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Newsletter 6: 19th December 2022

Dear Parents & Carers,

As we enter our last week of term, I want to thank you all for your continuing support again this year with attending school events, homework, reading, getting your child to school everyday and on time and working with us to provide the very best Catholic education for all our children.

It has been an absolute pleasure working with you for the last 6 years; they have been some of the happiest of my life and it's been a privilege and a blessing to be your headteacher. The children, families and staff of St Patrick's will always have a very special place in my heart and I will always keep you all in my prayers. Memories of the joy your children bring to each other, the whole community and to me personally will be something I will treasure always.

I leave you in the very best hands and look forward with excitement to hearing about the wonderful direction Miss Ferrara will take the school community in the coming years. Miss Ferrara and the whole staff team will continue to listen to and care for you and always have Catholic values and the very best interests of your children at the forefront of all they do in ***Loving First, Living the Gospels and Learning for Life.***

With many thanks and much love,

God bless you all always,

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 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.



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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5 th Dec	<p>Wednesday 7th December Flu Vaccinations</p> <p>Thursday 8th December School Christmas Dinner</p> <p>Friday 9th December Carols Service for the Parish 9am</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- Yr 4 Liturgy PEACE parents welcome</p> <p>Thursday- Year 3 working with Ruth to plan liturgy on Joy</p> <p>House Assembly Thursday 2.30pm all welcome</p> <p>Friday- Paired Acts of Worship all classes-</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>
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 at 1pm</p>	
Last Day of Term- Wednesday 21 st December 2022, School Reopens Wednesday 4 th January 2023			

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

This Week's Mission, chosen by... Mrs Lane
Show love to everyone around you this week in your words and actions. Think first before you speak and act- is what I'm going to say or do kind? If not, don't do it!

Car Park

Please use the path when dropping off and collecting from 'before and after school clubs'. Do not cross the new fence put in place to keep you safe, don't wait in or cross the car park please.

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, the tram car park or Ferry Inn 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.

Swimming

Year 3 and 4 will be taking part in weekly swimming lessons on **Thursday afternoons from 12th January 2023**; the last lesson will be Thursday 20th April 2023. This is not optional as it is part of the PE curriculum and so is statutory for all pupils to join in with school swimming lessons.

Your child will need a full swimsuit or swimming trunks and a towel. Shoulder length hair must be tied back securely, no jewellery.

The pool does not allow bikinis or shorts and the children must bring their kit in a bag not wear them to school please.

Year 2 & Year 5 will have swimming lessons on Tuesday afternoons after the Easter holidays.



Christmas Jumper Day

To raise funds for Save the Children Charity, the children and staff were invited to wear their Christmas Jumpers on Monday 8th December this week. For every £2 donated the government have agreed to also donate £2 to the charity so please donate if you can, we have currently raised £

Children were invited to wear their Christmas jumpers again on Monday 19 December.

We raised an amazing £224.60, thank you all for your generosity!

PE Lessons

After Christmas PE will be as follows:

Monday: Reception, Year 1 and 2

Tuesday: Year 5 & 6

Tuesday: Year 3 and 4 swimming

Wednesday: Year 3, 4, 5 and 6

Pupils come to school in their PE kit on PE days.

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

Year 4 & 3 children took part in the cathedral carol service on Tuesday 13th December and were incredible! Thank you to Mr Treloar for working with the children each week preparing them to sing and enjoy music.

Thank you to Miss Lane, Miss Sutton, Miss Dexter Eyre for planning the trip and taking the children to the cathedral.

Thank you to all the parents and staff who joined us at the cathedral to celebrate and join in with the carols- it was a very special evening.

Congratulations children, we are very proud of you!



Geography Expert Ending

Thank you for joining us in school last Friday for our Geography Expert Ending. The children loved showing off all their newly acquired knowledge to you and all the parents I spoke with were amazed and delighted with what the children had learned and how they presented. Thank you to Mr King for organizing the experience.

Year 1 Sherwood Forest Trip

Year 1 will be going to Sherwood Forest on Wednesday 8th February 2023 as part of their history learning- **Robin Hood, Local Legend.**

The trip is free for all children.

Please return your child's OV4 consent form before the end of

Christmas Mass Times

Saturday 24th December	Time	Church
Christmas Eve	4.00 pm - 1st Mass of Christmas	Our Lady & St Patrick's Church
Christmas Eve	6.00 pm - 1st Mass of Christmas - Family Mass	Corpus Christi Church
Christmas Eve	8.00 pm Christmas Eve Mass	Corpus Christi Church
Sunday 25th December	Time	Church
Christmas Day	9.00 am	Our Lady & St Patrick's Church
Christmas Day	10.30 am	Corpus Christi Church

EYFS Nativity

Year 1, 2 and EYFS performed the most beautiful and uplifting nativity last week. Thank you to all the parents and families who joined us in school; we hope you enjoyed it as much as the children and staff did.

Thank you, Mrs Cannell, Mrs Faulconbridge, Mrs Sarno, Mrs Cotter, Mr Ward, Miss Hudson, Mrs Dyal, Miss Long, Mrs Foote, Ms Buchanan and Mrs Russell for preparing the children so very well.



Santa Sacks

Thank you for buying our Santa sacks in school, we hope you enjoyed the treats inside. You have raised £342 to be spent on CAFOD World Gifts. Each class has chosen what they want to buy for their brothers and sisters overseas.

Thank you to Mrs Foote for managing the project so well. The children in school enjoyed it and made a difference by helping others at the same



Family Foodbank

We have a well-stocked foodbank in school ready to support families who need a little help at this time of year.

Please contact your child's teacher, Mrs Lane, Miss Lane or any of the office staff if you would like a bag of supplies putting together.

Your request will be confidential and we are very happy to help.

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 pay for the event in full if it takes place within the school day. We may still need to ask for a small 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.

We have postponed bringing in the school tracksuits until next year.



Advent Liturgical Prayer

Please join us in our school hall at 1pm on Wednesday this week, for our last Advent liturgical prayer reflection led by the children in Year 5 this week. All parents and families are very welcome no matter what class your child is in.

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 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 \(olspsnottingham.com\)](http://Newsletters(olspsnottingham.com))

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.

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/08008005000)