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Dear Parents & Carers,

This week in school we are focusing on 'ALMSGIVING' as the pillar of Lent that makes us better people and strengthens others.

Thank you for your enormously generous contributions that you made to the Ukraine appeal. We will continue to collect so if you would like to donate please bring items to the school office during the day. People are in need of medicines including paracetamol, Calpol, ibuprofen etc, disposable nappies, baby formula/milk, disinfectant, sanitary products and first aid kits.

Children in classes also chose their own class charity to support during Lent so if you feel you can help with fundraising/almsgiving for these different worthwhile charities please do.

Year 4 last week had a coffee morning for Macmillan Cancer Care and raised £52.96 to help their work- thank you to everyone who donated cakes and funds to buy the cakes. Every penny helps someone in need.

Many thanks for all that you do to help.

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:

There has been a bit of sickness bug in school this week but I know everyone has been trying really hard to come to school every day!

I am delighted to say that this week's winners with **99.7% are YEAR 5!!** – BRILLIANT!

A close 2nd this week was **YEAR 6** with **98.1%!!** – FANTASTIC!!

I also would like to congratulate **N1 nursery class** who had **100%** this week! It is really important nursery children attend regularly to have the best start to their foundation learning!

All those who attended all week, I know who you are- Well done everybody!!

Mrs Bradshaw x

WEEK	SCHOOL EVENT	ASSEMBLIES/LITURGIES	AFTER SCHOOL 3.20-5.30pm
21 st Feb	Thursday 24th Year 4 start swimming lessons weekly	Weekly liturgies are as follows: Monday- whole school liturgy based on Sunday's Gospel- 2.30pm Tuesday- Liturgy through Music - 2.40PM Wednesday- Chaplaincy Liturgy Yr 1 Whole School- 2.45PM Thursday- In class liturgy Friday- Paired Acts of Worship all classes- 2.45PM	Please book places at breakfast or after school clubs at: http://www.tbsport.uk/bookings-stpats
28 th Feb	Whole School Ash Wednesday Service for the start of Lent led by Fr Wilfred World Book Day Thursday 3 rd March	Weekly liturgies are as follows: Monday- whole school liturgy based on Sunday's Gospel- 2.30pm Tuesday- Liturgy through Music - 2.40PM Wednesday- Ash Wednesday Service Thursday- In class liturgy Friday- Paired Acts of Worship all classes- 2.45PM	After School Clubs Include: 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 Didi Rugby Dance KS 2
7 th March	Local Governing Body Meeting Monday 7th March 6pm Tuesday 8th National Measurement Programme Yrs R & 6 International Women's Day	Weekly liturgies are as follows: Monday- whole school liturgy based on Sunday's Gospel- 2.30pm Tuesday- Liturgy through Music - 2.40PM Wednesday- Thursday- House Assembly Friday- Paired Acts of Worship all classes- 2.45PM	After School Clubs Include: 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 Didi Rugby Thursday Dance KS 2 Wednesday
14 th March Science Week		Weekly liturgies are as follows: Monday- whole school liturgy based on Sunday's Gospel- 2.30pm Tuesday- Liturgy through Music - 2.40PM Wednesday- Thursday- Paired Acts of Worship all classes- 2.45 Friday- Science Week Assembly	After School Clubs Include: 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 Didi Rugby Thursday Dance KS 2 Wednesday
21 st March	Girls' Football Tournament Gresham Playing Fields Mon 21 st March Curling 1-3pm Yr 3 & 4 Friday 25 th March EYFS Stay & Play Friday 25 th March Parents Welcome	Weekly liturgies are as follows: Monday- whole school liturgy based on Sunday's Gospel- 2.30pm Tuesday- Liturgy through Music - 2.40PM Wednesday- FS 1 Chaplaincy Liturgy Whole School- 2.45PM Thursday- House Assembly Friday- Paired Acts of Worship all classes- 2.45PM Yr 3 joining Becket at Mass	After School Clubs Include: 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 Didi Rugby Thursday Dance KS 2 Wednesday
28 th March	Epidemiology Survey in School Whole School Geography Expert Ending Tuesday 29th March 2-3pm	Weekly liturgies are as follows: Monday- whole school liturgy based on Sunday's Gospel- 2.30pm Tuesday- Expert Ending Wednesday- Yr 2 Chaplaincy Liturgy Whole School- 2.45PM Thursday- Friday - Paired Acts of Worship all classes- 2.45PM	After School Clubs Include: 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 Didi Rugby Dance KS 2

EASTER HOLIDAY School closed Saturday 2nd - Monday 18th April 2022
School re-opens TUESDAY 19th April 2022

Our Virtue to Live By this Week... *Forgiveness*
I show my love for God by forgiving others and myself.

This Week's Mission has been chosen by...chaplaincy teams
Give to your class charity in some way this week.

Word of the Week: *ALMSGIVING*

Almsgiving means simply giving what we are able, to those in need. It's not just about giving money to charity however. You can give of yourself in so many ways - you can give your time, your compassion or your love to those in need and by doing so truly understand what Lent is all about.

GIRLS FOOTBALL TEAM

Congratulations to our girls' football team who took part in their first ever match on Thursday last week against Jesse Gray. Thank you to the staff and parents who turned out to support you and we were incredibly proud of your attitude, skill and fair play. Well done girls. Good luck this week on Monday 21st March in your first ever tournament. Thank you to Miss Thornhill for all your work with the team and Miss Lane for supporting the tournament.



Science Week

Last week was science week in school when all classes had a focus on science investigative knowledge and skills. Thank you to Mrs Sarno for ideas shared with classes and setting up the Academy Trust Science Competition.

