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Dear Parents & Carers,

Newsletter 5: 29th November 2021

Please join me in welcoming Miss Dexter Eyre to teaching Year 3, she has made an excellent start and the children have continued to receive the excellent education they received with Mr King. Mr King has settled into year 5 quickly and established a calm, productive learning environment for all.

Thank you to all parents and children who took the time to speak with inspectors during our recent OFSTED inspection, your voice and opinions matter greatly to us all. As soon as the report is finalised by the inspection team we look forward to sharing it with you all.

This week we begin our Advent liturgies, we were hoping to be able to invite you into school to join us for these celebrations but unfortunately the new restrictions introduced this week have prevented this happening. We are still hoping to be able to invite parents in to watch the Foundation Stage nativity - more information to follow.

Kind regards

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:

The winners of this week's attendance are.....

CLASS 6 with 99% and only 1 late mark! WELL DONE CLASS 6!

2 classes came second this week..... **CLASS 3** and **CLASS 5** CONGRATULATIONS Both with 98% attendance!

And a very well done to all those children who are trying really hard with their attendance, I will see all of you who had 100% this week.

Scooter and Bike Safety

We have had an increase in children riding their bikes and scooters on school grounds before and after school. This is very dangerous as there are toddlers, parents, grandparents on the paths and playgrounds. Please make sure your child doesn't ride their bikes and scooters on path and playgrounds around school, walk their bikes and scooters to the gate before getting on. The same applies to arriving at school, please make sure your child gets off their bike or scooter before coming through the gates. Yellow council scooters are not allowed inside the school gates, please park them in the Ferry Inn car park. Thank you for keeping our school community safe.

WEEK	SCHOOL EVENT	ASSEMBLIES/LITURGIES	AFTER SCHOOL 3.20-5pm
8 th Nov Remembrance Day	Road Safety Week KS 1 12th Nov Yr 3 will be walking to the Becket School to join them for mass.	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 Whole School- 2.45PM Thursday - Remembrance Day Liturgy 11am 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
15 th Nov Judaism Week	Wed 17 th Nov Rabbi Mendy visiting school to talk to the pupils about the Jewish faith and worship. Friday 19 th Nov National Youth Fun Day NDCYS Non-uniform day a contribution of £1 (£2 for the whole family) would be gratefully received for the work of the Nottingham Diocese Catholic Youth Service EYFS going to Becket for mass	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 Whole School- 2.45PM Thursday - House or Class 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 5pm Circle Games or Sport
22 nd Nov Anti-Bullying Week	Monday 22nd Odd Socks Day to start Anti Bullying Week Tuesday 23rd Councilor Mellen visiting school to read to KS 1 Pupils as part of the Big Reading Challenge 2021	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 Whole School- 2.45PM Thursday - House or Class 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 5pm Circle Games or Sport
29 th Nov	Monday 29th @ 1.30pm Mass to give thanks and celebrate the contribution of Paul Belshaw to St Patrick's and Catholic Education Thurs 2nd Flu Vaccinations in School Fri 3rd Yr 2 going to Becket for mass	Weekly liturgies are as follows: Monday - whole school mass Tuesday - Yr 5 Advent Liturgy- Hope Wednesday - Chaplaincy Liturgy Whole School- 2.45PM 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 5pm Circle Games or Sport
6 th Dec	Tues 7th Dec EYFS Manor Farm Trip Wed 8th Dec Yr 4 & 5 Choir Carol Service at the Cathedral 6-7pm Everyone Welcome Wed 8th Year 5 attending Parish Mass Fri 10th Year 1 attending mass at Becket	Weekly liturgies are as follows: Monday - Yr 4 Advent Liturgy Peace Tuesday - Liturgy through Music - 2.40PM Wednesday - Chaplaincy Liturgy Whole School- 2.45PM Thursday - House or Class 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 5pm Circle Games or Sport
13 th Dec	Wed 15th Dec Year 6 attending Parish Mass Wed 15th Dec Christmas Dinner Day. Wear your Christmas Jumper!	Weekly liturgies are as follows: Monday - Yr 1 Advent Liturgy Joy Tuesday - KS 2 Peer on Peer Abuse Sexual Harassment Wednesday - KS 2 Peer on Peer Abuse Consent Thursday - House Assembly Friday - Year 2 Advent Liturgy Love	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 5pm Circle Games or Sport

Christmas HOLIDAY MONDAY 20th December-MONDAY 3rd January
School re-opens TUESDAY 4th January

Our Statement to Live By this Week is...

