



St Patrick's
Catholic Voluntary Academy

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Love first,
Live the Gospels,
Learn for Life

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Dear Parent/Carers,

What a busy half term we have had! From frosty mornings, an array of Mission champion winners showing how they live out our mission statement to an important focus on mental health. It certainly has been full to the brim and jam-packed.

School Mass

Yesterday, Father Wilfred returned from his travels in India in time to celebrate Mass with us yesterday on St Josephine Bakhita's saint's day. The children spoke and sang beautifully and we were reminded of the courage and strength St Josephine showed in her life. We all took away the important message of "Let you light shine."

School-Parish Links

For any parents interested in the Baptism course, the next date will be Saturday 25th February at Corpus Christi from 9.30-12pm. If you would like to attend, please complete a Baptism Application Form available in both churches and return it to the Parish office. For further Parish news, please visit the website: <https://olspsnottingham.com>

Dress to Express

Today we celebrate 'Dress to Express' where the children have had the opportunity to celebrate the wonderful, unique individuals they are. The school was alive with a range of outfits which showcased gifts, talents and personalities and a very important message of children being proud of who they are.

Internet Safety Day

This week we celebrated Safer Internet Day. Each class have focused on vital aspects of internet safety and have made pledges to use the internet safely and responsibly. The school in the Trust whose Tweet has the most likes will win £500! Please scan or click the link

<https://twitter.com/StPatricksNotts/status/1622989161232728065> and like for St Patrick's to be in with a chance of winning! KS2 children will also be tasked with designing a Youth Charter on how to create a better internet for all. Winners will receive a tablet.



House Teams

This week, each class has had a reshuffle of House Teams to ensure we have an equal number in each house ready for future House Competitions – watch this space!

KEY DATES

First day back after half term
Tuesday 21st February

World Book Day
Thurs 2nd March

World Maths Day
Wednesday 8th March

International Women's Day
Wednesday 8th March

Parent Consultation, 1-7pm
Wednesday 22nd March

Last Day of term
Friday 31st March

KS2 (Yr6) SATS Week
Week beginning 8th May

KS2 SATS
During the month of May

Year 1 Phonics Screening
Week beginning 12th June

Year 4 Multiplication Check
5th June – 16th June

Your child's attendance at school leading up and during the assessment period is extremely important in order for the children to prepare fully for these assessments

Inset Days overleaf.

The House Teams of St Josephine Bakhita, St Martin De Porres, St Maximillian Kolbe and St Teresa of Calcutta were re-launched with the children this week. I am sure you will agree that they are a wonderful, diverse representation of inspirational people in our faith who help us to show care, love and respect to others. Please see them below:



We have used the House Teams as a new system this week for when children are exiting the playground at break and lunch in order to ensure calm, quiet corridors/cloakrooms and maximise learning time in the classrooms. The results have been extremely positive so far and I have been very impressed with how the children are following these modified school rules. They have been great role models to each other and there have been many house points awarded as a result

World Book Day

World Book Day is almost here! We will celebrate this on Thursday 2nd March with a whole host of reading related activities. A letter has been sent out this week with all exciting details. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

Sporting News

St Patrick's have recently taken part in an exciting dodgeball tournament! Results will be announced shortly. On the 13th March our dance group will be taking part in a competition at The Albert Hall. Parents are welcome to come and watch. Please see Miss Thornhill for details. Good luck team!

On Street Parking

Please be mindful to park safely and sensibly around the school building. Please avoid parking on the yellow markings to ensure our children and school community are as safe as possible. It is a busy site with nearby schools and tram services and I hope we can work together to ensure it is as safe as it can be.

Free School Meals

Please see attached flyer for Free School Meals available during Half Term.

Thank you for your continued support this term. Please note **tomorrow is an INSET day** and school will re-open on **Tuesday 21st February.**

It has been a joy to get to know you and your families this half term and I wish you a restful, happy and safe half term holiday.

Best wishes,

Miss Ferrara

Mass Dates
Each class will be visiting Church this term to celebrate Mass. Please meet us at Church to celebrate with us

Ash Wednesday
Wednesday 22nd February, Time TBC

Year 6 celebrating Mass in Church
Wednesday 1st March, 10am

Year 4 celebrating Mass in Church
Wednesday 8th March, 10am

Year 3 celebrating Mass in Church
Wednesday 15th March. 10am

St Patrick's Day!
Friday 17th March
Details TBC



FS2 Celebrating Mass in Church
Wednesday 22nd March

Holy Week Liturgies
Week beginning 27th March
Details TBC



INSET DAY DATES
Friday 10th February 2023
Monday 20th February 2023
Friday 26th May
Friday 7th July





University of
Nottingham Sport
Men's Football

UoNFC & Fat Cats present:



FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Come and get
a meal!



We will be
providing freshly
made meals for
all dietary
requirements!

13TH-17TH FEBRUARY 2023

MONDAY TO FRIDAY 12-1:30PM

At St Paul R C Church, NG7 2BY

Venue is wheelchair-accessible.

'We're delighted to team up with Fat Cat once again to provide food to schoolchildren that need it most in the local area. We aim to build upon our efforts last year and hopefully reach out to an even larger audience! This is an exciting opportunity to use our privilege to help others.'

- Dylan Krikler, Charity Sec

Please share this with anyone you think may benefit!



Fat Cat Nottingham
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