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Dear Parents & Carers,

This week our Year 6 students undertake the national assessments SATS tests. This is the culmination of their hard work and efforts during their time at St Patrick's, please keep the children in your prayers as many of them feel the pressure of wanting to achieve their best.

Next week Year 2 begin their national assessments SATs and in June Year 1 undertake the national phonics screening and Year 4 undertake the national timetables assessments. 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.

Thank you to the teaching team for preparing the children so very well academically as well as emotionally for their national assessments. Thank you parents for your continuing support and encouragement for your children.

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.

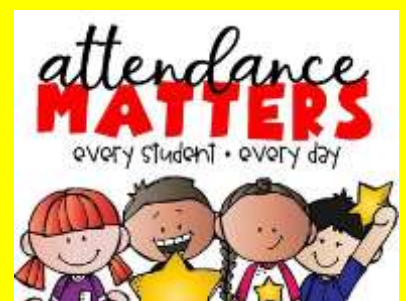
Message from Mrs Bradshaw:

Congratulations this week to Year 6 who are the winners with 98% attendance last week- brilliant. 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.

Year 4 and Year 5 had a really bad week last week with only 92%.

Aim for better this week please.

Mrs Bradshaw x



WEEK	SCHOOL EVENT	ASSEMBLIES/LITURGIES	AFTER SCHOOL 3.20-5.30pm
19 th April	Yr 4 Retreat afternoon Friday PM Curling- Free Taster Session Yr 5 & 6 Friday Yr 2 NFER Maths Test	Weekly liturgies are as follows: Monday- school closed Tuesday- whole school liturgy based on Sunday's Gospel- 2.30pm Wednesday- Yr 4 Retreat- Eastertide 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
25 th April	Magic Maths Clubs Begins after school Mondays for 5 weeks Monday Sharewear Charity Launch Tuesday Yr 3 Partake Living History Company Mayans	Weekly liturgies are as follows: Monday- SHAREWEAR ASSEMBLY Tuesday- Liturgy through Music - 2.40PM Wednesday- Yr 3 Retreat- Missionary Discipleship 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 Magic Maths Monday
2 nd May YR 2 SATS	Tuesday Parents' Consultation Afternoon/Evening 1-7pm Thursday Yr 4 Partake Living History Company Ancient Greeks Thursday World Maths Day Friday PM Curling- Free Taster Session Yr 3 & 4	Weekly liturgies are as follows: Monday- whole school liturgy based on Sunday's Gospel- 2.30pm Tuesday- Liturgy through Music - 2.40PM Wednesday- Yr 1 Retreat- May the Month of Mary 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 Magic Maths Monday
9 th May YR 6 SATS WEEK	Monday Local Governing Body Meeting 6pm	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 Magic Maths Monday
16 th May YR 2 SATS	Monday Becket School Staff to Visit Yr 6 for Transition	Weekly liturgies are as follows: Monday- whole school liturgy based on Sunday's Gospel- 2.30pm Tuesday- Liturgy through Music - 2.40PM Wednesday- Yr 5 & 6 Vocations Retreat 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 Magic Maths Monday
MISSION WEEK 23 rd May YR 2 SATS	Monday Yr 6 Coping with Change Workshop PM Thursday Solemnity of the Ascension Yr 6 to Mass	Weekly liturgies are as follows: Monday- whole school liturgy based on Sunday's Gospel- 2.30pm Tuesday- Expert Ending Wednesday- Yr 2 Retreat Pentecost 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 Magic Maths Monday
Half Term Holiday School closed Saturday 28 th May - Sunday 5 th June 2022 School re-opens MONDAY 6 th June 2022			

Our Virtue to Live By this Week... **KINDNESS**

I know that every act of kindness helps to build God's kingdom.

This Week's Mission has been chosen by...Year 3

I will take time out of my playtime to help someone in need.

Word of the Week: Vocation

The word vocation comes from the Latin for "to call" and it reminds us that we all have a calling from God to be the person he created us to be. Finding that vocation and hearing that call however can be really hard sometimes and it's often difficult to know what we should do with our lives. This week spend some time in prayer thinking about what God might be calling you to do with your life. Often, it's not what we expect but when you find something that you love that is usually a good sign you're on the right track!

Year 6 SATS Breakfast

This week on Monday to Thursday, we will be providing free breakfast and activities for all year 6 pupils ahead of their SATs.

A breakfast of hot sausage or bacon cobs will be served at 8am each day. This will be followed by some yoga and mindfulness activities to help them start the day in a calm and stress-free way.

Younger siblings must be dropped at school at the usual time please 8.45am or you can pay for siblings in reception to year 5 to attend breakfast club at £3 per child per day by booking with TB Sport.

<http://www.tbsport.uk/bookings-stpats>

Book Bags

Due to limited space in school, please only send your child to school with a school book bag which can be bought at the school supplier. Please don't send your child to school with any other type of bag e.g. a rucksack as we don't have space in cloakroom areas or drawers. They only need a school book bag and a lunch box if on packed lunches. They don't need any other resources for school, we provide all they need. Thank you for your support.

End of Day Collection

Please contact the school office before the end of the day if someone is collecting your child who is not on the end of day dismissal form.

Year 6 Hoodies

On Friday we will be giving the year 6 pupils their hoodies. This raises great excitement among the children and will be a nice way to end their SATs week.

They can wear these hoodies on Monday, Wednesday & Fridays in school and this gives parents a chance to wash them in between. Please do take this opportunity to wash them during the week, it is really important during the hot weather and at this age.

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**



Parent Online Payment Systems

Shortly we will be changing the system used across academy schools for online payments. We will send more information about this as we receive it.

Baptism Courses

If you would like to have your child baptised, you will need to join a baptism course at church to help you to prepare to support your child's faith development. The next Baptism Course will be on Saturday 14th May 2022 at 9.30am to 12.00 noon at Corpus Christi Church.

If you wish to attend, please complete a Baptism Application Form available in both Churches and return to Fr Wilfred.

SUN HATS & SUN CREAM

We are due to have some lovely sunny weather in the coming weeks. Please send your child to school wearing sun cream and a sun hat, with their name in it, to protect them when outside. This is especially important for children in nursery and reception who spend much of their time outside in good weather.

We are not allowed to put sun cream on children so please do this before they come to school.

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 light bedding



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 Sport 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 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 [0800 800 5000](https://www.nspcc.org.uk)

E-SAFETY UPDATE FROM MISS LANE

This week- **YOUTUBE KIDS**



YouTube is a site used by parents and children of all ages and can be a valuable resource. However, YouTube is **'user generated'** which means even with strict safety settings, children may be exposed to content that is not suitable for them.

School recommends children use **YouTube Kids** <https://www.youtubekids.com> or download the app via the app store.

Children can still watch their favourite videos and discover new ones. **YouTube Kids** reduces the risk of children watching inappropriate videos. Parents also have the option to turn search on or off. Within settings on **YouTube Kids**, you can choose your **home screen level**, choose either **Pre-school** or **School age**.

This will tailor the videos which are shown to the children at an appropriate age level. **YouTube Kids** also prevents children finding inappropriate content through suggested videos.

Please ensure you continue to monitor the videos children are watching and remind children the importance of speaking to a trusted adult if they see something which concerns or upsets them.

