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# Newsletter



Week Beginning 15th December

### Merry Christmas

From all of us here at St Patrick's, we wish you a very Merry Christmas. We look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday  $\mathbf{5}^{\text{th}}$  January.

Mrs Stevenson

#### Nativity

Last week our EYFS and KS1 children wowed us all in their performance of Busy Busy Bethlehem. All the children were fantastic and we are so proud.

Thank you to all the families who came to watch and all the staff who made it possible. EYFS children will have their photo sent home with their Christmas card and the recording of their song will be available on Seesaw this week.

#### Christmas Sing A Long



We warmly invite you to our new Christmas Sing A Long event. This is an opportunity to share in the joy of Christmas with all our children. This event will be this Friday (19<sup>th</sup>) at 9.05am. All the children have been rehearasing and you are in for a real festive treat!

#### Attendance and Punctuality

School attendance has been above national this half term. We thank you for your support with this in ensuring your child attends school as much as possible. We also really appreciate you not sending your child into school if they are ill. This has meant St Patrick's has been less impacted by the current flu than other schools.

If you are unsure of whether or not to send your child in for certain illnesses please scan the QR code below. This is the government guidance that school follows.





Attendance Award Well done to Year 6 who had the highest percentage of attendance this week. with 98.7%



Punctuality Award

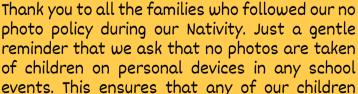
Well done to Nursery who had the best punctuality last week.

#### Word of the Week

Joy

This Sunday is Gaudete Sunday and it means 'Rejoice'. Joy is more than just happiness; it's a deep and lasting feeling that comes from knowing God and living in his love. It helps us to see the good in everything, even when things are tough. Joy is found in prayer, in serving others, and in our journey through Advent. It's a choice to trust in God's plan for our lives and to find hope in his promises.

#### Photos in School Events



who are not allowed to be photographed are protected. We thank you for your support in this matter. We are exploring new avenues of social media in the new year, to promote our events in schools and share what we are up to.

# Upcoming Events

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> <u>December</u>
Makaton Club Christmas
performance 4pm.

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December
PFA Christmas Family Party
4.30pm - 6.30pm tickets
must be purchased in
advance.

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December
Whole school Christmas Sing
A Long 9.05am (all are
welcome)
Year 4 Joy CotW 2.30pm (all
are welcome)

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January Return to school

<u>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January</u>
Feast of the Epiphany (Time TBC)

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January Year 5 and 6 begin swimming

<u>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January</u> Year 6 trip to Galleries of Justice

## Online Safety Tip

Some of our children currently use snapchat to communicate with their friends. The snapchat family centre allows you as a parent to view who your child is talking to without viewing the content of their messages. Scan the QR code to find out more



#### PFA Update

Thank you to our PFA who continue to work hard to support our school. We are very excited for PFA Christmas Family Party this Thursday.

If you're not already, please look into signing up to easyfundraising an online cashback site. When you sign up and select St Patrick's as your chosen good cause school, we receive a free donation when you shop with over 8000 online retailers like amazon, ebay, just eat and many more.

#### Safeguarding Information

At St Patrick's, the safety and wellbeing of every child is our highest priority. Safeguarding means working together to ensure that all children are safe, feel listened to, and are supported to thrive both in and out of the classroom.

All staff are trained to recognise concerns and to act promptly if they are worried about a child's welfare. We work closely with families and, where necessary, with external agencies to make sure children receive the right support at the right time.

If you ever have a concern about a child's safety or wellbeing, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff. Our Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs) are always available to listen and help, they are myself (Mrs Stevenson), Mrs Cannell and Mrs Davis.

You can contact school through our admin email, phone, or coming to the main office.



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