



St Patrick's Catholic Primary & Nursery Voluntary Academy



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Dear Parents & Carers,

We hope you have had a happy, safe & restful summer and are ready to join us again for the new academic year! We are all looking forward to another happy & successful year at St Patrick's. A huge thank you to all the teaching, office & catering staff who have worked very hard already during the holidays to plan & prepare the school for our children. Thank you for supporting all the covid safety measures we have put in place as directed by the government, I do appreciate they may bring additional challenges for some of you.

It was wonderful to see all our fantastic children arriving back in school and we would like to say an enormous thank you to you all for providing your children with everything they need to be ready for school. I was delighted to see every single child wearing full school uniform including smart, black school shoes or their new PE kit. They are a credit to you and the school; they wear their uniform with pride and a smile - I'm very proud to be their Headteacher!

Our vision continues to be to provide the best Catholic education for every child enabling them to: be happy, achieve highly, reach their full potential and beyond, feel safe, respected and cared for, to know and spread God's love while respecting the beliefs and cultures of others. Everything we do is rooted in Christian Values and we follow Christ's example in every aspect of our school life. In this way we will enable our pupils to grow academically, socially, morally & spiritually. To develop the skills they need in order to become independent, confident, lifelong learners who are fully equipped to be successful and make a valuable contribution to the parish, local community and wider society. We believe every child is created in the likeness of God and we respect, value and encourage every individual whilst working together as a whole school community. In order to achieve this vision, we recognise the importance of working collaboratively with all parents and carers and actively seek your support and cooperation in order to ensure our children enjoy all the opportunities they deserve.

We request that you support your child by ensuring:

- they attend school every day and on time
- you collect your child on time every day and alert staff to any changes to the person who will be collecting them when necessary
- they have the equipment they need to access learning opportunities in school and at home
- they complete all homework tasks including reading at least 4 times a week at home to a family member
- they wear full school uniform
- alerting staff to any changes at home that may cause your child to be unsettled
- support school events, parents'/carers evenings, masses & celebrations whenever possible
- together with your child you support all school policies

Working together we can achieve our shared vision for our school community and our children. We are very much looking forward to working with you, all the staff, governors and children and welcoming you into our school community.

