



St Patrick's
Catholic Voluntary Academy

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Love first,
Live the Gospels,
Learn for Life

July 20th 2023

Dear Parent/Carers,

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

St Peter and St Paul Mass

We celebrated this wonderful occasion at school a couple of weeks ago. Pupils, who have this year received The Sacrament of First Holy Communion for the first time, led us in our celebration, reading and singing beautifully. We thank Father Pitak and Brother Andrew for joining us and celebrating Mass on this day.

We would like to invite you to our final Mass of this term on **Monday 24th July at 1.30pm** where we will celebrate and give thanks for our all our achievements this year and for our Year 6 children.

New School Cross

You will have noticed the new school cross at the front of the school building next to the bell. I'm sure you will agree that it is a wonderful addition to our school to celebrate our Catholicity. We also have a new cross in the school hall in readiness for the school's birthday next term.

Happy Birthday St Patrick's School!

Next half term we will be celebrating the school's 60th birthday! Please join us for Mass on **Monday 16th October at 2pm**. Please do put the date in your diary to join us. It will be celebrated by Bishop

Patrick whom we are very excited to have in school. We would love to celebrate this important occasion for the school with as many of you as possible, including past pupils and staff. Please spread the word!

Choir Concert

Last week we were treated to a choir concert by Years 3 and 4 who showcased their wonderful singing skills. Years 3 and 4 have worked with Mr Treloar since the start of the year and sang a range of modern and traditional songs with confidence and positivity. Mr Treloar will continue to support the school next year in this way and in his new role as a school Governor. He will also be on hand to support during Hymn Practice which is very exciting for the school indeed.

Belief In Brief

The Nottingham Diocese are hosting a series of sessions for parents and carers called 'Belief in Brief'. The aim of the virtual sessions is to provide an exploration of the Catholic faith in a relaxed and informal way. Further information can be found on the poster at the end of this newsletter

KEY DATES

Please see additional dates and the school calendar for 2023 – 2024 on the school website

First day back in September
Wednesday 6th September

Education Sunday – St Patrick's children reading at Mass
Sunday 10th September, 9am

Year 6 visiting Church for Parish Mass
Wednesday 13th September, 10am

First Whole School Mass
Tuesday 19th September, 9.45am

Year 5 visiting Church for Parish Mass
Wednesday 27th September, 10am

Year 6 visiting Church for Parish Mass
Wednesday 4th October, 10am

Open Evening for New Parents
Thursday 5th October, 5.30 – 6.30pm

Harvest Mass
Tuesday 10th October, 9.45am

Parent's Consultations
11th October, 1pm – 7pm

Bishop Patrick visiting school to celebrate the schools 60th birthday!
Mon 16th October, 2-3pm

St Patrick's Children reading at Mass to celebrate Harvest
Sunday 22nd October, 9am

Year 3 visiting Church for Parish Mass
Wednesday 8th November, 10am

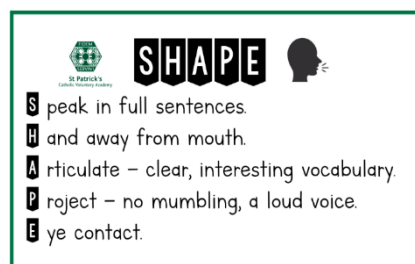
New Books

We are delighted to have been able to replenish the books across the school this term. The children now have brand new reading books ranging from classic stories to current issues with an array of characters to engage and inspire the children. The school library has also had a refurb, with a new comfortable, seating area ready for children to enhance their love of reading even more. We hope to continue replenishing book stocks each year. We will keep you posted.

New members of the family – The St Patrick's fish!

We have key new members of our school family in the form of fish! They can be found in large green fish tank in the school library and have been a big hit with the children. When you are in school next, please feel free to have a look and say hello!

The St Patrick's Way



In the last newsletter, I informed you about our new *SHAPE* initiative to encourage our children to speak with clarity and confidence.

Last Monday, we spoke to the children about positive habits of attention when listening to others in class. Within our

behaviour policy, we have titled this as *SLANT*. This stands for **S**it up; **L**istening; **A**sk and Answer questions; **N**od your head when appropriate to show polite listening and **T**rack the speaker. We held an assembly to explain the importance of showing others we are listening, what this positive habit looks like specifically and explained that this ensures we value and respect each other and ourselves. The children have responded to this really well and will hopefully be able to tell you all about it at home.

Aladdin

Year 6 wowed the school this week with their dress rehearsal performance of Aladdin. They sang with such joyful energy, spoke with confidence and there were jokes galore throughout! Everyone was thoroughly entertained by their acting and singing skills and it was quite clear to see that we have some children who were born to be on stage! They truly put a smile on everyone's faces during the dress rehearsal and it will be a wonderful way to end the week when they put on their final performances this afternoon and later this evening.

Farewell and Good Luck

We wish Miss Long and Miss Dexter-Eyre the best of luck as they begin teaching in their new schools in September. We thank them for their service and dedication to the school and we will keep them in our thoughts and prayers as they embark on new adventures.

