



# St Patrick's Catholic Primary & Nursery Voluntary Academy



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Dear Parents & Carers,

We have had an increasing number of families impacted by covid currently, we keep you all in our prayers for a full and speedy recovery. If we can help in any way please contact school and we will try our best to support you. If a member of the household tests positive for covid, the children can still come to school if they do not have any symptoms and have tested negative on a lateral flow test. **You must please continue to test your children for 7 full days on lateral flow tests** to ensure they remain negative and to prevent covid being brought into school by children who are asymptomatic (covid positive but don't show any symptoms). If your child shows symptoms and tests positive on a lateral flow test they must isolate at home for at least 7 days until well.

Thank you for working with us to keep everyone safe.

Have a good week,  
Tracy Lane  
Headteacher



## Attendance

Our Education Welfare Officer, Mrs Bradshaw, monitors attendance daily and continues to make home visits to support parents to ensure their child attends school regularly and on time.

**Please remember that as a parent/carer you must provide school with a reason for any absences or time needed out of school and provide school with a copy of any official paperwork related to the absence e.g. for medical appointments, legal appointments, etc. It is also academy policy that you complete a leave of absence request form in advance of any planned absences e.g. to celebrate a significant faith event e.g. Eid, or for legal appointments. Without this paperwork your child's absence will be recorded as unauthorised and will therefore impact on their overall attendance and could result in a fine or legal action. This has always been academy policy and the vast majority of parents/carers do always provide this in advance of any appointments.**

**Taking holidays in school time is not allowed and will result in you being fined by the local authority.**

**Fines are significant and are issued for each parent for each child in the family.**

We want to work with you to ensure continuous regular attendance and good punctuality and if you need support with this please let us know. Poor attendance or punctuality significantly impacts on children's education and they have already had so much time out of school as a result of covid.

**Message from Mrs Bradshaw:**

*This week's attendance winners are Year 6 with 97.3% of the class in school all week. Fantastic year 6!*