Kind regards,

Tracy Lane
Headteacher



WEEK	SCHOOL EVENT	ASSEMBLIES/LITURGIES	AFTER SCHOOL 3.20-5pm
7 th Sept	<p>Tuesday Whole School Mass 2pm</p> <p>Tuesday Nottingham Diocese Catholic Youth Service working on the school field with all classes across the day.</p>	<p>Weekly liturgies are as follows: Monday- whole school liturgy based on Sunday's Gospel- 2.30pm Tuesday- Class Liturgy - 2.40PM Wednesday- Chaplaincy Liturgy Whole School- 2.45PM Thursday- Paired Acts of Worship all classes- 2.45PM Friday- House or Class Assembly- 2pm</p>	<p>Please book places at breakfast or after school clubs at: http://www.tbsport.uk/bookings-stpats</p>
14 th Sept	<p>Friday 18th Sept Class Photos- please come in full school uniform</p> <p>Thursday 17th Sept Emmanuel Open Evening for Yr 6 parents & pupils. This will be a virtual tour online event.</p>	<p>Monday- whole school liturgy based on Sunday's Gospel- 2.30pm Tuesday- Class Liturgy - 2.40PM Wednesday- Chaplaincy Liturgy Whole School- 2.45PM Thursday- Paired Acts of Worship all classes- 2.45PM Friday- House Assembly: Celebrating Achievement</p>	<p>Monday Gymnastics Yr 1 & 2 Tuesday Football Yrs 3,4, 5 & 6 Wednesday Basketball Yrs 3,4, 5 & 6 Thursday Gymnastics Yrs 3,4, 5 & 6 Friday Football Yr 1 & 2</p>
21 st Sept	<p>Wednesday 23rd Sept Open Evening for Yr 6 Pupils at the Becket. This will be a virtual tour online event.</p>	<p>Monday- whole school liturgy based on Sunday's Gospel- 2.30pm Tuesday- Class Liturgy - 2.40PM Wednesday- Chaplaincy Liturgy Whole School- 2.45PM Thursday- Paired Acts of Worship all classes- 2.45PM Friday- Year 6 Class Assembly- 2.30pm HOPE</p>	<p>Monday Gymnastics Yr 1 & 2 Tuesday Football Yrs 3,4, 5 & 6 Wednesday Basketball Yrs 3,4, 5 & 6 Thursday Gymnastics Yrs 3,4, 5 & 6 Friday Football Yr 1 & 2</p>
28 th Sept		<p>Monday- whole school liturgy based on Sunday's Gospel- 2.30pm Tuesday- Class Liturgy - 2.40PM Wednesday- Chaplaincy Liturgy Whole School- 2.45PM Thursday- Paired Acts of Worship all classes- 2.45PM Friday- House Assembly: Celebrating Achievement</p>	<p>Monday Gymnastics Yr 1 & 2 Tuesday Football Yrs 3,4, 5 & 6 Wednesday Basketball Yrs 3,4, 5 & 6 Thursday Gymnastics Yrs 3,4, 5 & 6 Friday Football Yr 1 & 2</p>
5 th Oct	<p>Tuesday 6th Oct Individual pupil school photos. Full School Uniform please.</p> <p>Friday 9th October Partake Viking Experience Year 6</p>	<p>Monday- whole school liturgy based on Sunday's Gospel- 2.30pm Tuesday- Class Liturgy - 2.40PM Wednesday- Chaplaincy Liturgy Whole School- 2.45PM Thursday- Paired Acts of Worship all classes- 2.45PM Friday- Year 2 Class Assembly- 2.30pm Beginnings</p>	<p>Monday Gymnastics Yr 1 & 2 Tuesday Football Yrs 3,4, 5 & 6 Wednesday Basketball Yrs 3,4, 5 & 6 Thursday Gymnastics Yrs 3,4, 5 & 6 Friday Football Yr 1 & 2</p>
12 th Oct	<p>Parent Consultation calls will take place this week via Microsoft Teams.</p> <p>Thursday 15th October Partake Romans Experience Year 4</p> <p>Friday Year 5 WW2 Evacuee Experience at Brackenhurst</p>	<p>Monday- whole school liturgy based on Sunday's Gospel- 2.30pm Tuesday- Class Liturgy - 2.40PM Wednesday- Chaplaincy Liturgy Whole School- 2.45PM Thursday- Paired Acts of Worship all classes- 2.45PM Friday 12th Oct- HARVEST Celebration Theme: Contributions Donated to the FOODBANK</p>	<p>Monday Gymnastics Yr 1 & 2 Tuesday Football Yrs 3,4, 5 & 6 Wednesday Basketball Yrs 3,4, 5 & 6 Thursday Gymnastics Yrs 3,4, 5 & 6 Friday Football Yr 1 & 2</p>

HALF TERM HOLIDAY MONDAY 19th October– SUNDAY 1st November

Our Statement to Live By this Week is...
I can say one good thing about myself.

This Week's Mission has been chosen by Year 3...
 Show thanks to all the people in our community.

Becket Open Evening

Please look on the Becket website today for details of their virtual tour and online open evening for parents, which will take place on Wednesday 23rd September.

<https://www.becketonline.co.uk/>

Parent & Carer Consultation Meetings

We have been advised that due to coronavirus, this term our consultation evenings will take place via Microsoft Teams. You will need to download this onto your device at home; the children will be given school email addresses for us to contact you. Please download Microsoft teams now and get used to it so that if you have any problems we can try to help. There will be more information sent to you on this nearer the time.

Emmanuel Open Evening

Please look on the Emmanuel website today for details of their virtual tour and online open evening for parents, which will take place on Thursday 17th September.

<https://www.emmanuel.nottingham.sch.uk>

Government Laptops for Pupils Scheme

This scheme was publicised during lockdown but wasn't explained fully in the media leaving some parents believing schools could apply for laptops for all pupils. Sadly, this wasn't the case. The government were only loaning laptops to specific pupils:

- Children with a social worker
- Children leaving local authority care (children who were previously in care homes or fostered)
- Disadvantaged children in year 10

We applied for laptops for all eligible pupils.

