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Newsletter 1: 5th September 2022

Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope you had a relaxing, happy and safe summer break and are ready for the new school year.

Thank you for preparing your children so well in such smart school uniform, they look amazing and feel fantastic. It was wonderful to see them all arriving full of smiles last week. Uniform is important in providing our children with a sense of belonging and equality. Thank you to the vast majority of parents who also support the school uniform policy by ensuring your child has a smart haircut, no coloured hair and no designs shaved into hairstyles - thank you. The school logo hair ties made by one of our parents look fantastic too; if you are interested in buying one for your child please contact the office staff and they will provide you with the contact details. We now have two school uniform suppliers to give you choice in where you buy items of uniform, see page 3 of newsletter for details.

As you know this is my last term at St Patrick's School, I am so looking forward to spending the time with our amazing children starting the school year off in the best possible way. In the coming weeks, the Academy Trust will be advertising and interviewing for a new headteacher to begin after Christmas. I am confident the newly appointed Headteacher will continue the wonderful work you and the staff do in school and bring new and exciting ideas to build upon all that is so very special and incredible about our school.

Have a fantastic term 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.

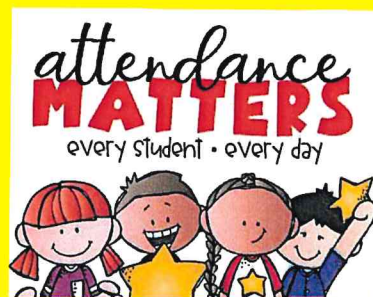
We want to work with you to ensure continuous regular attendance and good punctuality and if you need support with this please let us know. Poor attendance or punctuality significantly impacts on children's education and they have already had so much time out of school as a result of covid.

Message from Mrs Bradshaw:

Attendance continues to be a strong focus and last year's academic results show children who achieved highly are the children who attend regularly and on time. Children with poor attendance did less well on the whole. Your child needs to be in school every day to learn and build on their knowledge acquired in the previous lesson; every day missed is a day they miss out on what their peers achieve.

NO HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME PLEASE!

Miss Bradshaw



WEEK	SCHOOL EVENT	ASSEMBLIES/LITURGIES	AFTER SCHOOL
2 nd Sept			<p>3.20-5.30pm</p> <p>Please book places at breakfast or after school clubs at:</p> <p>http://www.tbsport.uk/bookings-stpats</p>
5 th Sept	<p>Thursday 8th Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary</p> <p>Friday 9th Yr 5 Beaumanor Trip</p> <p>Sunday 11th Day of Prayer for Education</p>	<p>Weekly liturgies are as follows:</p> <p>Monday- Creation- looking after what God created for us</p> <p>Tuesday- Liturgy through Music - 2.40PM</p> <p>Wednesday- In class liturgy</p> <p>Thursday- 2.30pm House Assembly- parents welcome</p> <p>Friday- Paired Acts of Worship all classes- 2.45PM</p>	<p>3.20-5.30pm</p> <p>Please book places at breakfast or after school clubs at:</p> <p>http://www.tbsport.uk/bookings-stpats</p> <p>Monday Spaghetti Maths</p>
12 th Sept	<p>Thursday 15th Year 3 Trip to Nottingham Castle</p> <p>Friday 16th Whole School Class and Team photos</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- In class liturgy</p> <p>Thursday- Chaplaincy Team Retreat</p> <p>Friday- Paired Acts of Worship all classes- 2.45PM</p>	<p>After School Clubs Include:</p> <p>3.20pm Registration</p> <p>Toys & Games</p> <p>3.45pm until 4.15pm Sport</p> <p>4.15pm until 4.35pm Outdoor Play</p> <p>4.35pm until 5.30pm Circle Games or Sport</p> <p>Monday Spaghetti Maths</p> <p>Tuesday MAKATON CLUB</p>
19 th Sept		<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- Chaplaincy Liturgy</p> <p>Thursday-</p> <p>Friday- Paired Acts of Worship all classes- 2.45PM</p>	<p>After School Clubs Include:</p> <p>3.20pm Registration</p> <p>Toys & Games</p> <p>3.45pm until 4.15pm Sport</p> <p>4.15pm until 4.35pm Outdoor Play</p> <p>4.35pm until 5.30pm Circle Games or Sport</p> <p>Monday Spaghetti Maths</p> <p>Tuesday MAKATON CLUB</p>
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3 rd Oct	<p>Tuesday Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes online</p> <p>Tuesday Feast of St Francis of Assisi</p> <p>Tuesday Individual pupil photos</p> <p>Friday Feast Day of Our Lady of the Rosary</p>	<p>Weekly liturgies are as follows:</p> <p>Monday- whole school liturgy based on Sunday's Gospel- 2.30pm</p> <p>Tuesday- Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes online</p> <p>Wednesday- Chaplaincy Liturgy</p> <p>Thursday-</p> <p>Friday- Paired Acts of Worship all classes- 2.45PM</p>	<p>After School Clubs Include:</p> <p>3.20pm Registration</p> <p>Toys & Games</p> <p>3.45pm until 4.15pm Sport</p> <p>4.15pm until 4.35pm Outdoor Play</p> <p>4.35pm until 5.30pm Circle Games or Sport</p> <p>Monday Spaghetti Maths</p> <p>Tuesday MAKATON CLUB</p>
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Last day of half term is Friday 14th October 2022 School re-opens Monday 31st October 2022