*Who are the winners next week? Will it be you?*

WEEK	SCHOOL EVENT	ASSEMBLIES/LITURGIES	AFTER SCHOOL 3.20-5.30pm
4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<b>Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Yr 5 Partake Egyptians</b> <b>Thur 6<sup>th</sup> Yr 6 Visit to the National Justice Museum</b>  <b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> Year 3 start swimming lessons weekly</b>	<b>Weekly liturgies are as follows:</b> <b>Monday</b> - whole school liturgy based on Sunday's Gospel- 2.30pm <b>Tuesday</b> - Liturgy through Music - 2.40PM <b>Wednesday</b> - Chaplaincy Liturgy Whole School- 2.45PM <b>Thursday</b> - <b>Feast of the Epiphany</b> <b>Friday</b> - Paired Acts of Worship all classes- 2.45PM	<b>Please book places at breakfast or after school clubs at:</b> <a href="http://www.tbsport.uk/bookings-stpats">http://www.tbsport.uk/bookings-stpats</a>
10 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<b>Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Jan Yr 3 visit to Creswell Craggs</b>  <b>Whole School Mass for the start of the Year and commissioning of the chaplaincy team.</b>	<b>Weekly liturgies are as follows:</b> <b>Monday</b> - <b>whole school mass</b> <b>Tuesday</b> - Liturgy through Music - 2.40PM <b>Wednesday</b> - <b>Yr 5</b> Chaplaincy Liturgy Whole School- 2.45PM <b>Thursday</b> - <b>House Assembly</b> <b>Friday</b> - Paired Acts of Worship all classes- 2.45PM	<b>After School Clubs Include:</b> 3.20pm Registration Toys & Games 3.45pm until 4.15pm Sport 4.15pm until 4.35pm Outdoor Play 4.35pm until 5.30pm Circle Games or Sport
17 <sup>th</sup> Jan		<b>Weekly liturgies are as follows:</b> <b>Monday</b> - whole school liturgy based on Sunday's Gospel- 2.30pm <b>Tuesday</b> - Liturgy through Music - 2.40PM <b>Wednesday</b> - <b>Yr 4</b> Chaplaincy Liturgy Whole School- 2.45PM <b>Thursday</b> - Class Assembly <b>Friday</b> - Paired Acts of Worship all classes- 2.45PM	<b>After School Clubs Include:</b> 3.20pm Registration Toys & Games 3.45pm until 4.15pm Sport 4.15pm until 4.35pm Outdoor Play 4.35pm until 5.30pm Circle Games or Sport
24 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<b>27<sup>th</sup> January visit from the community policing team to school.</b>	<b>Weekly liturgies are as follows:</b> <b>Monday</b> - whole school liturgy based on Sunday's Gospel- 2.30pm <b>Tuesday</b> - Liturgy through Music - 2.40PM <b>Wednesday</b> - <b>Yr 3</b> Chaplaincy Liturgy Whole School- 2.45PM <b>Thursday</b> - House Assembly <b>Friday</b> - Paired Acts of Worship all classes- 2.45PM	<b>After School Clubs Include:</b> 3.20pm Registration Toys & Games 3.45pm until 4.15pm Sport 4.15pm until 4.35pm Outdoor Play 4.35pm until 5.30pm Circle Games or Sport
31 <sup>st</sup> Jan	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Feb NSPCC Number Day</b>	<b>Weekly liturgies are as follows:</b> <b>Monday</b> - whole school liturgy based on Sunday's Gospel- 2.30pm <b>Tuesday</b> - Liturgy through Music - 2.40PM <b>Wednesday</b> - <b>Yr 2</b> Chaplaincy Liturgy Whole School- 2.45PM <b>Thursday</b> - NSPCC Number Day <b>Friday</b> - Paired Acts of Worship all classes- 2.45PM	<b>After School Clubs Include:</b> 3.20pm Registration Toys & Games 3.45pm until 4.15pm Sport 4.15pm until 4.35pm Outdoor Play 4.35pm until 5.30pm Circle Games or Sport
7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b>Our Lady of Lourdes feast Week</b>  <b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> Feb INSET DAY</b> <b>School Closed</b>	<b>Weekly liturgies are as follows:</b> <b>Monday</b> - whole school liturgy based on Sunday's Gospel- 2.30pm <b>Tuesday</b> - Liturgy through Music - 2.40PM <b>Wednesday</b> - <b>Yr 1</b> Chaplaincy Liturgy Whole School- 2.45PM <b>Thursday</b> - E Safety Assembly <b>Friday</b> – <b>School Closed</b>	<b>After School Clubs Include:</b> 3.20pm Registration Toys & Games 3.45pm until 4.15pm Sport 4.15pm until 4.35pm Outdoor Play 4.35pm until 5.30pm Circle Games or Sport

**Half Term HOLIDAY School closed FRIDAY 11<sup>th</sup> February-Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2022**  
**School re-opens MONDAY 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022**

**Our Virtue to Live By this Week is...**

*Faith helps me to grow in friendship with Jesus.*

**This Week's Mission has been chosen by ... Fr Wilfred**

Take home the blessed chalk and use it to ask for God's blessing on your homes this year.

**Word of the Week: Discipleship**

Being a disciple means following a teacher or a way of life, it's where we get the word discipline from. It reminds us that to follow Jesus we have to live like him and shape our lives in a way that reflects who he was and what he taught. This week we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus which marked the start of his active ministry. That ministry would go on to change the whole world and just like then, we are called to be disciples of Jesus today.

## CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

I am very aware of the increase in covid infection rates over the Christmas period and have been contacted by a number of parents who have recently had or who have now contracted covid. They are all being extremely safe and taking protective measures to restrict the transmission of the virus and keeping us well informed- thank you and we wish you all well for a speedy and full recovery.

