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Dear Parents & Carers,

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Welcome back, I hope you all had a lovely half term holiday.

Please join me in welcoming Mr Stutchbury, our new teaching assistant in year 6, who joined us last week.

This week the children have started to acquire new knowledge through intriguing introductions in their classes and are already planning their expert endings to share with you in a variety of ways. We also started the NSPCC PANTS project with our KS 1 and EYFS pupils to provide them with the knowledge and skills at an age appropriate level to protect themselves and know who to talk to if they are ever worried. The children responded very well; thank you for supporting this learning so we can protect our children together.

This week we will be holding our first parent consultation sessions on Tuesday afternoon and evening. Thank you to parents who have made an appointment, if you haven't yet done so please contact the school office and arrange time to see your child's teacher. We strongly value your involvement and want to keep you up dated on your children's attainment. Thank you to year 5 parents for engaging with alternative arrangements offered.

We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday.

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:

A fabulous week for attendance this week! Well done to all those who came every day and on time!

This week's joint winners goes to **CLASS 3** and **CLASS 4** with **99% attendance!** – WELL DONE EVERYONE!

A close 2nd was class 6 with 98%! – let's see if you can get 100% next week?!

Come on KS1 and EYFS, follow the role model of the older children and keep up good attendance every day.

Keep it up everyone!

Mrs Lynda Harrison

Over the half term holiday, we had some very sad news that Mrs Lynda Harrison had passed away. Mrs Harrison worked at St Patrick's school for nearly 25 years as Office Manager before retiring and will be fondly remembered by generations of families. She supported me tremendously as a new Headteacher and we will all remember her wicked sense of humour and more importantly for her genuine kindness and care for all. She took time to get to know each and every family and worked hard to help them in any way, never judgmental always kind. Please keep Mrs Harrison and her family in your prayers.

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 17th Nov Rabbi Mendy visiting school to talk to the pupils about the Jewish faith and worship. Friday 19th 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 5.00pm 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 5.00pm 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 liturgy based on Sunday's Gospel- 2.30pm Tuesday- Liturgy through Music - 2.40PM 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 5.00pm Circle Games or Sport
6 th Dec	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- 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 5.00pm 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- KS 1 & EYFS, KS 2 Peer on Peer Abuse Bullying Tuesday- KS 2 Peer on Peer Abuse Sexual Harassment Wednesday- KS 2 Peer on Peer Abuse Consent 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 5.00pm 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 try to be just and fair.

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

Choose one of the gifts of God: joy, friendship, love, peace, patience, sacrifice and give it to someone in need of it.

Word of the Week: Giving

This week we celebrate the feast of St Martin of Tours. He is famous for literally cutting his cloak to give it to someone in need. His ability to be generous and to look after those around him can inspire us all. Think this week about how you can give to others - what do the people around you need?

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SHARE WEAR

Sharewear Clothing Scheme provides high quality clothing, shoes, bedding and bath towels free of charge to people in need in the local area. This is done via referral partners in Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire.

If you would like support or further information on the Sharewear scheme and how it may help you or others in our school community please contact Mrs Cannell for further details - all conversations and referrals will be held in confidence.

Eat, Sleep, READ, Repeat...

Reading and vocabulary acquisition are one of the greatest indicators of a child's future achievement. It is high profile in school and now that Covid restrictions are slightly more relaxed, we are able to return to some of the home and school reading initiatives the children enjoyed previously.

Last week we reintroduced 'story suitcases' in KS 1 and EYFS. Please engage with this and enjoy the hot chocolate and cookies with your bedtime story each weekend and return the suitcase to school on Monday.

You will notice our 'book boats' have set sail again on the KS 1 playground to snuggle into and sail away to adventures in a good book at break times.

The school library is open again at lunchtimes for your child to choose a book to share at home each week.

Reading Challenges take place in all classes each day where children can earn prizes while they enjoy reading at home. Please record in your child's reading diary when you have read with them at home. Please read with your child at least 4 times a week as this will greatly help their reading confidence.

We have a number of **Reading Volunteers** from the Becket 6th Form who support with reading and other learning activities each week and a wonderful grandmother who also reads with children in KS 1 & 2. If you can give some time on a regular basis to hear children read in school and are willing to have a Disclosure and Barring Check to enable you to work with our children, please contact Mrs Lane to arrange to get involved.