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

I am respectful.

This Week's Mission, chosen by...the school staff

Show respect to everyone around you by only using kind words and good manners.

Word of the Week **ENCOUNTER**

The definition of Encounter is an unexpected meeting'. We can encounter Christ in lots of different places we don't expect to. Maybe we should also think about how we can take Christ to unexpected places too. We can take the face of Christ to other people and by trying to live our lives like him we can help other people meet him, even if they don't expect it! Don't forget to check out our Encounter stream NDCYS Live to see lots of ways to encounter Christ in your everyday lives.

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 cannot 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.

No jewellery, earrings, make up or nail varnish allowed please.

School Photos

Friday 16th September- Class 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,
NO CYCLING/SCOOTERING
TO SCHOOL**

SPAGHETTI MATHS CLUB

This popular after school maths club starts again this week on Monday 3.30-4.30pm, £36 for all six sessions. Please sign up and pay directly online if you are interested in this for your child.

<https://www.spaghettimaths.co.uk/>

Behaviour Curriculum

Over the summer break Miss Lane has been planning a curriculum for teaching positive behaviour in line with our behaviour policy. We shared this with all staff for their input on our INSET day and last week we shared it with the children to gain their views and for them to state what behaviours they want to see from adults and children in school. For the vast majority of children, the content of the behaviour curriculum is simply reinforcing pupil and school expectations for good behaviour that they already show in school and at home. The intent is to ensure these behaviours are shown and understood by all children at all times in school.

Parents and carers have been sent this behaviour policy today - we would really like your views- is there anything we have missed or you would like included? To continue to ensure the high standard of positive behaviour in school it's essential we all work together so your views are very important to us.

TIMES OF THE SCHOOL DAY

Gates open 8.30am

School Starts at 8.45am

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.



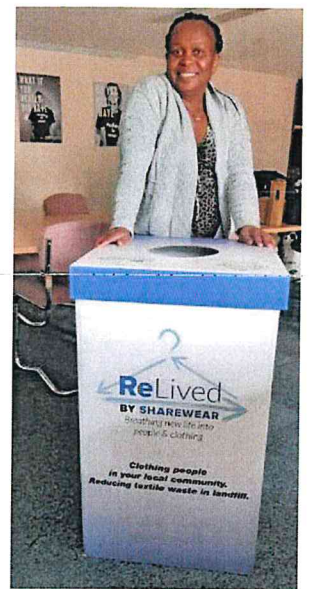
DO DONATE:

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 are heading off on a WWII evacuation day as part of enrichment to support learning for their history topic. Children need to be in school for **7.45am** please with a packed lunch and will return between **3.30-4pm**. It's always a fantastic day and the children learn so much from this experience. Thank you for supporting the day.

