



St Patrick's Catholic Primary & Nursery Voluntary Academy



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Dear Parents & Carers,

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Happy New Year! We hope you all had a very happy, holy and relaxing Christmas break. It's lovely to see all our children back in school and looking so smart in full school uniform- thank you!

Welcome to our new teachers in year 2 Mrs Stewart, Yr 4 Mr Cruickshank, in FS and Year 1 Mrs Runniff and our new music and French teachers Mr Banahan and Mr Kille. They have made a great start already and are very impressed with our enthusiastic and well-mannered children.

We have a new range of after school clubs run by Koala Klubs this half term - please ask at the office for application forms.

Thank you for your continuing support as always; we are looking forward to another successful half term.

Tracy Lane
Headteacher



Trips and Events

Your child's class teacher will be planning trips and exciting providers in school again this term to enhance your child's learning and to make learning fun and exciting. Please support us with this by completing OV4 consent forms as soon as possible and making the contributions needed to ensure the event can go ahead as planned. We try to keep costs to a minimum and the PFA make a contribution of £10 per child in school for a trip each year. We want our children to enjoy their learning and for it to be a memorable for them. Thank you.

Times Tables Rock Stars

Thank you for supporting our times tables Rock Stars initiative we started last term.

We have seen an incredible improvement in the speed and recall of times tables in the children who have been accessing the app at home. It really makes a huge impact on the children's maths as a whole.

MEDICATION IN SCHOOL

If your child needs to take medication in school eg antibiotics we can oversee them taking it. The medication must be prescribed by a doctor, be in date, have the child's name and dosage printed on the bottle. If you need our support with medication, please take it to the school office and complete a medication consent form. Do not give medication directly to your child to bring in or the class teaching team.

Acts of worship

Please join us for Acts of Worship as much as possible. The children love to worship with you, you get to see what our school is all about and you are a very important part of our school family. We have moved Friday Acts of Worship to 9am to support parents. See the timetable below for dates. Mass dates will come out when Fr Wilfred returns from India.

PFA FILM NIGHT SHERLOCK & GNOMES

Tuesday night is film night run by the PFA after school. Children are invited to stay for a movie, hot dog, crisps and a drink. Please book your child in by the end of today (Monday) this week as in letters sent out last week.

School library Books

Please look at home for lost library books and return to school. Staff will inform you by letter of books not returned and ask that you either return the book or replace at the cost on Amazon. Together with you we raised a lot of money for the library and want your child to have choice in their reading.

WEEK	SCHOOL EVENT	ASSEMBLIES/LITURGIES	AFTER SCHOOL 3.20-5pm
7 th Jan	Tuesday Partake Theatre Group- Year 5 Egyptians Friday- Traditional Tales Dressing up Day Year 1 Friday- Greek Feast- Year 4	PLEASE NOTE ALL ACTS OF WORSHIP AND ASSEMBLIES ON FRIDAYS WILL TAKE PLACE AT 9AM. MASSES WILL START AT 2PM	FOR ALL YEAR GROUPS Yr R- 6 Monday Gymnastics Tuesday Football Coaching Wednesday Cooking Thursday Dance Friday Animation Dodgeball Full Price: £20.00 Per session: £4.00 (£5.00 for cooking)
14 th Jan	Monday - