



# St Patrick's Catholic Primary & Nursery Voluntary Academy

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Newsletter 11: 21<sup>st</sup> April 2022

Dear Parents & Carers,

Happy Eastertide from all the staff and governors at St Patrick's. We hope you all had a really lovely holiday and enjoyed the spring sunshine last weekend. It's lovely to have the children back in school and they all look so smart in their uniforms, thank you for getting them ready for a new term again, I appreciate how expensive school uniform is.

Thank you to you all for the generosity you have shown in charitable giving last term, especially in the current challenging times many are facing, the details of funds raised can be seen below. Your giving was incredible and went to help many people in many different ways.

This term brings SATS tests for our year 2 and year 6 classes and the national times table tests for Year 4 so every minute counts. Please ensure your child is in school every day and on time so we can prepare them academically as well as emotionally for what is to come to enable them to be the best they can be. The year 6 children will also be embarking on transition activities to prepare them for the next step into secondary education so this is a very important term for them and we want it to be as happy and successful as possible for them.

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:

I hope you all had a lovely holiday and all are ready for a new school term of good attendance and punctuality. Despite a nasty sickness bug, which hit many city schools, St Patrick's whole school attendance remained very good- over 95% for the whole school- well done! We aim for 97% as this is the government expectation and what you need to achieve in your lessons so let's stay healthy and stay in school.  
**NO HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME PLEASE!**

Mrs Bradshaw x



| WEEK   | SCHOOL EVENT  | ASSEMBLIES/LITURGIES   | AFTER SCHOOL<br>3.20-5.30pm  |
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| 19 <sup>th</sup> April   | Yr 4 Retreat afternoon<br><br>Friday PM Curling- Free Taster Session Yr 5 & 6<br><br>Friday Yr 2 NFER Maths Test  | Weekly liturgies are as follows:<br><b>Monday</b> - school closed<br><b>Tuesday</b> - whole school liturgy based on Sunday's Gospel- 2.30pm<br><b>Wednesday</b> - Yr 4 Retreat- Eastertide<br><b>Thursday</b> - In class liturgy<br><b>Friday</b> - Paired Acts of Worship all classes- 2.45PM   | Please book places at breakfast or after school clubs at:<br><a href="http://www.tbsport.uk/bookings-stpats">http://www.tbsport.uk/bookings-stpats</a>   |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> April   | Magic Maths Clubs Begins after school Mondays for 5 weeks<br><br>Monday Sharewear Charity Launch<br><br><br>Tuesday Yr 3 Partake Living History Company Mayans  | Weekly liturgies are as follows:<br><b>Monday</b> - SHAREWEAR ASSEMBLY<br><b>Tuesday</b> - Liturgy through Music - 2.40PM<br><b>Wednesday</b> - Yr 3 Retreat- Missionary Discipleship<br><b>Thursday</b> - In class liturgy<br><b>Friday</b> - Paired Acts of Worship all classes- 2.45PM  | <b>After School Clubs Include:</b><br>3.20pm Registration<br>Toys & Games<br>3.45pm until 4.15pm Sport<br>4.15pm until 4.35pm Outdoor Play<br>4.35pm until 5.30pm Circle Games or Sport<br>Didi Rugby<br><br>Magic Maths Monday          |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> May<br><br>YR 2 SATS   | Tuesday Parents' Consultation Afternoon/Evening 1-7pm<br><br>Thursday Yr 4 Partake Living History Company Ancient Greeks<br><br>Thursday World Maths Day<br><br>Friday PM Curling- Free Taster Session Yr 3 & 4 | Weekly liturgies are as follows:<br><b>Monday</b> - whole school liturgy based on Sunday's Gospel- 2.30pm<br><b>Tuesday</b> - Liturgy through Music - 2.40PM<br><b>Wednesday</b> - Yr 1 Retreat- May the Month of Mary<br><b>Thursday</b> - House Assembly<br><b>Friday</b> - Paired Acts of Worship all classes- 2.45PM                           | <b>After School Clubs Include:</b><br>3.20pm Registration<br>Toys & Games<br>3.45pm until 4.15pm Sport<br>4.15pm until 4.35pm Outdoor Play<br>4.35pm until 5.30pm Circle Games or Sport<br>Didi Rugby Thursday<br><br>Magic Maths Monday |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> May<br><br>YR 6 SATS WEEK  | Monday Local Governing Body Meeting 6pm   | Weekly liturgies are as follows:<br><b>Monday</b> - whole school liturgy based on Sunday's Gospel- 2.30pm<br><b>Tuesday</b> - Liturgy through Music - 2.40PM<br><b>Wednesday</b> -<br><b>Thursday</b> - Paired Acts of Worship all classes- 2.45<br><b>Friday</b> - Science Week Assembly  | <b>After School Clubs Include:</b><br>3.20pm Registration<br>Toys & Games<br>3.45pm until 4.15pm Sport<br>4.15pm until 4.35pm Outdoor Play<br>4.35pm until 5.30pm Circle Games or Sport<br>Didi Rugby Thursday<br>Magic Maths Monday     |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> May<br><br>YR 2 SATS  | Monday Becket School Staff to Visit Yr 6 for Transition   | Weekly liturgies are as follows:<br><b>Monday</b> - whole school liturgy based on Sunday's Gospel- 2.30pm<br><b>Tuesday</b> - Liturgy through Music - 2.40PM<br><b>Wednesday</b> - Yr 5 & 6 Vocations Retreat<br><b>Thursday</b> - House Assembly<br><b>Friday</b> - Paired Acts of Worship all classes- 2.45PM<br><br>Yr 3 joining Becket at Mass | <b>After School Clubs Include:</b><br>3.20pm Registration<br>Toys & Games<br>3.45pm until 4.15pm Sport<br>4.15pm until 4.35pm Outdoor Play<br>4.35pm until 5.30pm Circle Games or Sport<br>Didi Rugby Thursday<br>Magic Maths Monday     |
| MISSION WEEK<br><br>23 <sup>rd</sup> May<br><br>YR 2 SATS  | Monday Yr 6 Coping with Change Workshop PM<br><br>Thursday Solemnity of the Ascension Yr 6 to Mass  | Weekly liturgies are as follows:<br><b>Monday</b> - whole school liturgy based on Sunday's Gospel- 2.30pm<br><b>Tuesday</b> - Expert Ending<br><b>Wednesday</b> - Yr 2 Retreat Pentecost<br><b>Thursday</b> -<br><b>Friday</b> - Paired Acts of Worship all classes- 2.45PM  | <b>After School Clubs Include:</b><br>3.20pm Registration<br>Toys & Games<br>3.45pm until 4.15pm Sport<br>4.15pm until 4.35pm Outdoor Play<br>4.35pm until 5.30pm Circle Games or Sport<br>Didi Rugby<br>Magic Maths Monday              |
| Half Term Holiday School closed Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> May - Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2022<br>School re-opens MONDAY 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2022 |   |  |  |

