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Newsletter 2: 20th September 2022

Dear Parents & Carers,

The children have made a great start to the school year, focused, well behaved and enjoying the start of learning in their new classes. Welcome to all new children who have started school this term, especially those new children in nursery and reception, thank you for choosing St Patrick's for your child.

We hope you have had time over the last two weeks to get into the routine of arriving at school for the 8.45am start of day. From Tuesday, classroom doors will close at 8.50am. If you arrive from this time you will need to enter school through the main reception entrance as your child be registered late for school.

Every minute counts in the school day so please make sure you leave enough time for your journey, so your child is in class at 8.45am. Arriving late is upsetting for your child and disturbs the learning of the children already settled in class.

Thank you for getting your child to school every day and on time. We know how busy mornings can be especially if you have more than one child to get ready for school. Breakfast club run by TB Sports is available every morning if this would help you with multiple drop offs; contact details can be found below.

Have a fantastic week and thank you in advance for all your continuing support.

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 Miss Bradshaw:

The whole school attendance percentage on the first day back after summer was only 91% due to a number of parents continuing their holiday after term had started. I am pleased say that it has now risen to 96% once these children returned. Missing school at the start of term is really bad for your child as they miss all the important classroom induction days that help to settle them for the rest of the year.

5 weeks in the summer is long enough to arrange a holiday which doesn't disrupt your child's learning.

This week's attendance winners are Year 2 with 98% and second is Year 6 with 96.8%. Congratulations

Miss Bradshaw



WEEK	SCHOOL EVENT	ASSEMBLIES/LITURGIES	AFTER SCHOOL
5 th Sept	Thursday 8th Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary Friday 9th Yr 5 Beaumanor Trip Sunday 11th Day of Prayer for Education	Weekly liturgies are as follows: Monday- Creation- looking after what God created for us Tuesday- Liturgy through Music - 2.40PM Wednesday- In class liturgy Thursday- 2.30pm House Assembly- parents welcome Friday- Paired Acts of Worship all classes- 2.45PM	3.20-5.30pm Please book places at breakfast or after school clubs at: http://www.tbsport.uk/bookings-stpats Monday Spaghetti Maths
12 th Sept	Thursday 15th Year 3 Trip to Nottingham Castle Friday 16th Whole School Class and Team photos	Weekly liturgies are as follows: Monday- whole school liturgy based on Sunday's Gospel- 2.30pm Tuesday- Liturgy through Music - 2.40PM Wednesday- In class liturgy Thursday- Chaplaincy Team Retreat 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 Monday Spaghetti Maths Tuesday MAKATON CLUB
19 th Sept		Weekly liturgies are as follows: Monday- Bank Holiday Tuesday- 2pm Whole School Mass Wednesday- In class liturgy 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 Monday Spaghetti Maths Tuesday MAKATON CLUB
26 th Sept		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 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 Monday Spaghetti Maths Tuesday MAKATON CLUB
3 rd Oct	Tuesday Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes online Tuesday Feast of St Francis of Assisi Tuesday Individual pupil photos Friday Feast Day of Our Lady of the Rosary	Weekly liturgies are as follows: Monday- whole school liturgy based on Sunday's Gospel- 2.30pm Tuesday- Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes online Wednesday- Chaplaincy Liturgy 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 Monday Spaghetti Maths Tuesday MAKATON CLUB
10 th Oct	Thursday 13th Harvest Festival 9am- parents welcome	Weekly liturgies are as follows: Monday- whole school liturgy based on Sunday's Gospel- 2.30pm Tuesday- Liturgy through music Wednesday- Chaplaincy Liturgy 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 Monday Spaghetti Maths Tuesday MAKATON CLUB

Last day of school before half term is Friday 14th October 2022
School re-opens Monday 31st October 2022

Our Virtue to Live By this Week... **Respect & Courtesy**

I show courtesy to everyone as we are all made in God's image and likeness.

This Week's Mission, chosen by... Year 6

Make eye contact when you are listening to show you respect the opinions of the person who is talking.

Word of the Week **Learning**

Our Faith gives us the chance to learn so much more than you can ever find in a text book. It helps us to learn how to live and grow as people. When we learn about Jesus we can also learn about ourselves. Think about the biggest lessons you've learnt in your life and how you've changed because of them. What could you learn this week about your faith? Don't forget to check out the 'Learn' stream on NDCYS Live on YouTube.

Car Park

Please use the path when dropping off and collecting from 'before and after school clubs'. Do not wait in or cross the car park.