Word of the Week

Community

Class Photos

This week on Friday your child's class will be having their class photo taken. You will then have the opportunity to buy the photo should you wish to do so.

On Friday if your child usually comes in their PE kit could they please come in full school uniform for the photo, bring their kit and change into it later in school. Thank you.

Secondary School Applications

If you have a child in year 6 please be aware that you need to complete your application for their secondary school by 31st October. This should be done online via the admissions portal. All year 6 pupils were given an information pack last week to help you. A few points to remember:

- Always apply to more than one school
- List the schools in order of preference
- If applying to a faith school, you must also submit a supplementary form which can be accessed on the school you are wishing to apply to website.
- For a faith school you may be asked for a baptism certificate, make sure you include it.
- Secondary school prospectus can be found on their website too.

Distance Learning Survey

Thank you to everyone who has returned the survey already. If we need to use distance learning materials again as a result of coronavirus isolation or lockdowns, we want to make sure it is as accessible as possible and meets the needs of the majority of families. We know that there is no replacement for children being in school learning but if we have to lockdown a bubble/class or the school we need to provide the next best thing. Based on surveys we have received so far, we are considering a blending learning approach which is a mix of live teaching, online learning activities and links to educational website resources to enhance the teaching. Paper packs would be a last resort for pupils with no access to the internet or devices as we can see that the majority of children who didn't access seesaw during lockdown have been disadvantaged in comparison to others. In addition to this, using paper packs means that children don't get access to their teacher or to feedback from their teacher. We would love to be able to provide devices for pupils but we don't have enough devices in school to be able to do that.

If you haven't yet returned your survey, please do by the end of the week so we can act on your opinions.

Coronavirus Symptomatic Pupils

If you or your child develops coronavirus symptoms: a high temperature, a new or continuous cough, loss or change of sense of smell or taste please take the following advice.

- Symptomatic person must self-isolate for 10 days, the rest of the household must self-isolate for 14 days and can only leave the house to get tested.
- Book a test for the child/parent and please let school know the results as soon as you have them.
- If you **don't have a test**, after the 10 day period the child can return to school if they are well BUT everyone else in the household can't come to school within their 14 day period.
- If the child/parent **tests negative** and are well, have no symptoms, they can stop isolating and return to school even if it is within the 10 day isolation period.
- If a person **tests positive** for COVID-19, they must self-isolate for 10 days and return to school only when they no longer have COVID-19 symptoms.
- The household should still self-isolate for at least 14 days from when the symptomatic person had symptoms.

Booking a Test:

Directions on how to get a home testing kit and how to register, carry out and return the kit can be found on the following sites, there are also videos on this site to show you how to carry out a test:

<https://self-referral.test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/antigen/name>

or

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested>

or

For guidance on responding to **coronavirus in children**, please follow the link at:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/coronavirus-in-children/>

Instructional video for parents/carers on swabbing children: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xaw8DsF2Igc>

- If parents struggle to use the internet or don't have internet access they can 119 for help in booking a test.
- Contact <https://111.nhs.uk/COVID-19> or call 111 if at any point symptoms get worse

Free School Meals

Children in reception, year 1 and year 2 are not charged for their school meals. However **all** parents can apply for means tested free school meals at:

https://emsonline.nottsc.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2fCitizenPortal_LIVE

or telephone 0300 500 80 80

If you are eligible, school may get additional funding to support your child.

Breakfast & After School Clubs

TB Sports provide breakfast and after school clubs in school daily. Breakfast club begins from 7.30-8.45am after which the children are taken to class.

After school clubs run from the end of the school day until 5pm.

Please book directly at:

<http://www.tbsport.uk/bookings-stpats>

Payments must be made within 7 days of booking or the booking will be cancelled.

If you have any further questions about anything in the newsletter please call school on 0115 9152961 or email the admin team on admin@st-patricks.nottingham.sch.uk and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

If you have a **safeguarding concern** about a child please contact Mrs Slight, Mr Slight, Mrs Lane or Miss Lane in person, by telephone or email.

Alternatively, you can call Children and Families Direct 0115 876 4800 or NSPCC [0808 800 5000](https://www.nspcc.org.uk)