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Dear Parents & Carers,

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I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable half term break. Thank you to all parents, carers and parishioners who attended Mass to mark Ash Wednesday, thank you to Fr Wilfred for celebrating with us and the chaplaincy team for distributing ashes so respectfully. It led us in to Lent in the most appropriate way encouraging us to think ahead to how we can prepare ourselves by supporting the 4 pillars of Lent: prayer, almsgiving and fasting. This week each class has worked together to choose a charity which they will support throughout the rest of the year. They will then share this with you and together we can work to support good causes and those in need in our community and worldwide.

Thank you for you continuing to support as always.

Tracy Lane
Headteacher



ST PATRICK'S DAY PFA SCHOOL DISCO

The PFA will be holding the annual St Patrick's day Disco on Thursday 14th March in the school hall between 3.30pm and 5.30pm for the children. Tickets are on sale from the school office £2 per child, children can bring another £2 for refreshments on the night if you wish. Please support them, it's always an enjoyable way for the children to celebrate our patron saint. Mr Siddall has agreed to DJ for the event!

First Reconciliation Our children preparing for the sacrament of First Holy Communion will make their first reconciliation this week on Saturday morning. The service will begin at 9am on Saturday 16th March at Our Lady & St Patrick's Church in the Meadows.

Children must be accompanied by an adult throughout.

Thank you to Mrs Cotter, the parish catechists and Fr Wilfred for preparing our children so well.



Book Week

Thank you for supporting us to raise the profile of reading last week in a fun and enjoyable way with the children. They were cosy in pyjamas as they all snuggled down with books on World Book Day reading to each other across school. Thank you to dads, mums, baby brothers and sisters and grandparents who joined us in school to share hot chocolate and a good book with the children too. Our week ended with a carousel morning of book related activities and celebration assembly proving the power of reading. Please continue to share books with your child at home and listening to them read every night, it only takes 5-10 minutes but makes a huge difference to your child's confidence and progress in reading. Thank you.



OLD WELLIES NEEDED

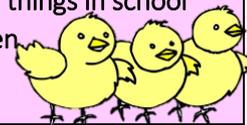
A plea from the Foundation Stage... if anyone has any old wellington boots that they have grown out of, please take them to Foundation Stage where they will be turning them into plant pots for their growing theme. Thank you.



EASTER CHICKS GOING CHEAP

This popular fundraiser will take place again this year and we need knitters to get out their needles and knit up a chattering of chicks in advance.

A simple pattern is available from Mrs Chandley in Year 1 or Mrs Foote in Foundation Stage. Chicks and bunnies will go on sale soon - £1/£1.50 each for PFA funds. Please support the PFA, they make so many things in school possible for our children.



WEEK	SCHOOL EVENT	ASSEMBLIES/LITURGIES	AFTER SCHOOL 3.20-5pm
25 th Feb	Yr 5 swimming Thursday am	PLEASE NOTE ALL ACTS OF WORSHIP AND ASSEMBLIES ON FRIDAYS WILL TAKE PLACE AT 9AM. MASSES WILL START AT 2PM	FOR ALL YEAR GROUPS Yr R- 6 Monday Gymnastics Tuesday Football Coaching Wednesday Cooking Thursday Dance Friday Animation Dodgeball Full Price: £20.00 Per session: £4.00 3.30-5pm
4 th March	Yr 5 swimming Thursday am Monday- yr 5 USA Day Tuesday Pancake Day Lunch Thursday Bedtime Story afternoon, parents welcome to share a book with their children from 2pm. Children to wear pyjamas.	Wednesday 6 th March- Mass for Ash Wednesday & distribution of Ashes by Chaplaincy team 2pm	FOR ALL YEAR GROUPS Yr R- 6 Monday Zumba Tuesday Football Coaching Wednesday Arts & Clay Thursday Tennis Friday Yoga Full Price: £20.00 Per session: £4.00 3.30-5pm
11 th March	Tuesday St Patrick's Day Parade Workshop 1pm Tuesday Y5/6 Basketball Festival @ Becket School 4 – 5:30 Yr 5 swimming Thursday am Thursday St Patrick's Day Disco 3.30-5.30pm Friday Science Investigation Day Saturday 9am Reconciliation Our Lady & St Patrick's Church Sunday 9.30am St Patrick's day Mass	Wednesday 13 th March- Chaplaincy Team & volunteers from Yr 4 - Prayer 2.40pm school hall St Patrick's Day Act of Worship led by year 2 & 3 on Thursday at 2.30pm all welcome	FOR ALL YEAR GROUPS Yr R- 6 Monday Zumba Tuesday Football Coaching Wednesday Arts & Clay Thursday Tennis – to be confirmed Friday Yoga Full Price: £20.00 Per session: £4.00 3.30-5pm
18 th March	Yr 5 swimming Thursday am	Wednesday 20 th March- Chaplaincy Team & volunteers from Yr 5 - Fasting 2.40pm school hall	FOR ALL YEAR GROUPS Yr R- 6 Monday Zumba Tuesday Football Coaching Wednesday Arts & Clay Thursday Tennis Friday Yoga
25 th March	Yr 5 swimming Thursday am Monday Yr 1 trip to Magna Centre	Wednesday 27 th March- Chaplaincy Team & volunteers from Yr 6 - Alms Giving 2.40pm school hall	FOR ALL YEAR GROUPS Yr R- 6 Monday Zumba Tuesday Football Coaching Wednesday Arts & Clay Thursday Tennis Friday Yoga
1 st April	Yr 5 swimming Thursday am Y4 Handball Festival @ South Notts Academy 4 – 5:30 Thursday & Friday yr 4 & 5 Trip to the Mill in Mansfield	Monday- FS & Yr 1 Tuesday- Yr 4 Jesus in the Temple Wednesday- Yr 3 Garden of Gethsemane Thursday- Yr 2 the Last Supper Friday- Yr 5 Good Friday	FOR ALL YEAR GROUPS Yr R- 6 Monday Zumba Tuesday Football Coaching Wednesday Arts & Clay Thursday Tennis Friday Yoga

