
Cora Sherman Till
Amy-Lou Trickey
Billy O'Grady
Riley Yates
Gavin Joby
Patrick Connors
Mason Burden-Toivenen
Darcie Harrison
Kyle Tucker
Bethan Silverlock
Evelyn Brown



We are very proud of you.



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

Welcome back. It's been great to see everybody after the Christmas break. As you may know, we are learning about homes and communities. We are looking forward to making a street of the houses you have taken home. We have a few returned already, keep them coming!

We will have a short walk around the neighbouring streets, weather permitting, to look at the houses. We will not be going near the main road, and this has been risk assessed.

On another note of safety, please remember not to add any tapestry observations to any social media sites. Children have the right to protect their identity and new laws restrict photos and sharing.

We will be looking at safety and rules this term, please see the school website for more details. Look under 'Classes' and find 'Barn a Bs for more information.

If you feel that your child may be entitled to means tested free school meals please apply on line at <https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/school-meals>

Once you have received confirmation please bring this to the school office for your Scopay account to be amended. This is only applicable to children that attend at least one full day (9am-3pm) at Barn A Bs.

Number themed non-uniform on Friday the 7th of February

£1
(for the NSPCC)

Prizes for
the best costume!



NSPCC Number Day is on Friday 7th of February.

Non-uniform is £1.
The non-uniform has a number theme.

This could be wearing a sports top with a number on, attach a number to your top, use face paint to draw numbers on your face or be creative and turn yourself into a calculator or a dice!

Children will also be completing a number challenge in their classroom.

Thank you for your support.



EVERY CHILDHOOD IS WORTH FIGHTING FOR

Reach for the Stars!

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

Congratulations to **Ivy Hleza** who was awarded a 'gymnast of the week' certificate.

Well done to **Chloe Brown** who achieved a silver medal for a team event in gymnastics..

Congratulations to **Amy-Lou Trickey** who achieved the Trampolining Efficiency Awards Level 9 Certificate.

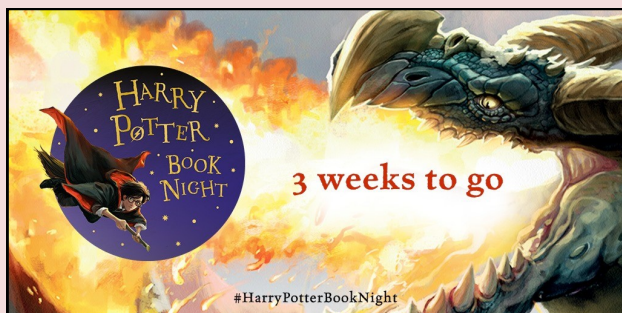
Well done to **Charlie Boreham** who was awarded his Level 1 Swimming Certificate.

Congratulations to **Reggie Staddon** who achieved his 600m distance swimming certificate.

Well done to **Bethan Silverlock** who achieved a bronze medal in Standing Triple Jump and a silver medal in Chest Push at the Devon County Sportshall competition.

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.

Barnstaple Library Event



Calling all witches, wizards and muggles - celebrate Harry Potter Book Night at Barnstaple library. Thursday 6th February 4-5.30pm. A fun evening of games and magical crafts. Book in advance at the library.

Scopay On-line Payments

Don't forget you can book and pay for our Breakfast Club and After School club via our online booking system via scopay.com.

Dinner money, school trips and some items of school uniform can also be paid for on this system. It is easy to log in. You just need your individual log in details. If you have mislaid these or need any help or assistance with logging into Scopay please see a member of the Admin Team who will be happy to assist you.

Photos

The school photographer will be in school on Tuesday 25th February to take class photos. Order forms will be sent home for all those that wish to purchase these.



Holy Communion 2020

If you have a child who is in Year 4 or older and is interested in taking their First Holy Communion this year please contact the Presbytery at St Mary's Church for an application form to be returned as soon as possible. There will be a meeting late January to make arrangement for the 2020 course.

Service Awards

Very well done to the following children who received our Service Awards since the beginning of term:

Janice Jithesh
Tom Manoj
Jacob Turner
Gabrielle McFadden
Tilly Stevens
Rachel Stanworth
Lilly-Mae Floyd
Immanuel Mathew
Amy-Lou Trickey
Albie Stevens
Ella Hutt
Chloe-Jo Rippon

School Website

The class pages on the school website are being updated for the Spring Term. Please visit www.ourlady.devon.sch.uk.

North Devon Taiko Project—Taiko Sessions

Open to years 4 upwards and school-based adults:-

Held on Fridays, 4 – 5pm
on January 17th, 24th, 31st and Feb 7th.

£2 per session

Held at: Centre Stage, Unit 2, Riverview Commercial Centre, Pottington Business Park, Barnstaple, Devon, EX31 1QN

Free parking

Email: ndtaiko@gmail.com to find out more or book on.

Spring Term 2020

Please be aware that the dates are subject to change and parents are encouraged to check the fortnightly newsletter for up to date information.

Homework Dates: W/b: 13th January – 23rd March (Half term week is not included)

13th January	Multi Skills Club 3.15-4.15pm(R-Y2) begins
15th January	Swimming begins for EAGLE (6 weeks)
14th January	Gymnastics Club 3.15-4.15pm (Yr3-6) begins
22nd January	EAGLE Class—Tarka Tennis
22nd January	Swimming for EAGLE Class
29th January	Swimming for EAGLE Class
30th January	Netball Competition (Y5 and Y6 by invitation)
3rd February	Children's Mental Health Week
5th February	Swimming for EAGLE Class
7th February	NSPCC Numbers Day
10th February	KINGFISHER Act of Worship 9.15am
11th February	Internet Safety Day
14th February	Non Uniform Day for North Devon Hospice (Pitch in a Pound)

14th February: Half term begins at 3.15pm

24th February	Non Pupil Day—School Closed
25th February	Pupils Return to School
25th February	Class/ Team Photographs/ Barn-a-b's
26th February	Gymnastics Club 3.15-4.15pm (Yr3-6) continues
26th February	Swimming begins for OWL (6 weeks—until Weds 15th April)
26th February	Ash Wednesday
26th February	ROBIN and SWALLOW class height and weight checks
2nd March	Multi Skills Club 3.15-4.15pm (R-Y2) continues
2nd March	Parent Consultations
3rd March	Parent Consultations
4th March	Swimming for OWL Class
4th March	Magistrates in the Community to visit KINGFISHER Class
5th March	World Book Day
6th March	CAFOD Family Fast Day
11th March	Swimming for OWL Class
13th March	Red Nose Day
18th March	Swimming for OWL Class
19th March	PTFA Film Night—5.30-7.15pm
23rd March	Last Multi Skills Club
23rd March	EAGLE Act of Worship 9.15am
25th March	Swimming for OWL Class
25th March	Last Gymnastics Club
27th March	PTFA Easter Bonnet Parade/Chocolate raffle
27th March	Easter Holiday from 3.15pm (School returns Tuesday 14th April)

Dates are subject to change and parents will be notified of any other dates in the Newsletter or via Parent Mail as and when they arise.