I can work, play, rest and pray.

This Week's Mission has been chosen by ...Year 1

Included new people in your play, prayer and work this week.

Word of the Week: Hope

The first week of Advent is themed around Hope. It's a chance to remember the hope of God's people as they waited for a messiah and an opportunity to reflect on our hope that one day Jesus will come again. What are you hopeful for in our world? If you could have just one hope for the future what would it be? God gives hope to everyone and as we enter the season of Advent we should remember that whenever things are difficult we can always hope in God.

EYFS MANOR FARM TRIP

On Tuesday 7th December EYFS are off to Manor Farm for Christmas themed activities and a day with the animals. Please return your OV 4 consent form and contribution by Thurs 2nd December so we can finalise the booking.

Nottingham Cathedral Carol Service

This year, Year 4 & 5 are involved in Cathedral Choir sessions each week with Gregory Treloar, the choir master from the cathedral. It has been absolutely fantastic to see how much they have enjoyed these weekly choir sessions. The children have been invited to take part in the cathedral carol service on Wednesday 8th December which we are very excited about and is a great opportunity for the children.

Miss Lane, Miss Sutton, Mr King and I will take the children to the cathedral for a 2.30pm rehearsal. The carol service will begin at 6pm and parents are invited to attend. You will need to collect your child from the cathedral at 7pm. Please return your consent forms so that we can make arrangements.

Please do join us, it's a lovely way to start the Christmas celebrations.



Mass at the Becket School

We frequently take our children to join the pupils at the Becket School for mass on Friday lunchtimes. On these days, for children who have school dinners, they will have a packed lunch provided by school instead of a cooked dinner. If you wish to provide your child with their own packed lunch from home please let your child's class teacher know a week in advance. Dates for all masses are on the calendar above.

Reception 2022 Open Evening

We will be holding an open evening at 5pm on Wednesday 1st December 2021 for parents interested in applying for a place in reception for their child in September 2022. Please wear a face covering if attending.

Year 6 Briars Residential

This is a polite reminder that the second instalment payment was due last week for parents choosing to pay in instalments. Please make the payment on the My Ed App; if you need help please speak to Mrs Tyson in the school office any morning this week.

Santa's little helpers have been hard at work again this year, producing these amazing sacks filled with treats for you all for Christmas.



ON SALE FROM MONDAY 29TH NOVEMBER

£2 PER SACK - ALL PROFITS DONATED TO THE BUILDING HOPE IN BUNKPURUGU PROJECT

<https://www.beinspirational.co.uk/buildinghope/>

www.DesktopBackground.org

Break Time Snacks

Children in early years and KS 1 are provided with fruit each day as a healthy mid-morning snack. Children in KS 2 are welcome to bring a snack for break time but **this must be a healthy snack** e.g. a piece of fruit, oat based breakfast bar (not cereal based- rice krispie bar or anything containing traces of nuts).

Please don't bring biscuits, chocolate, sweets, crisps, muffins, cereal bars or anything high in sugar or fats as a snack please. If your child brings anything other than fruit or oat based breakfast bar, we will send the item home with them.

EYFS Nativity

The EYFS will be performing the nativity on **Tuesday 14th December at 2pm**. We are hoping to be able to invite parents to watch the nativity but will have to reduce the number of tickets available to 2 per family to ensure covid safety for all due to the new variant and increase in infection rates. We ask that parents wear masks for the nativity whilst in school unless exempt.