Congratulations to the winners:

FS1 Lucia F, FS 2 Katie
Year 1: Bianka
Year 2: Elijah
Year 3: Dominic
Year 4: Alfie
Year 5: Ollie
Year 6: Kymani

EYFS STAY & PLAY

On Friday 25th March in the morning, EYFS are inviting parents to join them in the unit for a Stay & Play event to celebrate Special Women in their lives. Come along and join your child as they learn through play at 9am.

Parent Governor Position

We have had one nomination for the parent governor role. I will be contacting that person this week to discuss the role and their involvement with school. Thank you for showing interest and commitment to school improvement.

Geography Expert Ending

Next week, on Tuesday 29th March, parents are invited to join us in school between 2-3pm to join in with activities in your child's class. Your child will be the 'expert' demonstrating the core knowledge they have acquired through their geographical learning this half term. Join in with the class quiz and be impressed with how much they have learned.

Please enter and leave via the main office; you can take your child home after the event.

We are really excited to be welcoming you into school but please do not attend if you are experiencing any covid symptoms.

Year 4 Coffee Morning for MacMillan

Friday 18th March 2022



First Holy Communion Group

Please keep in your prayers this year's children preparing to make their first Holy Communion in June this year.

Freya, Aurelia, Olivier, Lena, Josh, Alisha- Leigh

Thank you to all the catechists and parents who support them on their sacramental journey.

St Patrick's Day

Thank you for keeping our children in your prayers last Thursday as we celebrated our school feast day. The whole school started the day with a beautiful liturgy reminding us of why St Patrick is our guiding saint. Year 6 represented our school incredibly well at mass in the parish and were welcomed by Fr Wilfred to join the celebrations after mass with our parishioners, the Mayor and Sheriff of Nottingham. Through the day each class focused on the work of St Patrick and how we can be inspired to act as disciples as he did. We ended the day with a visit from the ice cream man- a day of celebration of our faith.



EYFS SUPPORTING CAFOD'S WALK AGAINST HUNGER

Well done and thank you to our EYFS pupils who carried out a Walk Against Hunger to Lidl to buy food for the local foodbanks- it was a long way for little legs! Thank you to parents who sponsored their child on the walk. Please hand in any sponsor money to the staff in the unit and it will be sent to CAFOD to continue their work in fighting world hunger. We all at times need a little help. If you are a family experiencing some difficulties at the moment and a food parcel would take some pressure off you, please contact the school office or your child's teacher and we will put one together for you. This will be done confidentially and sensitively. If you need longer term help we can provide you with contact details for the local foodbank. Please don't let pride stop you asking for help; we are a family and we help each other when we can.



We're so proud of you EYFS pupils, parents and staff for living out your faith and helping others!

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 should self-isolate and take a LFT test. Until further notice, you no longer need to book a confirmation PCR test if you test positive.
- 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, government advice is to self-isolate for 5 days from the day after the positive result. On day 5 and 24 hours later on day 6 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 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 locally you can order them online
- If parents struggle to use the internet or don't have internet access they can 119 for help
- 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:

[Newsletters \(olspnottingham.com\)](http://olspnottingham.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 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 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)

E-SAFETY UPDATE FROM MISS LANE



This week WhatsApp

Outside of school, children are discussing and joining social media sites such as WhatsApp.

Whilst the legal age for using WhatsApp is 16, We know a number of pupils are using this platform to communicate with each other outside of school and it is causing a great deal of anxiety and upset among the pupils.

We would advise you check your child's devices and delete this app to protect them from further upset and the possibility of online bullying.

However, if you allow your child to join the social media site and monitor their usage, please take the time to read through this help guide, especially the group controls aspect.

Your child may find themselves in many chats and could feel overwhelmed by the notifications, the volume of content posted, and pressure from others to respond. There are different ways to deal with these issues.

- **Talk together about using WhatsApp.** Talking to your child about the different groups you are in, and explaining how *you* manage them, can be really helpful.
- **Mute a group.** If notifications are becoming distracting for your child and interrupting their school work or even sleep, and they're feeling pressure to respond quickly, then muting a group can be a positive action. Your child still remains a member and receives all the messages but is not notified when new ones are posted.
- **Turn off 'Read Receipts.'** Deactivating read receipts means that others are only able to see when messages are delivered, but not if they've been read. Although this blanket setting has to be applied to *all* chats, it may be helpful if your child is feeling pressure to respond quickly.
- **Disable 'Last Seen' status.** It is notable that even if Read Receipts are disabled, others that have added your child as a contact can see when they were last active to the precise minute. You can disable this function by heading to: Settings > Account > Last Seen, then change the setting to 'Nobody'.
- **Leave a group.** The final option is to leave a group chat. When doing this, other participants are notified that this has happened, and an admin will need to re-admit anyone who wants to re-join.

You can also limit the contacts who can add your child to a group chat by following these steps:

1. Open WhatsApp, click on the three dots in the top right corner of the screen.
2. Click on the settings option and then click Account.
3. Click on Privacy > Groups. The default setting is likely to be set to 'Everyone'
4. You can choose from 3 options – 'Everyone', 'My Contacts', and "My Contacts Except"
5. The 'Everyone' option allows any user with your phone number to add you to a group without your permission.
6. The 'My Contact' option only allows users to add you to groups whose numbers you have saved in your contact list.
7. Whereas the last option 'My Contacts Except' lets you choose who can add you to groups by allowing you to further filter and remove contacts that you don't want to be added to a group.