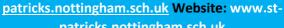
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Newsletter 3: 7th November 2022

Dear Parents & Carers,

Thank you to everyone that attended parents' consultation day last week and for completing parent questionnaires. We are in the process of going through these so we can take on board any requests made, your views are very important in helping us to improve school to meet your needs. Thank you from the chaplaincy team for all those who chose to complete a poppy so we can keep your loved ones in our prayers during November.

I'm very pleased to share with you Miss Ferrara, your new headteacher in January, will be visiting school over the coming weeks to meet with me, the children and staff. On some of these occasions she will join me on the gate in the morning to meet you and I know you will make her welcome. She is very excited about taking over in January and we are meeting so I can give her all the information about the school and families to make the handover between us as smooth as possible. Miss Ferrara will be in school on Friday this week so the children will get a chance to meet her. St Patrick's is such a special, family community where parents, staff and parish work together to provide the very best Catholic education and care for our children. Miss Ferrara is the perfect person to take over from me and will build on all that is good here and bring new ideas to take it even further. I am looking forward to spending these next few weeks with you, the children and staff in Advent preparations which hope you will be able to join us for in the coming weeks before I leave.

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

Tracy Lane Headteacher



Attendance

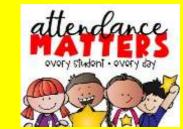
Our Education Welfare Officer, Mrs Bradshaw, monitors attendance daily and continues to make home visits to support parents to ensure their child attends school regularly and on time.

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. If your 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.a. 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:

Welcome back to school everyone! I hope you have all had a lovely half term?

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. Míss Bradshaw

WEEK	SCHOOL EVENT	ASSEMBLIES/LITURGIES	AFTER SCHOOL
31 st Oct	Tuesday 1st Nov mass for the solemnity	Weekly liturgies are as follows:	3.20-5.30pm
	of All Souls Feast Day 2pm all welcome	Monday- whole school liturgy based on Sunday's Gospel- 9am	Please book places at
	Parents' & carers' consultation day 1-	Tuesday- Mass for All Souls day	breakfast or after
	7pm please join us	Wednesday- In class liturgy	school clubs at:
	Thursday Black History Month Whole	Yr joining the parish for mass 9.30am Thursday- 2.30pm St Teresa's House KS 1	http://www.tbsport.uk/
	Thursday Black History Month Whole School Presentation	Retreat morning with Ruth our chaplain	bookings-stpats
		Friday- Paired Acts of Worship all classes- 2.45PM	
	Friday 4th Nov school photos	Weekly liturgies are as follows:	Monday Spaghetti Maths
14 th Nov	Wednesday 9 th Nov Attendance Support Meetings with parents Miss	Monday- whole school liturgy based on Sunday's	After School Clubs Include: 3.20pm Registration
	Bradshaw EWO & Mrs Lane	Gospel- 9am	Toys & Games
		Tuesday- Liturgy through Music – 2.40pm Wednesday- In class liturgy	3.45pm until 4.15pm Sport 4.15pm until 4.35pm Outdoor Play
	Thursday 10 th EYFS Stay & Play for parents/carers please join us	Thursday- Year 2 mini chaplains planning liturgy	4.35pm until 5.30pm Circle Games or Sport
	parents/carers please join us	FS1 & 2 Stay and Play 9-10.30am	Monday Spaghetti Maths
		Friday- Remembrance Day liturgy 10.30am	Tuesday MAKATON CLUB
	Anti Bullying Week	Weekly liturgies are as follows:	After School Clubs Include:
	World faiths- Judaism Week	Monday- whole school liturgy based on Sunday's Gospel- 9am	3.20pm Registration
	vvoriu iaitiis- Juudisiii Week	Sunday's Gospel- 9am Tuesday Liturgy through Music – 2.40pm	Toys & Games 3.45pm until 4.15pm Sport
	Friday 18 th Nov National Youth Fun Day	Wednesday- In class liturgy	4.15pm until 4.35pm Outdoor Play
		Thursday- Year 1 mini chaplains planning	4.35pm until 5.30pm Circle Games or Sport
		liturgy	Monday Spaghetti Maths
		Friday- Paired Acts of Worship all classes- 2.45PM	Tuesday MAKATON CLUB
	Monday 21st CAFOD Catholic Social	Weekly liturgies are as follows:	After School Clubs Include:
21 st Nov	Teaching Workshops for every class	Monday- whole school liturgy based on Sunday's	3.20pm Registration
21 1101		Gospel- 9am Tuesday - Liturgy through Music - 2.40PM	Toys & Games
	Monday 21 st Local Governing Body	Wednesday- In class liturgy	3.45pm until 4.15pm Sport 4.15pm until 4.35pm Outdoor Play
	Meeting 6pm	Thursday- KS 2 St Maximilian Kolbe House Retreat	4.35pm until 5.30pm Circle Games or Sport
		House Assembly Thursday 2.30pm all welcome	Monday Spaghetti Maths
		Friday- Paired Acts of Worship all classes- 2.45PM	Tuesday MAKATON CLUB
28 th Nov		Weekly liturgies are as follows:	After School Clubs Include:
		Monday- whole school liturgy based on Sunday's Gospel- 9am	3.20pm Registration
		Tuesday - Liturgy through Music - 2.40PM	Toys & Games 3.45pm until 4.15pm Sport
		Wednesday- Year 6 Liturgy HOPE parents welcome	4.15pm until 4.35pm Outdoor Play
		Thursday- Year 4 working with Ruth to plan Peace liturgy	4.35pm until 5.30pm Circle Games or Sport
		Friday- Paired Acts of Worship all classes- 2.45PM	Monday Spaghetti Maths
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5 th Dec		Monday- whole school liturgy based on Sunday's	After School Clubs Include: 3.20pm Registration
		Gospel- 9am	Toys & Games
		Tuesday- Liturgy through music 2.40pm Wednesday- Yr 4 Liturgy PEACE parents welcome	3.45pm until 4.15pm Sport
		Thursday- Year 3 working with Ruth to plan	4.15pm until 4.35pm Outdoor Play 4.35pm until 5.30pm Circle Games or Sport
		liturgy on Joy House Assembly Thursday 2.30pm all welcome	
		Friday- Paired Acts of Worship all classes-	Monday Spaghetti Maths Tuesday MAKATON CLUB
IZ Dec 1	Tues 13 th Year 3 & 4 National School's	Weekly liturgies are as follows:	After School Clubs Include:
	Singing Project Carol Service at St Barnabas Cathedral parents welcome	Monday- whole school liturgy based on	3.20pm Registration
	6pm	Sunday's Gospel- 9am Tuesday- Liturgy through music 2.40pm	Toys & Games 3.45pm until 4.15pm Sport
	Friday 16th 9am EYFS Nativity parents	Wednesday- Year 3 Liturgy JOY parents welcome	4.15pm until 4.35pm Outdoor Play
	welcome	Thursday- Chaplaincy Planning for Lent	4.35pm until 5.30pm Circle Games or Sport
	Friday 46th Whole Cohool Boy of the	Term Eriday, EVES Nativity 9am	Monday Spaghetti Maths
	Friday 16 th Whole School Round the World geography Expert Ending	Friday- EYFS Nativity 9am	Tuesday MAKATON CLUB
	1.15pm parents welcome		
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19 th Dec		Sunday's Gospel- 9am	
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Our Virtue to Live By this Week... **Prayer**

