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Newsletter 4: 14th November 2022

Dear Parents & Carers,

Miss Ferrara, your new headteacher in January, visited school on Friday to meet the children and staff and joined us for our Remembrance Liturgical Prayer. It was lovely to have her in school and for the children in particular to meet her. This week she will be in school on Thursday morning and, weather permitting, we are aiming to be on the main gate to meet you all as you arrive in school; please feel free to stop and say hello.

This week is Anti Bullying Week. We will have a strong focus across the week in all classes on what bullying is, how to deal with it and who to talk to if you feel you or someone else is being bullied. The week begins with odd socks day today (Monday) which was publicised with the children last week. On Friday we celebrate National Youth Fun Day. The children are invited to come in non-uniform and if you can donate £1 towards the Diocesan Youth Service, who provide so much for our young people's spiritual development, I know they would be very grateful.

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.

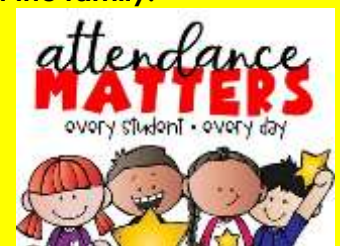
Nottingham City Education Welfare Officers have advised that if a child's attendance drops below 95% at any point, any further absences will not be authorised without medical evidence.

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. 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:

It's now the run up to the Christmas period, the most fun half term of the year. You may find it a little harder to get up in the mornings now the clocks have gone back but please remember a good routine can help with this. We are aware this is the season of coughs and colds. Please be reminded you may send your child into school with a sniffle or a slight cough and a full day absent from school is not always necessary. We encourage parents to send their children into school and please be reassured if your child is too poorly to be in school, we will contact you to collect them. If you would like any support with school attendance, please contact school and we would be happy to meet with you.

Miss Bradshaw

WEEK	SCHOOL EVENT	ASSEMBLIES/LITURGIES	AFTER SCHOOL
31 st Oct	<p>Tuesday 1st Nov mass for the solemnity of All Souls Feast Day 2pm all welcome</p> <p>Parents' & carers' consultation day 1-7pm please join us</p> <p>Thursday Black History Month Whole School Presentation</p> <p>Friday 4th Nov school photos</p>	<p>Weekly liturgies are as follows:</p> <p>Monday- whole school liturgy based on Sunday's Gospel- 9am</p> <p>Tuesday- Mass for All Souls day</p> <p>Wednesday- In class liturgy</p> <p>Yr joining the parish for mass 9.30am</p> <p>Thursday- 2.30pm St Teresa's House KS 1</p> <p>Retreat morning with Ruth our chaplain</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>
7 th Nov	<p>Wednesday 9th Nov Attendance Support Meetings with parents Miss Bradshaw EWO & Mrs Lane</p> <p>Thursday 10th EYFS Stay & Play for parents/carers please join us</p>	<p>Weekly liturgies are as follows:</p> <p>Monday- whole school liturgy based on Sunday's Gospel- 9am</p> <p>Tuesday- Liturgy through Music – 2.40pm</p> <p>Wednesday- In class liturgy</p> <p>Thursday- Year 2 mini chaplains planning liturgy</p> <p>Friday- Remembrance Day liturgy 10.30am</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>
14 th Nov	<p>Anti Bullying Week</p> <p>World faiths- Judaism Week</p> <p>Friday 18th Nov National Youth Fun Day</p>	<p>Weekly liturgies are as follows:</p> <p>Monday- whole school liturgy based on Sunday's Gospel- 9am</p> <p>Tuesday- - Liturgy through Music – 2.40pm</p> <p>Wednesday- In class liturgy</p> <p>Thursday- Year 1 mini chaplains planning liturgy</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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12 th Dec	<p>Tues 13th Year 3 & 4 National School's Singing Project Carol Service at St Barnabas Cathedral parents welcome 6pm</p> <p>Thursday 15th 2.15pm & Friday 16th December 9.15am EYFS Nativity parents & parish welcome.</p> <p>Friday 16th Whole School Round the World geography Expert Ending 1.15pm parents welcome</p>	<p>Weekly liturgies are as follows:</p> <p>Monday- whole school liturgy based on Sunday's Gospel- 9am</p> <p>Tuesday- Liturgy through music 2.40pm</p> <p>Wednesday- Year 3 Liturgy JOY parents welcome</p> <p>Thursday- EYFS Nativity 2.15am</p> <p>Friday- EYFS Nativity 9.15am</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 Dec		<p>Weekly liturgies are as follows:</p> <p>Monday- whole school liturgy based on Sunday's Gospel- 9am</p> <p>Tuesday- Liturgy through music 2.40pm</p> <p>Wednesday- Year 5 Liturgy LOVE all welcome</p>	
Last Day of Term- Wednesday 21 st December 2022, School Reopens Wednesday 4 th January 2023			