Please look after and return books borrowed so everyone can enjoy them. **Parents will be charged for lost or damaged books at the price they appear on Amazon.**

Year 3 Trip to Creswell Crags

On January 12th, Year 3 will be going to Creswell Crags to begin their learning about the Stone Age Period. A letter was sent last term with more information.

It's a great day out and wonderful way to find out more about this period of history with first hand exploration. Consent form/payment due by 19th November.



Parent Consultation Day

Tuesday 9th November this week. If you haven't yet made an appointment to see your child's teacher or look at their books (Yr 5) please contact the school office. Meetings will take place in person in the school hall.

Anti-Bullying Week 22nd November

We will start the week on Monday by all wearing odd socks with school uniform. This symbolises that while we are one school family, we all have our own special differences that make us unique and our individual contributions should be celebrated not bullied.

Mass in School

We will be celebrating mass in school on Monday 29th November to give thanks and celebrate the contribution made to school and Catholic Education by Paul Belshaw who was our chair of Governors before his retirement in April 2021.

Year 6 Briars Residential

This is a polite reminder that the next payment is due 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.

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 great opportunity for the children.

Miss Lane, Miss Sutton, Miss Moody 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.



Thank You Year 6 Parents!

Miss Moody, Mr Stutchbury and year 6 all want to thank our amazing year 6 parents who provided an incredible feast for their European Breakfast last week. They pretty much visited every European country in the most delicious way and mapped out their journey in class because of your generosity and creative cooking - thank you!



PANTS Programme EYFS & KS 1

In our PSHE lessons this half term, we are discussing the NSPCC's Underwear Rule. This is designed to teach pupils how to stay safe from sexual abuse, without giving explicit information or telling scary stories or even using the term "sexual abuse."

In the lessons, children will learn about the 'PANTS' acrostic, which stands for:

- Privates are private
- Always remember your body belongs to you
- No means no
- Talk about secrets that upset you
- Speak up, someone can help



The lessons will be delivered in a way that's fully age-appropriate.

More information about the Underwear Rule, including a short film and a parent guide can be found at:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/>

Peer on Peer Abuse

Peer-on-peer abuse includes, but is not limited to:

- physical and sexual abuse.
- sexual harassment and violence.
- emotional harm.
- on and offline bullying.
- teenage relationship abuse



Peer-on-peer sexual abuse is sexual abuse that happens between children of a similar age or stage of development. It can happen between any number of children, and can affect any age group.

It can be harmful to the children who display it as well as those who experience it.

Children can experience peer-on-peer sexual abuse in a wide range of settings, including:

- at school
- at home or in someone else's home
- in public spaces
- online



We continue to work with the children to educate them in an age appropriate way to:

- know what peer on peer abuse is,
- know it is not tolerated in school or at home,
- know what consent is,
- give them the language and confidence to say no to peer on peer abuse,
- know who they can tell if they experience peer on peer abuse,
- know that they will be believed, listened to and helped.



If you have any questions or would like to know more please contact Mrs Lane at school.

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.

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 love ones who have passed. Please add names of anyone you would like our school community to pray for on the seesaw activity set by 14th November.



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 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.

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%2010th%20October%2021.pdf?ver=1633720075252>

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 Mr Slight, 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)

Love Reading? We Do...



Story Suitcases are back!



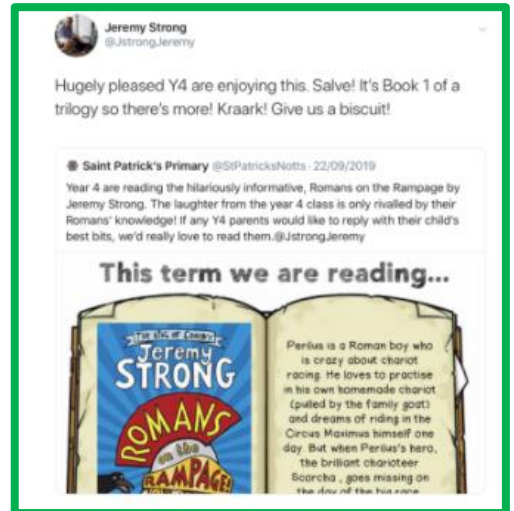
An extra pair of eyes so we don't miss a word!



Reading with adults in school.



Class Authors we write to and they write back!



Read tweets to your class from your novel's author.



Reading Challenges.



Sail Away in a Book Boat at Break



Lunchtime Library is Open, Come on In!