I grow in friendship with God through prayer

This Week's Mission, chosen by... Year 1
Say a prayer for someone who needs God's help this week.

Word of the Week

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

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.

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, O CYCLING/SCOOTERING TO SCHOOL

Please lock your scooters or bikes to the racks provided for their safety, school are not responsible for loss, damage or injury caused by your equipment.

School Uniform

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

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

Kit Out

- https://kitoutclothing.co.uk/collections/stpatricks-primary-school – enquiries can be made by telephone 07725656857 or email harry@kitoutclothing.co.uk
 S&A Uniform
- https://sauniforms.co.uk/productcategory/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.

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.

We have a bank of 'new to you' uniform which is available free from the school office should you need any extra items.

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.

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 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.



DO DONATE:

Coats

Sheets

Towels

Clothing (all ages)

Of New Underwear

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.

EYFS Nativity

The EYFS will be performing the nativity on Friday 16th December at 9am. We are hoping to be able to invite parents to watch the nativity but will have to reduce the number of tickets available to 2 per family to ensure covid safety for all.

Year 1 & 2 will be joining the EYFS children in singing this year.

MAKATON CLUB

Thank you to all pupils who attended the Makaton Club in Advent 1 – Your performance at the end of term, to parents and staff, was amazing and really showcased your learning this term. You are all wonderful ambassadors for Makaton in our school! Makaton club is running again in the Advent 2 term from this week.

EYFS Stay & Play

Please join us in EYFS on Thursday 10th November at 9am. This is an opportunity to join your children and see how they learn through play.

Join our lunchtime team





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.

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.



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.





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.



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.

Mass at the Becket School

We frequently take our children to join the pupils at the Becket School for mass on Friday lunchtimes. On these days, for children who have school dinners, they will have a packed lunch provided by school instead of a cooked dinner. If you wish to provide your child with their own packed lunch from home please let your child's class teacher know a week in advance. Dates for all masses are on the calendar above.

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.

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 last week 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.





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)

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

SCHOOL SAFEGUARDING TEAM

SAFEGUARDING IS OUR NUMBER ONE PRIORITY

SAFEGUARDING IS ABOUT PREVENTING HARM TO A CHILD AND PROMOTING THEIR WELFARE.

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

This Week- Online Safety for Parents

As we approach the Christmas Season, we often see a rise in scam or phishing texts. Use the advice below to stay aware and avoid becoming victim to a scam.

Phishing texts will usually ask you to do something – like click a link or call a number. They may be sent from a UK mobile number that you don't recognise and will almost always try to create a sense of urgency – telling you've won a prize for example.

How to keep yourself protected:

- Check the sender info, as well as the numbers or links in the message. Do these details match the details the organisation normally uses when they contact you?
- If in doubt, use a trusted search engine like Google to find contact details for the organisation to contact with them directly
- Don't call phone numbers you don't trust the number may be very expensive to call, or the call could be answered by a convincing fraudster
- Equally, don't click links you don't trust it could infect your device with a virus, or direct you to a convincing fake website

What do I do about phishing scams?

- Don't reply to the email or text.
- Don't click on any links you don't trust. Don't give away any of your personal information.

What if it's too late?

If you think you may accidentally have shared your details with a scammer, then take immediate action to protect your bank accounts, mobile phone account and any other accounts the scammer might be able to access. Contact these companies directly and they will assist you in protecting your accounts