Our Virtue to Live By this Week... **Prayer**
I grow in friendship with God through prayer

This Week's Mission, chosen by... Nursery
Choose a friend to join you in prayer this week.

Word of the Week **Youth**

On the feast of Christ the King, every year, the Church focuses on its young people and celebrates everything that you bring to the world. Youth is not just about age however - it's about our attitude. Anyone can be youthful if they fill their lives with joy and excitement. World Youth Fun Day is a chance to recognise and celebrate what young people bring to the Church of today. Think this week about what it's like to being a young person in today's world - is it easy? What difference can you make to the world around you?

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.

National Youth Fun Day

On Friday we will be joining schools from around the country celebrating what the Diocesan Youth Service do to support our young people in their spiritual journey if faith. The children will be taking part in a variety of activities across the day.

The children are invited to come in their own clothes as it will be a non-uniform day. The Youth Service would be very grateful for a £1 donation on the day to aid them in their work.

November Remembrance

We traditionally remember loved ones and those who have lost their lives in war and conflict during November. Chaplaincy team will be displaying poppies completed by parents at consultation day and we will keep them all in our prayers.

Poppies and other remembrance items from the Royal British Legion will be on sale in school during November if you or your child would like to buy one. All monies collected goes to the 'Help for Heroes' charity. Chaplaincy Team will bring them round classes each day.



Anti-Bullying Week

This week is anti-bullying week and we will be working with the children on recognising bullying as being verbal or physical intimidation which is persistent, and carried out by one or more individuals who are perceived to be stronger or in a position of power. We will refresh the children's knowledge of how to tackle bullying and who to go to if they feel they or someone else is being bullied.

Thank you to Mrs Sarno for leading on this.

Bullying of any kind is not tolerated at St Patrick's.

Reception Class September 2023

If you or someone you know has a child who will be 5 years old between 1st September 2023 and 31st August 2024, you will need to apply for a school place in the reception class **before 15th January 2023**. Please contact the local authority admissions for more information.

Nottingham Cathedral Carol Service

This year, Year 4 & 3 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 Tuesday 13th December which we are very excited about and is a great opportunity for the children.

Miss Lane, Miss Sutton, Miss Dexter Eyre and I will take the children to the cathedral for a 2.15pm 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.



Geography Expert Ending

Friday 16th December is our whole school expert ending when the children will be showcasing their geographical knowledge learned this term.

Parents are invited to join us in school from 1.15pm to hear firsthand from your children what they know about the world around them. Thank you to Mr King for leading on this event.

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.



EYFS Nativity

The EYFS will be performing the nativity on Thursday 15th December at 2.15pm and again on Friday 16th December at 9.15am.

We have added an additional performance so that we can invite the Parish Community to join us.

We are hoping to be able to invite parish & parents to watch the nativity as long as no covid restrictions are implemented by the government.

Tickets will be available from the school office from Monday 28th November. We will be offering 2 tickets per family to begin with and if we have any available, we will issue more at a later date. Year 1 & 2 will be joining the EYFS children in singing this year.

HOUSE ASSEMBLY

Thursday 8th December at 2.30pm. Please join us in the school hall to celebrate the successes of the children this half term.

Santa Sacks

We are delighted to announce that once again, this Advent we will be selling our very popular Santa Sacks to our St Patrick's community.