Sports Update From Miss Lane

Firstly, I'd like to thank everyone for the amazing contribution to the sports provision in St Patrick's this year. Thank you to Miss Thornhill for going above and beyond in the extracurricular activities she has provided. Thank you to all the children who have participated and demonstrated teamwork, resilience and enthusiasm. Thank you to all the parents and carers who have facilitated such an amazing turn out for after school clubs, before school clubs, lunch time clubs and competitive games. The graphic below highlights the amazing engagement we have had with our extracurricular sports club this year.

From football matches, dance performances, to sports day, every single child in St Patrick's can be proud of the work they have shown in PE this year. Look out for new clubs coming in September!

Remembrance Liturgical Prayer
Friday 10th November, 10.45am

Year 2 visiting Church for Parish Mass
Wednesday 15th September, 10am

Individual/Class Photographs
Friday 17th November

FS2 & Yr1 visiting Church for Parish Mass
Wednesday 22nd November, 10am

St Patrick's Children reading at Mass to celebrate Youth Sunday
Sunday 26th November, 9am

Advent Mass in School
Tues 28th Nov, 9.45am

HOPE Liturgical Prayer, led by Yr 3
Thurs 30th November, 1.30pm

PEACE Liturgical Prayer led by Yr 4
Thurs 7th December, 1.30pm

JOY Liturgical Prayer led by Yr 5
Thurs 14th December, 1.30pm

LOVE Liturgical Prayer led by Year 6
Thurs 21st December, 1.30pm

FS/KS1 Nativity Performance
Fri 15th December, 9.30am

Last day of Advent Term
Friday 22nd December

First day back in January 2024
Monday 8th January

ST PATRICKS EXTRA CURRICULAR SPORT CLUBS 2022-2023

ADVENT 1	LUNCHTIME FOOTBALL YEAR 4, 5, AND 6 15 GIRLS 25 BOYS	GYMNASTICS AFTERSCHOOL CLUB YEAR 1, 2 AND 3 16 PLACES GIVEN	GYMNASTICS AFTERSCHOOL CLUB YEAR 4, 5 AND 6 16 PLACES GIVEN	
ADVENT 2	LUNCHTIME FOOTBALL YEAR 4, 5, AND 6 15 GIRLS 25 BOYS	DODGEBALL AFTERSCHOOL CLUB YEAR 1, 2 15 PLACES GIVEN	DODGEBALL AFTERSCHOOL CLUB YEAR 3, 4 20 PLACES GIVEN	BASKETBALL AFTERSCHOOL CLUB YEAR 5, 6 30 PLACES GIVEN
LENT 1	LUNCHTIME FOOTBALL YEAR 4, 5, AND 6 15 GIRLS 25 BOYS	DANCE COMPETITION AFTERSCHOOL CLUB YEAR 4, 5 AND 6 20 PLACES GIVEN	DODGEBALL AFTERSCHOOL CLUB YEAR 3, 4 20 PLACES GIVEN	BASKETBALL AFTERSCHOOL CLUB YEAR 5, 6 30 PLACES GIVEN
LENT 2	LUNCHTIME FOOTBALL YEAR 4, 5, AND 6 15 GIRLS 25 BOYS	MULTISKILLS AFTERSCHOOL CLUB YEAR 1 AND 2 20 PLACES GIVEN	DANCE COMPETITION AFTERSCHOOL CLUB YEAR 4, 5 AND 6 20 PLACES GIVEN	SPORTSHALL ATHLETICS AFTERSCHOOL CLUB YEAR 5 AND 6 18 PLACES GIVEN YEAR 5 HOCKEY
PENTECOST 1	LUNCHTIME FOOTBALL YEAR 4, 5, AND 6 15 GIRLS 25 BOYS	MIXED FOOTBALL AFTERSCHOOL CLUB YEAR 1 AND 2 15 PLACES GIVEN	BOYS FOOTBALL AFTERSCHOOL CLUB YEAR 3 AND 4 24 PLACES GIVEN GIRLS FOOTBALL AFTERSCHOOL CLUB YEAR 3 AND 4 14 PLACES GIVEN	CRICKET AFTERSCHOOL CLUB YEAR 5 AND 6 14 PLACES GIVEN
PENTECOST 2	LUNCHTIME FOOTBALL YEAR 3, 4, 5, AND 6 25 GIRLS 45 BOYS	GIRLS FOOTBALL AFTERSCHOOL CLUB YEAR 5 AND 6 10 SPACES GIVEN	BOYS FOOTBALL AFTERSCHOOL CLUB YEAR 5 AND 6 26 SPACES GIVEN	CRICKET AFTERSCHOOL CLUB YEAR 5 AND 6 14 PLACES GIVEN

INSET Day Dates

Please make a note of useful dates on the previous page. Please also find the INSET day dates for next year below:

INSET Day Dates 2023-24

Return to school Wednesday 6th September

Thursday 4th January – INSET Day

Friday 5th January – INSET Day

(Children return to school on Monday 8th January)

Friday 9th February – INSET Day

Please note, we still have two more days to go this coming Monday and Tuesday, where school will be open as usual.

Finally, a thank you from the staff and from me personally for your support this year and these past two terms especially. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know you and your families and being a part of St Patrick's School community. I look forward to starting the school year with you in September 2023.

I wish you all a safe and restful summer and will see you when we return on **Wednesday 6th September**.

With very best wishes,

Miss Ferrara



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16th Jan, 6th Feb, 27th Feb, 19th Mar,
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