



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.

COVID19 Health and Safety Executive Visit

We had the following feedback from a COVID19 Visit from a Health and Safety Executive on Thursday:-

'Thanks very much for meeting with me today and showing me around Our Lady's Catholic Primary School as part of a Covid secure inspection. It's clear that you and your staff are working exceptionally hard to create a safe and effective environment for learning and working by applying the government guidance in a balanced and sustainable way'.

Parking and Driving in Chanters Hill

Please could we ask that when dropping off children or picking them up from school that you drive carefully and safely around the Chanters Hill area to avoid any accidents or injuries. We also ask that you park your cars with consideration for our neighbours. Please do not block the road or their driveways. Thank you for your co-operation.

Mr Meech
Principal

Individual Photos

Order forms and proofs have been sent home for these. If you would like to purchase any photos please can you bring the Tempest envelope with your order and payment by Friday 6th November. Thank you.



Autumn Term Dates

Fri 23rd Oct	Last day of half term
Mon 26th Oct	Half Term Holiday
Mon 2nd Nov	Non Pupil Day—School Closed
Tues 3rd Nov	Pupils Return to School
Thur 3rd Dec	Non Pupil Day—School Closed
Fri 18th Dec	Last day of term
Mon 4th Jan	Pupils Return to School

Any future dates will be shared via parentmail.

Please be aware that there will be a non pupil day on Thursday 3rd December 2020 therefore the school will be closed on this day. The school will now be open on Monday 7th June 2021 to replace this day.

Depart for Education Coronavirus (COVID19) Helpline

The Department for Education Coronavirus (COVID19) helpline is available to answer questions about coronavirus (COVID19) relating to education and children's social care. Staff, parents and young people can contact this helpline on:-

0800 046 8687

Monday to Friday 8am to 6pm

**The next newsletter will go home on:
Friday 6th November 2020**



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

It will soon be time to apply for your school place. We love it when all our children get a place at their chosen school, and it's lovely for us when it's Our Lady's as we get to see them and their families grow. Here is the admissions oversubscription criteria to get a place at Our Lady's.

1. Looked after children and children who were previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to adoption, a child arrangements order, or special guardianship order.
2. Children based on their exceptional medical or social needs or those of their parents.
3. Children who are Baptised Catholic.
4. Children who are siblings of pupils on roll at this school.
5. Children who are members of any other faith.
6. Children of members of staff (where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made, and/or the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage).
7. Other children.

You will notice that having a Christian Faith is one of our admissions criteria. Our children love to learn about God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. Children are never too young to learn about love, kindness, compassion, forgiveness and so on. The school's ethos makes it a special, encouraging and awe

inspiring place to be. We are lucky to be working with one of our foundation governors this year, Father James. He visits the school regularly, and pops in to see us too. Many of you



will have seen him at last year's nativity play.

School dinners for Barn A Bs children will be increasing after half term to £1.55 per meal. Scopay will be updated accordingly ready for Tuesday 3rd November.

We also now have some age 5-6 Barn A Bs Sweatshirts to purchase at £10. Again these can be ordered via Scopay or from the school office.

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

Parent Governor

We currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor. Being a school governor is rewarding and not overly demanding on your time.

If you are interested in volunteering for this role, please send an application email giving some details about yourself and why you would like to be considered for the role to Claire Silverlock Clerk to Governors at clerk@olcs.uk by Friday 6th November.

Scopay/Invoice Payments

Invoices for this month have been sent out for any monies due for Breakfast and After School Clubs and Pre-School fees. Please could these be settled via Scopay (ideally) or cash to the school office. Some of these are for small amounts that continue to be issued each month without being settled. To keep our administration costs down it is important that these are paid on time. Thank you for your co-operation.

Attendance

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



Start and Finish Times

BABs	08.45am—2.45pm
Robin	08.55am—3.10pm
Heron	08.50am—3.05pm
Puffin	09.00am—3.15pm
Owl	09.00am—3.15pm
Eagle	09.00am—3.15pm
Kingfisher	08.45am—3.05pm
Swallow	08.45am—3.05pm

Please adhere strictly to these drop off and pick up times to avoid congestion of busy areas. Thank you.