Santa Sack's will cost £2 each, and all money raised will be donated to CAFOD to support their 'Brighten Up' campaign 2022.



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.

Cost of Living Crisis

The cost of living crisis is affecting everyone in different ways; keeping a household going, providing for our children and paying for heating bills leaves very little money for extras. With this in mind we want to help in any way we can so have set up the following measures.

School Trips & Events

Trips and enrichment opportunities are very valuable experiences for children which extend and deepen their learning but carry a significant cost. We don't want the children to miss out or put additional financial pressure on parents so this year we have set aside additional funding for these events.

This year, the cost of transport to all school events and trips will be paid for from the school budget.



All Partake history events will also be paid for from the school budget.



We will heavily subsidise the cost of venues, minimizing the amount of voluntary contributions we ask for. Wherever possible, we will pay for the event in full if it takes place within the school day. We would still need to ask for a contribution for any residential trips but will keep this to a minimum.

Foodbank

Thanks to your generous contributions at harvest as well as staff and parish contributions, we have a well-stocked foodbank in school.

This can be accessed by anyone needing a little help at any time by calling the office and speaking to Mrs Tyson, Mrs Shane or Mrs Laing; they will arrange for a bag of food essentials to be put together for you to collect. This is a confidential service and will be managed discreetly. There is no shame in asking for help, everyone is facing challenges currently.



Uniform

We have some items of uniform donated by parents whose children have grown out of them.

If you need any extra items please contact the office team and they will look to see if we have your child's size in what you need.

Advent Liturgical Prayer

Please join us in our school hall for our Advent preparations and liturgical prayer reflections led by the children. Each week in Advent a different class will lead prayer on the Advent theme for that week as follows:

Hope- Friday 2nd December at 2.30pm led by Year 6

Peace- Wednesday 7th December at 2.30pm led by Year 4

Joy- Wednesday 14th December at 2.30pm led by Year 3

Love- Wednesday 21st December at 1pm led by Year 5



We hope you can join us during this very special time of prayer and preparation for the coming of Jesus at Christmas.



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 \(olspnottingham.com\)](http://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

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

This Week- Online Safety Tips: TikTok

TikTok is fast becoming one of the most popular social media apps. The app's age rating is 13+, however we know that lots of our pupils use this app. If you have allowed your child to use Tik Tok we strongly recommend using the family pairing function. Please read the guidance below to see what this offers and how you can use it. If you would like a further guidance on how to set up these controls, please speak to the office to make an appointment with me and I can demonstrate how this can be done. This guidance discusses controls for teens, and this is due to the fact that the age rating for TikTok is 13+

What is Family Pairing?

Family Pairing on TikTok allows parents and teens to customize their safety settings based on individual needs. A parent can link their TikTok account to their teen's and set parental controls including:

Daily screen time

- Decide how long your teen can spend on TikTok each day.
- Set your teen's screen time limit directly from your own account.
- Set one screen time limit to apply to all your teen's devices.

Restricted Mode

- Restrict your teen's exposure to content that may not be appropriate or suitable for them.

Search

- Decide whether your teen can search for videos, hashtags, or LIVE on TikTok.

Discoverability

- Decide whether your teen's account is [private or public](#). With a private account, your teen can approve who can follow them and view their content.

Suggest account to others

- Decide whether your teen's account can be recommended to others. **Direct Messages**
- Restrict who can send messages to your teen, or turn off direct messaging completely.

Keep in mind:

- Direct messaging on TikTok is available only to registered account holders aged 16 and older.
- Direct messaging is automatically turned off for registered accounts between the ages of 13 and 15.

Liked videos

- Decide who can view your teen's liked videos.

Comments

- Decide who can comment on your teen's videos.

How to set up Family Pairing

To link parent and teen accounts:

1. In the TikTok app, **Profile** at the bottom.
2. Tap the **Menu** button at the top.
3. Tap **Settings and privacy**, then tap **Family Pairing**.
4. Tap **Parent** or **Teen**.
5. Follow the steps in the app to link accounts.