With this in mind, please do be aware that the virus is still with us and watch out for any symptoms in yourself or your children. We will contact you to collect your child if we see any symptoms and ask you to take them for a PCR test or isolate for the 7-10 day period. Please do not get angry with school staff if you are contacted as this is something we have to do to keep the school community safe and is a legal obligation we must fulfil. I know it is difficult particularly for working parents to be called to collect their child and we will only do this if a child is presenting with symptoms e.g. a new or persistent cough or feels or complains of being hot to the touch. We understand that there are also a lot of other colds, coughs and flu symptoms around but we do have to follow government ruling.

Thank you for cooperating with us to keep everyone as safe as possible as we do not want to return to whole school and class closures as remote learning is not the best for the children and put additional pressure on parents to support their children at home with lessons.

## School Uniform

We have had a number of children return from the Christmas break wearing trainers instead of school shoes. Many children have grown out of their shoes over the break which is understandable or couldn't find their shoes in time for school this morning. Please make sure your child is now in full school uniform including plain black school shoes.

## PE KIT UNIFORM

PE Kits can be worn to school on PE days:

**Monday:** Year 1 and 2

**Tuesday:** year 1, 2 and 4 will have an additional PE lesson until 11<sup>th</sup> Feb

**Wednesday:** Year 3, 4, 5 & 6

**Friday:** Reception

**Thursday:** Year 3 will be swimming so will need to bring their swimming kit in a bag with a towel each week on Thursdays from 6<sup>th</sup> Jan-10<sup>th</sup> Feb.

PE Kit is part of our school uniform so children must have the correct kit:

- Plain black hoody and joggers, **no logos, no leggings** please, this can be bought at any shop/supplier/online.
- School white T Shirt and green shorts from the school supplier.

## After School Care

After school clubs now run until 5.30pm Monday-Thursday. If there is enough demand, club will start on Fridays, please let TB Sports know if this something you would like.

The TB Sport Team are fantastic and the numbers are growing, particularly in breakfast club. They are working with us to listen to you views and have increased their hours as a result. At £3 per session it's the cheapest provision for after school care in the area. Please book on to clubs and pay using their online booking system at:

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

Please be on time to collect your child after clubs especially as they have extended their hours to meet parents' needs.

## Yr 5 & 6 Sports Hall Athletics

Miss Thornhill is working closely with Miss Lane, who has taken over PE, to plan the sports activities covered and to arrange after school sports tournaments for the rest of the year. Miss Thornhill has secured an opportunity at the Sports Hall Athletics taking place at The West Bridgford Secondary School. This event is open to twenty, year 5 and 6 pupils and will take place after school on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

Miss Thornhill will contact parents of pupils involved and ask that you support your child by getting them to the tournament as the cost of a coach is excessive and may prevent children from being able to take part. I hope you will be able to support us with this.

## SEESAW CODES

Please check your child's seesaw code works and if you are having any difficulties, please speak to your child's class teacher for help. In the event of your child needing to isolate due to covid or school closure you will need to access home learning via seesaw.

Your child should be accessing seesaw each week to complete their homework unless you have requested homework be given in a paper format.

## World Book Day Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022

This year is the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of World Book Day so we would like to make it really special for the children and celebrate their passion for books and reading. They will be invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character and we will have a catwalk show which hopefully we will be able to invite you to join us for. Get planning your costumes there will a prize for each class for the most creative!

## SYNOD 2023

Earlier this year, Bishop Patrick wrote to all Catholic Schools and parishes and asked for their views on the following questions as part of a time of listening. The Synodal Process is not about a democratic debate. It is place of respectful mutual listening and experiencing the call of the Holy Spirit to move in new ways:

- *Who are the people who feel left out and excluded in the church? How can we reach out, listen to and love them?*
- *What is my dream for the church and my school? How can we make this happen?*
- *What does the Holy Spirit inspire us to do in our Church and school? What do you think the Holy Spirit is calling us to do next?*

We would very much like to share your responses as well as our children's views to these questions with Bishop Patrick. Please email your responses to the school admin address by the end of the week if possible: [admin@st-patricks.nottingham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-patricks.nottingham.sch.uk) entitle your response 'Synod 2023' please so that it can be forwarded to me and Mrs Cannell.