Our Virtue to Live By this Week...

**Perseverance & Resilience**

Don't give up!

**This Week's Mission has been chosen by...Year 2**

Don't give up when things are challenging, keep trying.

### Word of the Week: Alleluia

On Sunday we celebrated the most important event in our faith- the resurrection of Jesus! We celebrate the season of Easter by using a word we don't use during Lent - Alleluia! The word simply means 'praise the lord' and it's a reminder that at this time of year we should be rejoicing and celebrating that Jesus is risen. Think this week about what makes you want to celebrate and think about how you can show the world the joy of the resurrection

## CHARITABLE GIVING

Thank you all for your incredible charity giving last half term and to the children for raising awareness of so many deserving and hardworking charities.

Congratulations to:

**EYFS** who raised £60 for CAFOD's Walk Against Hunger Appeal

**Year 1** raised £13.85 for Nottingham Hospital Charity, Heywood House in the Spring prayer garden hunt

**Year 2** who are sponsoring puppy called Marley to be trained as a guide dog

**Year 3** who raised an incredible £185.50 for Mary's Meals

**Year 4** who raised £52.96 for MacMillan Cancer Support

**Mrs Smith** who raised over £400 for Cancer Research in a sponsored walk

**Year 6** did some wonderful awareness raising for their charity- MIND mental health charity

This term **Year 5** will be taking part in the charitable drive for Sharewear.

## Year 4 Easter Egg Raffle for Mary's Meals

Thank you to everyone who bought raffle tickets for the Yr 4 charity Easter Raffle. You raised an incredible £185.50

Thank you to all the school staff who donated the eggs for the raffle so that every penny raised went to the charity.

Congratulations to the winners:

FS 1: Charlotte, Roza, Mason, Naomi

FS2: Theo, Charlie, Yonna, Chrisitvie

Year 1: Makayla, Biniv, Nyah, Tobias

Year 2: Opey, Isaac, Liam, Eliza

Year 3: Nathaniel H, Michelle, Eva, Freya

Year 4: Kosi, Sukhmaan, Alfie, Mia

Year 5: Manuella, Annie, Frankie, Sara

Year 6: Lola, Jasmine, Charlotte, Jessica

Staff: Mrs Russell

## The Chicks are Here!

Following on from Year 2 and Mr Ward's successful caterpillar to butterfly nurturing last term, EYFS are incubating eggs and today we have our first chick hatched! The children have been so patient and caring in knowing how to care for God's gift and bringing new life into the world. Following the chicks progress on our Twitter account with daily videos uploaded by Mrs Cannell and FS 2.

<https://twitter.com/stpatricksnotts>



## Welcome Mrs Hatherley

Welcome to our new midday supervisor, Mrs Hatherley, who started with us on Tuesday. Mrs Hatherley will be working mainly with year 2 and is very excited about being part of the team. We are so pleased she has joined us.

Thank you to Mrs Rai who has moved on to a full time position as a teaching assistant in a local nursery. We wish her every happiness for the future and thank her for all her care and nurture towards our children here over the years.