EASTER HOLIDAY FRIDAY 5th APRIL – RETURN TUESDAY 23RD APRIL 2019

Statements to Live By
I know that it's ok for me to make mistakes.

Word of the Week
Prayer

THIS WEEK'S MISSION IS...

Forgive others when they show they are sorry for their actions.

Super Science Day

To celebrate British Science Week, we will be holding a 'Super Science day' on 15th March 2019. Here at St. Patrick's,

we are keen to support our children in becoming young scientists and so, every child will be taking part in jaw dropping scientific experiments lead by the award winning 'Science Boffins'.

Children in Years 1, 2 and 3 will be involved in a workshop called '**Plasma ball and Playful Polymers**'. The children will look at the film industry visual effects with a very scientific slant. Expect jaws to drop with amazement. They will experience the creation of Frankenstein with plasma flashes and a miniature lightning strike or electricity being passed through their bodies to light a fluorescent tube. They will talk about polymers and how they are used on film sets to make noxious slime. The technique is fascinating and every child will take home a pot of slime!

Children in Years 4, 5 and 6 will be taking part in '**Forensics and Crime Scenes**'. In this interactive crime scene investigation, the children will experience what it's like to try and solve a crime. Spatter patterns, ink chromatography, and fingerprints will help them work out solutions to mystifying questions. Pupils will have their own magnifying glass to take away. Time permitting, they might extract their own DNA to take home.

At the end of the day every child will come together to then watch our very own '**Rocket Launch**'. It will be a fun filled day of exciting scientific experiments and demonstrations. To support us with hosting our 'Science Day', we would like to ask every child to contribute to the day with £3.



Please return your £3 contributions to the school office by Wednesday this week.

Thank you to Miss Henderson for organising the day.

Basketball Tournament Yr 5 & 6

On Tuesday between 4-5.30pm our team will be taking part in a tournament at the Becket School. If any parents are free to walk the team to the Becket with Mr Slight please contact him via school.

Good luck to the team and thanks to Mr Slight for organising the tournament.



Please check our Twitter feed for regular updates on how to keep your children safe online and to see the exciting events taking place in school each week in all classes.



St Patrick's Day Celebrations

The team will be in school on Tuesday 12th March to prepare. They offer a storyteller, Deidre O'Byrne and an artist, Brian McCormack, to work with the children to make simple costume items and props to carry in the parade. They are qualified teachers, with experience of working in schools. They will come into the school at 1pm, tell a traditional Irish story, re-enact it with the children in a simple dramatic format and then help the children to make the props. In the past, the props produced have included headgear, banners, t-shirts, umbrellas, and similar items that are portable enough for the children to carry in the parade.

This year the parade takes place on Sunday 17th March. It is not a long walk, as the parade assembles in Thurland Street, Hockley, from 11.30am and sets off around mid-day to walk to Market Square. As it is a Sunday, each child would need a parent/carer to accompany them.



Only children whose parents have signed them up in the school office will be taking part in this free exciting session. Parents must be able to attend the parade with them. Please check your child is signed up in the school office before Tuesday.

St Patrick's Day Act of Worship

Join us on Thursday at 2.30pm for our St Patrick's Day Act of Worship. This year it is a joint venture presented by years 2 & 3.

Come along and celebrate with us.



Yr 1 Trip to Magna Centre Monday 25th March - all contributions and consent forms to the school office today please



WORD OF THE WEEK

prayer

Take some time each day to have a 'chat' with the Lord in your own way.



STAFF CAR PARK

Please don't drive into or walk across the staff car park at any time as staff arrive in cars throughout the day and we don't want any accidents. Please use the footpath at all times.