### **The Solemnity of the Epiphany: a special blessing for your home**

The church has a custom of blessing homes on the Feast of the Epiphany and the weeks following. It is an invitation to Jesus to be a daily guest in our homes and to bless those who or live or visit our homes.

A traditional way of doing this is to use chalk blessed at mass today and write above the home's doorway: **20+C+M+B+22**

The letters C, M, B have two meanings. They are the initials of the traditional names of the magi: **Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar**. They also abbreviate the Latin words **Christus mansionem benedicat**- '*May Christ bless this house*'. The '+' signs represent the cross and 2022 is the year. In school, each class has followed this tradition in asking for God's blessing on their classroom and those inside it and some children asked if they could follow this tradition at home. We are offering this to all families in case you may want to join in.

### **Instructions for Blessing Your Home**

This week we will send each family a small piece of blessed chalk and the prayer to accompany the action of the blessing. Use the blessed chalk and mark the lintel above your front door (or front door step) as follows- 20+C+M+B+22 saying:

*The three Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar followed the start of God's son who became human two thousand and twenty two years ago. May Christ bless our home and remain with us throughout this year.*

Then say this prayer...

*Visit, O blessed Lord, this home with the joy of your presence. Bless all who live or visit here with the gift of your love and grant that we may share your love with each other and to all whose lives we touch. May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you: guide, comfort and strengthen us in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen*

## Coronavirus Symptomatic Pupils and Household Members

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 and take a lateral flow test. Until further notice, you no longer need to book a confirmation PCR test.
- Please let school know if you, your child or anyone in your household has tested positive using a lateral flow test.
- If a person **tests positive** for COVID-19, they must self-isolate for 7 days from the day after the positive result. On day 6 and 24 hours later on day 7 if you take two lateral flow tests (one on each day 24 hours apart) and each test is negative you can now return to school if well enough and they no longer have a temperature.
- Other household members or close contacts of a person who has tested positive for covid do not need to isolate if they have had both vaccinations or are under 18 years and 6months old unless they are symptomatic in which case they should take a lateral flow test.

### Booking a Test:

- If you can't get hold of any lateral flow tests you can still book a PCR test
- 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

### **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 5.30pm Mon-Thurs.

Please book directly at:

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

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

### **Nursery Places**

If you would like a place for your child in our amazing nursery, please collect and complete an application form from the school office. Morning places are free for all 3 and 4 year olds receiving a 15 hours codes and free all day places are available for those eligible for the 30 hours code. You must apply now for a code. We also offer full day places to all children if parents would like to pay for afternoon sessions and top up their free 15 hours places. The cost will be £77 per week paid in advance via online payments. Please contact the office or Mrs Sarno if this is something you'd be interested in.

### **FREE SCHOOL MEALS APPLICATIONS**

We know that many parents may be entitled to claim Free School Meals but don't apply especially if their children are in EYFS or KS 1.

Please do make an application for free school meals as school will receive additional funding for your child which will greatly help to provide extra resources.

**Any parent who completes an application for Free School Meals via the website:**

<https://ololcmat.co.uk/ppcheck>

**and is successful in being awarded it, will receive £10 S&A Uniform voucher for their children.**

It costs you nothing to apply but will help your child and school if you are successful.

### **Darish Newsletter**

The link to this week's parish newsletter is:

[Newsletter 9th January 2022.pdf \(wsimg.com\)](#)

### **Safe Car Parking**

Please use the Ferry Inn car park or the tram car park for dropping off and collection. If these are full, as a last resort, use the marked bays for parking outside school.

Please don't just park on the road as it is causing a danger to children arriving and leaving school. The available car parks are just a few steps away from school.

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](mailto: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 Miss Moody, 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)