## Free After School Club

Miss Thornhill will be running a free Dodgeball after school club for years 1, 2 & 3 from Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April 3.20-4.20pm. Children can be collected from the hall. To book on to this, complete the letter going out today and return to Mrs Tyson on the school office. Places are limited and will be offered on a first come first served basis



## Cycle & Scooter Safety

It is fantastic that so many children cycle or scooter to school each day. It's great for the environment and supports a healthy lifestyle- thank you. Children must wear a well-fitting cycle helmet and ensure they cycle alongside parents please to ensure they are safe on their journey.



**NO HELMET,  
NO CYCLING/SCOOTERING  
TO SCHOOL**

## Magical Maths Club

Magical Maths Club starts next Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 3.15-4.15pm after school.

There are still a few places left if you would like your child to join.

The cost is £39 for 5 weeks.

The children will explore mathematical concepts and investigations and have enormous fun.

To book on please email the company directly

[www.magicalmathsclub.com](http://www.magicalmathsclub.com)

## Parents' Consultation Afternoon/Evening Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May

Letters were sent home yesterday for parents to make an appointment to look at your child's work and meet with your child's teacher to discuss their progress this year. We very much value working with you and this is a really important opportunity to come together to celebrate your child's successes and discuss how we can help your child further.

Please return your form to the school office as soon as possible so we can provide you with a meeting time as close as possible to your choice. Appointments are allocated on a first come, first served basis.

## Names in Uniform Items

Now the weather is getting warmer, children want to take off their hoodies and jumpers in school. Please make sure your child has their name written in all items of clothing so we can return any lost items to them quickly.



**Year 5 are working with Sharewear Charity this term supporting their ReLived Scheme.**

**This is the ONLY clothing collection scheme that guarantees the clothing donated here will go to someone in poverty in the UK free of charge.**

### DO DONATE:

General Clothing (all ages)  
Shoes  
Coats  
Packs Of New Underwear  
Duvet Sets & Sheets  
Towels

### DON'T DONATE:

Duvets  
Pillows  
Handbags  
Jewellery & Accessories  
Anything that isn't clothing or



**The charity is only able to accept clothing that is still in clean, good condition please.**

## Water Bottles

**School provides new water bottles for all pupils in school because research shows it is important for children's health and focus us to drink water throughout the day. Some parents asked if their child could bring their own water bottle which we are happy to accommodate.**

**However, we are having an increasing number of children arriving in school with juice, tea and other drinks in their bottles.**

**The idea behind this initiative is that children drink water so please ensure that only water is in their bottles so that we can continue to agree to children bringing their own bottles as requested.**

# Coronavirus Symptomatic Pupils and Household Members

The government has released updated guidance for schools, which takes effect from Friday 1 April 2022. The key messages are listed here:

- *adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature*
- *children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend*
- *adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be 3 days*

## Key Message for parents and Carers:

If your child has symptoms of Covid-19 **and** has a high temperature, they should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They should only return to school when they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to return.

I know that many of you are disappointed that COVID-19 is still impacting on life, but it is important that we all follow these guidelines, for the safety and well-being of everyone in the school and wider communities.

## 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 code 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.

## Parish Newsletter

The link to this week's parish newsletter is:

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

# E-SAFETY UPDATE FROM MISS LANE

## This week- Setting Parental Controls on Games Consoles

This week's e-safety update is all about setting up parental control on games consoles. Many children in school own a games console and as the children are the 'experts' of these devices parents are often unsure how to limit or restrict inappropriate content. Please read the information below to see how you can add parental controls to your child's game console.

### Xbox

Download the **Xbox Family Settings app**. Download the app via the Apple app store or Google Play. This app can be used on iPhones, iPads, and androids.

"Game time now comes with more peace of mind with the Xbox Family Settings app. Easily manage your children's activities on Xbox consoles and enable gaming options that are right for your family. Quickly get into the fun by adding your children to your family account. Set screen time, update content restrictions, prevent children from making accidental purchases, and stay on top of incoming friend requests all in real time."

### Playstation

In order to use the PlayStation Network Safety Settings, you must be over 18. Once you have created an account for yourself, you can then create sub-accounts on the Play Station Network for your [children](#), which are then linked to your own account. This enables you to have full control over the various Parental Restrictions which can be placed on this sub-account, restricting how you child can interact across on the PlayStation platform and range of products.

Including:

- Removal of chat function
- Prevent internet browsing
- Removal of in app purchases

#### How to set up a Playstation account

- Enter this link into a phone/laptop/tablet <https://www.playstation.com>, scroll down the webpage and click on **Join Now**. Enter your details as required to create a new account.
- If you already have a PlayStation Network Account, log in by selecting **Sign in to PSN**
- Once signed to your account select the **Account Settings** tab which is under the **Profile Picture** and confirm your log in details.
- Select the Family Management option from the menu
- You will see your own account on the right of the screen listed as **Family Manager**
- You can also now add your children's account, if they have an existing **PlayStation Network Account** or create a new account for them by selecting the **Add Family Member** option