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Newsletter 5: 5th December 2022

Dear parents & carers,

As our Advent celebrations begin in school and in the parish, we hope you will be able to join us for some of the beautiful events in school. Please find the details and times of events taking place over the next few weeks before we break for the Christmas holidays. Thank you to all the year 6 parents and family members who joined us last week for their Hope liturgical prayer. This week, whatever class your child is in, please feel free to join us on Wednesday at 2.30pm for Year 4's liturgical prayer of Peace.

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 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:

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.

Despite reminders that term time holidays are not allowed and will not be authorized, a very small number of parents have taken their child out of school to go abroad. The local authority is now processing penalty notices and issuing fines to these parents which could also result in legal action being taken against them. We don't want this for any parents, particular during the current financial crisis. If a child misses two weeks out of any academic year, they will find it incredibly difficult to catch up with their peers, longer than this and it is highly unlikely they will reach the expected standard for their age group. Illness is unavoidable, holidays in term time are avoidable; please don't hinder your child's academic opportunities by taking them on holiday in term time.

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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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>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</p>	

Last Day of Term is Wednesday 21st December 2022, school Reopens Wednesday 4th January 2023

Our Virtue to Live By this Week... **Generosity**
I am generous

This Week's Mission, chosen by... The Pupil Voice Team

Generosity doesn't have to be giving a gift. You can be generous with your time. Spend time with someone who needs it this week.

Word of the Week

Peace

God gave himself to the world, not as a powerful king but as a tiny baby. He brought a message of peace and humility to a world that needed it more than ever. Think this week about the peace in our world. Does everybody live in the peaceful communities that we do? This week let's try and remember that during Advent we are called to bring the peace of Christ to everyone we meet.

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.

TRAVELLING CRIB

Each day, a child in each class, takes home the Travelling Crib. Please take some time to light the candle, share the crib and the reflection inside the booklet. It would also be lovely to add to the booklet, how you prepare as a family for the birth of Christ at this special time of preparation during Advent.

We will share the booklet in class every morning so we can prepare and celebrate as one school family.



Christmas Jumper Day

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

Please don't feel you have to buy a jumper specifically for this. Your child can add tinsel, baubles etc to any jumper or wear as an accessory to their uniform if you'd prefer to.

They can wear jeans or joggers to go with their jumpers so they are still warm enough outside.

There will be another opportunity to wear their Christmas Jumpers again on Monday 19th December but **you only need to donate £2 once.**

WELCOME

Welcome to our new permanent teaching assistants:

Mrs Dyal who is moving to year 2

Mrs Mitchell remaining in year 4

Mrs Paling starting in year 5 this week.

We welcome also to Mr Batchford who will be with us as a midday supervisor in year 1 up to Christmas.

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 will be taking 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. Your child will need a packed tea time meal for the event please.

The carol service will begin at 6pm and parents are invited to attend. You will need to collect your child from the cathedral (off Wellington Circus NG1 5AE) at 7pm.

Please do join us, it's a lovely way to start the Christmas celebrations.



EYFS Nativity

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

Tickets are still available from the school office. Year 1 & 2 will be joining the EYFS children in singing this year.



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 first hand from your children what they know about the world around them. Thank you to Mr King for leading on this event.

Santa Sacks

The last few remaining Santa Sacks are still available with two hidden Golden Tickets still to be won. If you haven't got yours yet, this is your last chance to win.

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



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.



Christmas Dinner 8th December 2022

If your child doesn't usually have school dinners, today is your last chance to book a meal.

It's a great celebration and free for all reception, year 1 and 2 children. Vegetarian option available.



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 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:

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 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)