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Catholic Voluntary Academy

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Love first,
Live the Gospels,
Learn for Life

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Dear Parent/Carers,

As we near to the end of this half term, there are lots of items to share with you and celebrate.

Ascension Day Mass

We celebrated this wonderful occasion at school last week. The children read and sang beautifully and enjoyed key messages spoken about by Father Wilfred about faith, trust and strength to take into their everyday lives. The school and Parish community of St Patrick's are also welcome in celebrating Mass together. Please look out for Mass dates and feel free to come and celebrate with us.

First Holy Communion Celebrations

Huge congratulations to all of our children who celebrated their First Holy Communion last weekend. It was wonderful to celebrate together at Our Lady and St Patrick's Church which was full to the brim! Children who made their First Holy Communion in other Parishes were in our thoughts and prayers too. The sunshine made for an extra special day, filled with lots of faith, hope and happiness. We are so proud of all the children who celebrated this special sacrament with such reverence, maturity and joy – well done! My thanks to Mrs Cannell and Mrs Cotter who gave up their time to help prepare the children, along with the other Catechists at the Parish.

School-Parish Links

St Patrick's School continues to feature in the Parish newsletter frequently to strengthen our school-Parish links. This will be helped by the new 'Prayer Partner' initiative we have where children and members of the Parish will be praying for each other – Watch this space!

Faith In Action

Our Year 6 Faith In action group will begin their sessions this term with Ruth Cotter, our Trust chaplain. The club involves Year 6 children only who volunteer for the club in order to understand and deepen their faith further. More Faith In Action events next half term!

Classroom Crosses



The children in each class have recently chosen new crosses for their classroom. Each class have had ownership in their choice in order for their chosen cross to have true meaning to them as it will follow them as they move through the school. The types of crosses chosen are the El Salvador crosses which are made by the refugees in El Salvador and are a symbol of strength and hope which I'm sure you'll agree are beautiful messages for our pupils.

KEY DATES

INSET DAYS

Friday 26th May (no school tomorrow)
Friday 7th July (school closed)

First day back after the half term break

Monday 5th June

Last Day

Tuesday 25th July

Year 4 Multiplication Check

5th June – 16th June

Year 1 Phonics Screening

Week beginning 12th 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

For copies of the assessment letters sent to Year 1 and 4 detailing all the relevant information, please click [here](#).

KS1/Year 3 Sports Day

19th June, 1.30pm

Year 4/5/6 Sports Day

21st June, 1.30pm

EYFS Sports Day –DATE CHANGE

22nd June, 9.05am

Year 6 Musical

Friday 21st July 1.30pm/7pm

Year 6 Leavers/End of Year Mass

Mon 24th July, 1.30pm In School

Sports News

Our Year 3 and 4 football teams have played brilliantly in their home and away games. Both our boys' and girls' teams have an unbeaten record! Both teams have demonstrated the great attitude that is the St Patrick's Way. Make sure you check on TB Sport website for booking links for next half term's sports club. Year 6 and Year 5 will be attending swimming next half term on Thursday. Year 4 and Year 6 will have additional PE sessions on Tuesdays.

Year 6 Residential

Year 6, along with school staff, thoroughly enjoyed their residential to Colwick Woods this term. Alongside a full itinerary of adventures such as canoeing, climbing and orienteering to name a few, they spent the night in tents outdoors. It certainly was an adventure and a half with the rain luckily staying away for most of it. New skills were learnt, courage was built and wonderful memories were made for our Year 6 pupils to take away and treasure forever.

Coronation Celebrations!

On Friday 5th May, the whole school was a colourful array of red, white, and blue with some very regal looking crowns in the mix! We enjoyed an informative Coronation Day assembly in the morning led by Miss Lane before enjoying themed work in the day and a festive picnic lunch.

Well Done!

A huge well done to all of our children in Year 2 and Year 6 who sat their SATs this half term. We are so proud of their determination and efforts. Work continues in these and the rest of the classes as we venture into the final half term of the year. Please note that the Phonic Screening for Year 1 (and some Year 2 children) and the Multiplication Check for Year 4 will take place after half term. For more information, please see the brown tab on the previous page or speak to your child's class teacher.



The graphic features the word 'SHAPE' in large, bold, black letters. To the left is a small St. Patrick's School logo, and to the right is a silhouette of a head with sound waves. Below the word, each letter is followed by a definition: 'S'peak in full sentences, 'H'and away from mouth, 'A'rticulate - clear, interesting vocabulary, 'P'roject - no mumbling, a loud voice, 'E'ye contact.

SHAPE Your Answer

This half term Mr Ward, our English lead, led an assembly to introduce new Oracy standards in school.

This is in line with the charity called Voice 21 who work with schools to ensure dedicated Oracy work in schools to support education in all aspects. We are engaging with research around what it means to speak well and with confidence in a range of settings and develop vocabulary as a result.

It is our aim that the children at St Patrick' school are confident speakers who know their ideas and opinions matter and are heard. We are working to ensure all the children are aware of positive speaking behaviours such as eye contact, articulation and voice projection to ensure their views are clearly heard by their class, their peers in their secondary school when they leave St Patrick's and beyond this as they embark on the world of work in their future. This focus very much feeds into all aspect of life for our children now and in the future when they are preparing for presentations or preparing for interviews for future employment. It works hand in hand with our mission statement of 'learning for life.'

We've used the acronym **SHAPE** to remind the children of confident, clear speaking with the by-line of 'Be loud and proud!' Your child should be able to tell you all about it and even '*shape*' their answer!

Thank you for your continued support this term and I look forward to the adventures of the final summer half term ahead. I look forward to seeing the children back at school on Monday 5th June.

With very best wishes,

Miss Ferrara

Mass Dates

Please see when each class is visiting Church to celebrate Mass below:

Year 1 Mass In Church

Weds 7th June

Year 6 Mass In Church

14th June

Year 2 Mass In Church

Weds 21st June

Feast of St Peter and Paul and First Holy Communion School Mass

Thurs 29th June 1.30pm

On this day, First Holy Communion children to bring their FHC clothes in a bag to change into. More details nearer the time.

Yr 2/Yr 5 Chaplaincy Team Mass

Weds 5th July

Year 6 Leavers/End of Year Mass

Mon 24th July, 1.30pm In School