November Votives for Departed Loved Ones

November is traditionally the month when we remember those who have passed and keep them in our thoughts and prayers. Mrs Cannell has created a votive for pupils, staff, families and our wider community to light a virtual candle for loved ones who have passed. The names of loved ones you would like our school community to pray for are on the seesaw activity. Please join us in praying for their eternal rest.



Christmas Jumper Day

The children are invited to wear a Christmas Jumper on **Friday 10th December** and contribute £1 for Save the Children a very worthwhile cause. Please don't go to great expense to buy a jumper, the children can wear tinsel or Christmas headwear instead with non-uniform clothes.

They can wear their jumpers again on Christmas Dinner Day on **Wednesday 15th December**.



Trip Contributions

Thank you to all parents who completed the parent questionnaire on parents' evening. You made some very helpful suggestions. One of the things asked for was more trips. Now that covid restrictions have relaxed enough for us to do this, we have planned trips for all classes through the year. We subsidise all trips to bring the cost down to parents but the cost of transport is still significant.

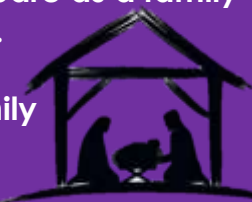
We very much appreciate your contributions in order to make the trips possible.

If you haven't yet made your contribution for the following events and trips on the My Ed app please do so as soon as possible so the trip/event can go ahead:

- EYFS Manor Farm Trip
- Year 3 Creswell Crags Trip
- Year 5 Egyptians Partake Event
- Year 6 National Justice Museum Trip
- Year 6 Briars Trip

Travelling Crib

Each day during Advent a different child will bring home a wooden nativity scene and a booklet. Please share the nativity as a family, in the booklet there is a prayer or reflection to share as a family. It would be lovely if you could add some notes on how you prepare as a family for the birth of Christ at Christmas. Please return the nativity pack to school the next day so every family can have a chance to share the travelling crib.



Packed Lunches

All schools have a responsibility to encourage pupils to have a varied and balanced diet.

We have noticed a few children who regularly don't have balanced lunchbox contents. Rice cakes, vegetable based corn snacks etc are a good 'extra' in lunch boxes but please try to balance out your child's lunchbox with some fruit, salad items, fresh vegetable sticks, cheese, tuna, yoghurts or fromage frais. We would never force a child to eat anything but will encourage them and they usually try something new if they see other children eating it too.

If you would like your child to try school dinners, this is a great idea. Please book them in advance at the school office and try them for a full week at a time rather than just odd days as it makes ordering for the Aspens catering team very difficult when parents just book for an odd day especially during this period of delivery interruptions due to covid and Brexit.

Many thanks for your cooperation.

PE KIT UNIFORM

PE Kits can be worn to school on PE days:

Monday: Year 1 and 2

Tuesday: After Christmas, year 1, 2 and 4 will have an additional PE lesson until 11th Feb

Wednesday: Year 3, 4, 5 & 6

Friday: Reception

Thursday: After Christmas 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 January-10th February.

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.

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 and book a PCR test.
- Book a test for the child/parent and please let school know the results as soon as you have them.
- If the child/parent **tests negative** and are well, have no symptoms, they can stop isolating and return to school.
- If a person **tests positive** for COVID-19, they must self-isolate for 10 days and return to school only when well enough and they no longer have a temperature.
- The household 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 PCR test at a test centre.

Booking a 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

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.

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 Mon-Thurs.

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.

Parish Newsletter

The link to this week's parish newsletter is:

<https://img1.wsimg.com/blobby/go/87adf8a7-e8dd-4e72-8c4f-49b936f8cd13/downloads/Newsletter%2028th%20November%2021.pdf?ver=1638016163551>

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.

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 Mrs Lane, Miss Moody or Miss Lane in person, by telephone or email.

Alternatively, you can call Children and Families Direct 0115 876 4800 or NSPCC [0800 800 5000](https://www.nspcc.org.uk)