The car park is in use at all times and we have a number of children who have run across the car park as staff are leaving/arriving. This is incredibly dangerous and an unnecessary risk.

Similarly, if parking outside school please make sure it is in the parking bay or the tram car park as everywhere else blocks the car park sensors and staff can't get into school.

Please keep yourself and your child safe, we don't want anyone to be hurt. School and staff can not be held responsible for any accidents involving a child or adult in the car park before or after school.

Breakfast & After School Care

Wrap around care is provided onsite by a private company - TB Sport. Please remember to book in directly with TB Sport in advance of any sessions you may want childcare provision to avoid disappointment if they are full.

Please note, TB Sport are a private company not employed by school and have their own policies and procedures just like any other child minder or child care provider. They rent a space in school and have provided excellent child care for the last 3 years to parents. If you have any questions regarding their child care provision please contact the company directly as school is not involved in their decision or policy making as it is child care not school.

School Uniform

Thank you for preparing your children so beautifully in their school uniform, they all look amazing.

We now have two suppliers for the main uniform items to provide you with competitive choice:

Kit Out

– <https://kitoutclothing.co.uk/collections/st-patricks-primary-school> – enquiries can be made by telephone 07725656857 or email harry@kitoutclothing.co.uk

S&A Uniform

– <https://sauniforms.co.uk/product-category/schoolwear/schools/stpatricks/> – enquiries can be made by telephone 07970875671 or email s-a.uniforms.co.uk

Please remember that PE Kit is also part of school uniform - plain black hoody, plain black jogging bottoms, no logos, no leggings, no cycling shorts. PE T Shirt and Green PE shorts are available from the school suppliers above.

KIT OUT CLOTHING are in the process of creating a tracksuit for pupils in school colours for when they grow out of their existing one.

Please also remember very close shaved heads, shaved patterns into hair, coloured hair or coloured hair extensions, extreme styles are not allowed in school.

Now jewellery, earrings make up or nail varnish allowed please.

School Photos

Tuesday 4th October- Individual and Family Photos

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 travel alongside parents please to ensure they are safe on their journey.



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



No Jewellery in School Please

Please remember to take out your child's earrings before they come to school.

Earrings are not allowed for school on health and safety grounds. If your child has had their ears pierced in the last 5 weeks please cover them with plaster before they arrive each until they can be taken out.

First Holy Communion Preparation

The following information was sent to parents of pupils in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 at the start of term.

1st Holy Communion Programme at Corpus Christi Church and Our Lady and St. Patrick's in the Meadows for children in years 3, 4, 5 & 6. This will run from October 2022 to May 2023. Application forms will be available from Fr Wilfred after all weekend Masses from on 17th/18th and 24th/ 25th September. Completed applications MUST be received BY 25th September 2022 at 5.00 pm.

Also, for those Catholic parents who are interested in Baptism for their children:

The next Baptism course will be held at Our Lady & St Patrick's Church on Saturday 10th & 17th September from 10.30 am to 12.00 noon (please note revised times). Both parents are encouraged to attend and you must come to both sessions. Please contact the Parish Office on 0115 921 2964/email secretaryccolsp@gmail.com if you wish to attend or collect a Baptism Application form from either Church & hand it in to Fr Wilfred. Your child/ren can come with you if you have no childcare.

TIMES OF THE SCHOOL DAY

Gates open 8.30am

School Starts at 8.45am

Doors close at 8.50am

Morning Break KS 1 & 2 10.30-10.45am

Lunchtime FS 1 (nursery) 11.45-12.15pm

Lunchtime FS 2 (reception) 11.45-12.45pm

Lunchtime KS 1 & 2 12-1pm

School Ends 3.15pm for all pupils

Names in Uniform Items

Please make sure your child has their name written in all items of clothing so we can return any lost items to them quickly.



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.



Year 5 Beaumanor Hall Trip

On Friday 9th September, our Year 5 class had a fantastic WWII evacuation day as part of enrichment to support learning for their history topic. Thank you to all parents and carers who dressed their children up so wonderfully and got them to school well in time for the early start. They thoroughly enjoyed the day and amazed us with all the knowledge they learnt and remembered.

Year 3 Nottingham Castle Trip

Year 3 had a fantastic trip to Nottingham castle to kick start their history learning-

Robin Hood - Fact or Fiction, Hero or Villain?

We were so proud of how well they behaved and how much knowledge they gained from the day. Thank you to all parents who contributed to the cost of the event. It was well worth it!

