



St Patrick's Catholic Primary & Nursery Voluntary Academy



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Dear Parents & Carers,

We continue to have a number of children, families and staff 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** if you have a positive case in the household or class 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. If your child is symptomatic please book a PCR test for them and isolate until you receive the results, do not return them to school if symptomatic and awaiting results.

We are extremely proud of our children and how well they are coping with the changes in the way of learning and being taught remotely. Their behaviour continues to be focused and we are keeping disruption to a minimum. Thank you to all the staff for being so flexible, often at the last minute, in changing classes and roles to ensure all classes are covered.

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 has been knocked by covid illness so all classes are lower than they normally would be. Well done everyone for being on time and keeping up good attendance if you are well. This week's winners are Year 4 with 92.5% of the class in school all week. Fantastic year 4!

Let's hope all our friends recover quickly and fully and be back in school soon. Who are the winners next week? Will it be you?

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

Half Term HOLIDAY School closed
FRIDAY 11th February-Sunday 20th February 2022
School re-opens MONDAY 21st February 2022

Our Virtue to Live By this Week is... **Simplicity**
I know what really matters in life

This Week's Mission has been chosen by... Year 2
 Think about one simple thing that matters in your life:
 being healthy, feeling loved and give thanks to God for it.

Word of the Week: **Challenge**

How often do we accept the challenges from God and follow Jesus? As Christians, we face many challenges along our faith journey and we can look to the inner strength that is given to us by God so that we are able to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Think this week about the challenges you face and who you can ask for help.

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

Many children are now recovering from covid and returning to school. You 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.

As a school, we have sent parents a letter to let them know if there has been a confirmed case of covid in their class. We ask that you carry out a lateral flow test every day for 7 days with your child before sending them to school to protect them and their friends if they are over 5 years old.

We have a number of staff isolating at home currently who are continuing to teach remotely from home as they are very committed to continuing to keep your children in school and provide education for them. They are also uploading work to seesaw for children isolating, but well enough to work, so please check your child's seesaw account and encourage them to complete any learning tasks set for them. New tasks will be set as your child completes each daily task.

We are limiting visitors to school and events that require us to leave school as much as possible, thank you for understanding the need to do this.

This is a very challenging and new experience for St Patrick's as we have been relatively untouched by covid over the last two years. We are doing all we can to keep classes open and not send children home if we don't have to.

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.

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 11th 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 6th Jan-10th 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.

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.

ROAD SAFETY

Please be mindful of the speed limit when travelling to school especially down Main Street as the speed limit is 20 miles per hour. This limit is put in place to protect the children and families travelling to schools in the area. As there are two schools very close together, it is a very congested area at drop off and pick up times with many pedestrians and children travelling to school. We had a member of the public come into school this morning to report a driver, who she thought may be one of our parents, who passed her on Main Street who she felt was speeding in a dangerous way. She has taken the driver's registration plate number and is reporting this to the police. We have had other reports from our own parents who cycle to school and have been put at risk by drivers speeding or coming far too close to them on the road. If cycling please do wear reflective clothing, use bike lights, especially on these dark mornings and wear a helmet. Thank you for trying to get your children to school each day and on time but please drive and cycle safely for your safety and the safety of other road users.

Police Visit

Our local community police officers will be in school this week to talk to the children about their role in the community and how they work to keep everyone safe. We are hoping they will be able to bring some police vehicles with them to show the children too. They will be covering topics such as stranger danger, how to contact the police for help and road safety.

School Meals

A new school meals menu will begin after the half term holiday from Monday 21st February 2022. We have listened to pupil voice when amending the menu to reflect their preferences whilst maintaining a healthy balanced diet. The menu will be on the school website from today for you to look at.

Parent Governor Position

We have two parent governors currently, Mr Graham Young and Mrs Annemarie Kavanagh, both of whom give a great deal of time and commitment to the school representing parents on the local governing body. One of the current parent governor positions will be due for renewal in February 2022.

The role of a parent governor is voluntary and requires the individual to show commitment, ability to remain impartial from your own personal interests and to be able to maintain confidentiality. You must be willing to take part in training opportunities which usually take place in the evenings and attend governor meetings which take place once each half term at 6pm on Monday evenings. You must be a parent or grandparent of a pupil currently attending the school and be willing to have a full (enhanced) Child Workforce check, barred list and S128 check carried out for you. It is a very worthwhile and important role where you work with the headteacher and other governors to ensure quality Catholic education for the children. Parent governors are voted in by the other parents.

Parent Governor Nomination Forms will be sent out next week to all parents and existing parent governors can stand again for re-election. If this is a role you see yourself being able to fulfil please nominate yourself if you wished to be considered for the role.

INSET DAY Friday 11th February 2022
School will be closed to pupils.

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. Please book a PCR test if school requests one.
- 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 at least 6 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 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 6 months 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 call 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 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.

Darish 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 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 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)