School Clubs

Monday Multi-Skills Club (4.15pm)
Miss Sloman (Fee)

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, music tuition and run by the school.

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



School Dinner Cost—Please note that school dinners will increase to £2.34 per day from Tuesday 3rd November this increase is the first one in 3 years and is in line with the Government FSM and UIFSM funding . Scopy will be adjusted accordingly.

School Dinner Menu for w/c 19th October: Jacket Potato with Cheese &/or Beans &/or Tuna, daily

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cheese & Tom Pizza Wedges or Jacket Potato with Salmon & Mayo	Beef Burger with potato wedges or Veggie Burger	Roast Gammon with Roast Potatoes or Roast Quorn	Pasta Bolognaise or Macaroni Cheese	Fish Fingers & Chips Or Quorn Dippers

School Dinner Menu for w/c 3rd November: Jacket Potato with Cheese &/or Beans &/or Tuna, or Fresh Tomato Pasta daily

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Non Pupil Day	Cottage Pie or Macaroni Cheese	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes or Sweet Potato and Chick Pea Roast	Bacon All Day Breakfast or Veggie Hotdog	Fish Fingers & Chips Or Quorn Dippers

Symptoms checker

Devon County Council 

Only people with COVID-19 symptoms need to get tested –

A high temperature
OR new, continuous cough
OR loss or change to sense of smell or taste

Visit 111.nhs.uk/covid-19 if you're not sure.

Symptoms	COVID-19 Mild to severe	Cold Gradual onset	Flu Rapid onset
Fever/high temperature (37.8°C or above)	Common	Rare	Common
New cough	Common (usually dry and continuous)	Sometimes	Common (usually dry)
Recent loss or change to sense of taste or smell	Common	Rare	No
Fatigue	Sometimes (common in children)	Sometimes	Common
Sneezing	No	Common	No
Aches and pains	Sometimes	Common	Common
Runny or stuffy nose	Rare	Common	Sometimes
Sore throat	Sometimes	Common	Sometimes
Diarrhoea	Rare (sometimes for children)	No	Sometimes (for children)
Headaches	Sometimes	Rare	Common
Shortness of breath	Sometimes	No	No

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Advice for Parents from Devon County Council

What if...	You need to...	Return to school...
My child has COVID-19 symptoms?	<p>Keep your child at home and tell school they have COVID-19 symptoms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get your child tested and tell school the result. • Self-isolate whole household while waiting for test result (If unable to get a test, child must self-isolate for 10 days from when their symptoms started and rest of household must self-isolate for 14 days) 	if your child's test result is negative and they feel completely well. They should be without a high temperature for at least 24 hours.
My child tests positive for COVID-19?	<p>Keep your child at home and tell school test result</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-isolate your child for 10 days from when their symptoms started (or from day of test if no symptoms). • Self isolate your whole household for 14 days from when your child's symptoms started (or from day of test if no symptoms) even if someone else in the household tests negative during that time. 	after completing 10 days self-isolation and they feel completely well. They should be without a high temperature for at least 24 hours. They can return to school even with a cough or loss/change of taste or smell as these symptoms can last for several weeks after the infection has gone.
We have travelled and must self-isolate due to quarantine rules?	<p>Keep your child at home and tell school</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Household members that travelled must self-isolate for 14 days, even if someone tests negative in that time. • Please do not take unauthorised leave during term, and consider quarantine requirements and government advice when booking travel. 	when your child has completed 14 days self-isolation (even if they test negative during that time) and does not have any COVID-19 symptoms.
We receive advice from a medical/ official source that my child must resume shielding?	<p>Keep your child at home and contact school to discuss</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shield your child until you are told that restrictions are lifted, and shielding is paused again. 	when you are told that restrictions are lifted, and shielding is paused again.
My child has a runny/ stuffy nose or sore throat, but does not have COVID-19 symptoms	<p>Think about whether your child is well enough to go to school or not</p>	If you think your child is well enough, and they do not have any symptoms of COVID-19. Use the NHS111 symptom checker if you're not sure