Goodbye, Thank You, You'll be Greatly Missed Miss Matto!

It is with enormous thanks, for 20 years of service to all the parents, pupils, governors and staff at St Patrick's, that we will be saying goodbye to Miss Matto at the end of September. Miss Matto has given dedicated care and nurture in educating our children and supporting our families and staff and she will be greatly missed by us all.

We wish her every happiness for the future and hope she will return to see us.

Join our lunchtime team

A great job that
fits in with your
family life!



Would you like to join our team as a
Midday Supervisor?

You will have the opportunity to look after our wonderful children in the dining room and on the playground to ensure they are safe and happy.

You'll earn **£9.27 per hour plus holiday pay** and gain great job satisfaction for working just one hour a day in term time only.

How to apply:

To find out more about this rewarding role, call the school office on:

0115 9152961

Or apply online at: <https://www.ololcatholicmat.co.uk/work-with-us/>

To safeguard our children, all our staff are subject to pre-employment checks which includes a DBS check.



St Patrick's School Open Evening

We will be opening school on 28th September from 5.30-6.30pm for parents in the community who are looking for a school place for their child. If you know of anyone who is currently looking to place their child in school please share this date with them. We currently have spaces in nursery and reception. All other classes are full but we do have a waiting list that names can be added to should a place become available in the future.

Dropping off at Breakfast Club

Please only park in the tram car park or the designated parking bays when dropping off for breakfast club.

Parking anywhere else on the road blocks the car park sensors and staff can't get into school in the mornings.

Secondary School Applications

At the start of term, parents of pupils in year 6 were given information on applying for a secondary school place. The deadline for making these applications is 31st October 2022. Please do not miss this deadline as you may not get a place at your preferred school if you do not apply by the deadline given.

PLEASE APPLY FOR FOUR SCHOOLS.

Many parents last year only applied for one school thinking they would have to be allocated this school if they only applied for the preferred school. This is not how the system works and most of those children were then allocated a secondary school place that their parents didn't want them to attend. This caused enormous upset, stress and unhappiness for those parents and children.

Think carefully about which secondary school you would like your child to attend and what other schools you would be happy with if you didn't get your first choice.

Be mindful that the Becket School is a highly oversubscribed school and pupils who are not baptised Catholic are further down the admissions criteria and rarely get into the school.

Join us to Celebrate Mass in School

Please join us this week on Tuesday 20th September at 2pm for the first school mass of the year. We would love you to celebrate mass with us in the school hall.

NUT ALLERGY

We have a child in school who has a life-threatening nut allergy. Sitting near anyone who has nuts or is eating anything that may contain traces of nuts could be fatal for him. Please check the contents of anything you give your child to eat in school. We have to send home anything we see may contain nuts to keep him safe. Peanut butter, breakfast bars that may contain nuts etc, are not allowed in school. Thank you for understanding.

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.tbsport.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, Mr King 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)

SCHOOL SAFEGUARDING TEAM

SAFEGUARDING IS OUR NUMBER ONE PRIORITY
SAFEGUARDING IS ABOUT PREVENTING HARM TO A CHILD AND
PROMOTING THEIR WELFARE.

St Patrick's Catholic Academy recognise our moral and statutory responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of all pupils. We endeavour to provide a safe and welcoming environment where all children are safe, respected and valued. We are trained and alert to the signs of abuse and neglect and follow our procedures to ensure the children receive effective support and protection. The school child protection and safeguarding policy is available on our school website.

IF YOU ARE WORRIED ABOUT A PUPIL SPEAK TO A MEMBER OF THE SCHOOL SAFEGUARDING TEAM



Mrs Lane
Lead Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Miss Lane
Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Mr King
Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Miss Moody
Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead

Our aim is to work with parents/carers at all times to keep our children safe and well.
We always follow up on what we observe or what is shared with us.

Please do not be offended if we ask questions of you for clarity, see it as a positive that we are vigilant in ensuring wellbeing, safeguarding and child protection.

Useful Contacts for Parents/Carers and Children

Child Line: 0800 1111

Children & Families Direct: 0115 876 4800 to report a concern about a child

Women's Aid: 0800 2000 247 domestic abuse helpline

Women's Aid 24hr helpline: 0808 800 0340

Equation- Domestic Abuse helpline for men suffering from abuse: 0114 9605556

Equation Respect- for men seeking help to control their abusive behaviours:
0808 8024040