Year 3 Nottingham Castle Trip

On Thursday 15th September, Year 3 will be heading out on their trip to Nottingham Castle to kick start their history learning- **Robin Hood- Fact or Fiction, Hero or Villain?** Miss Dexter-Eyre will send out more specific information about the trip this week. Children will need a packed lunch for the day please and will go in school uniform. Children in receipt of Free School Meals will be provided with a packed lunch by school.

Years 4 and 6 Enrichment Days

Unfortunately, we have had to cancel these enrichment events for years 4 and 6 as over half of parents in each class felt unable currently to contribute to the event cost. School pay for the majority of the event and ask for a voluntary contribution from parents to support, as the school budget is limited. However, we do appreciate that in the current economic climate it is a challenge for many parents to make voluntary contributions so unfortunately enrichment events may have to be cancelled in this case.

2021-22 FANTASTIC OUTCOMES FOR OUR PUPILS

Despite the pandemic and because of outstanding teaching, hardworking pupils and parental support, St Patrick's national assessment outcomes for 2021-22 are something to celebrate!

	School Results	Nottingham City Results	National Results
EYFS Good level of Development (GLD)	76% of the 29 pupils reached the Good Level of Development	60% of all pupils reached the Good Level of Development	65% of all pupils reached the Good Level of Development
EYFS 17 Early Learning Goals (ELG)	72.4% of all pupils achieved all the 17 Early Learning Goals	57% of all pupils achieved all the 17 Early Learning Goals	63% of all pupils achieved all the 17 Early Learning Goals

A greater percentage of St Patrick's EYFS Pupils attained the expected outcome in all areas than those in Nottingham City Schools and Schools Nationally

Key Stage 1 Year 2 SATs Combined Reading, Writing & Maths	61% of the 28 pupils attained the expected standard	50% of all pupils attained the expected standard	Results not released yet
Key Stage 1 Year 2 SATs Reading	79% of the 28 pupils attained the expected standard	62% of all pupils attained the expected standard	67% of all pupils attained the expected standard
Key Stage 1 Year 2 SATs Writing	61% of the 28 pupils attained the expected standard	53.9% of all pupils attained the expected standard	58% of all pupils attained the expected standard
Key Stage 1 Year 2 SATs Maths	79% of the 28 pupils attained the expected standard	64% of all pupils attained the expected standard	68% of all pupils attained the expected standard

A greater percentage of St Patrick's KS 1 Pupils attained the expected outcome in all areas than those in Nottingham City Schools and Schools Nationally

Year 1 Phonics Screening	67% of the 30 pupils attained the expected standard	71% of pupils attained the expected standard	75% of pupils attained the expected standard
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This was unusually low for St Patrick's, our average pass rate over the previous two years was 92%. In this year group, most of the pupils who did not pass also had poor attendance which impacted the overall % of the class who passed.

Pupils who did not pass in year 1 will retake the test in June 2023 so improved attendance is essential.

Key Stage 2 Year 6 SATs Combined Reading, Writing & Maths	69% of the 32 pupils attained the expected standard	54.6% of all pupils attained the expected standard	59% of all pupils attained the expected standard
Key Stage 2 Year 6 SATs Reading	81% of the 32 pupils attained the expected standard	68.9% of all pupils attained the expected standard	75% of all pupils attained the expected standard
Key Stage 2 Year 6 SATs Writing	78% of the 32 pupils attained the expected standard	65.9% of all pupils attained the expected standard	70% of all pupils attained the expected standard
Key Stage 2 Year 6 SATs Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar	78% of the 32 pupils attained the expected standard	69% of all pupils attained the expected standard	73% of all pupils attained the expected standard
Key Stage 2 Year 6 SATs Maths	72% of the 32 pupils attained the expected standard	68% of all pupils attained the expected standard	71% of all pupils attained the expected standard

A greater percentage of St Patrick's KS 2 Pupils attained the expected outcome in all areas than those in Nottingham City Schools and Schools Nationally

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 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.

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 [0800 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



September 2022 to July 2023

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School Holidays



Public Holidays



Administration Day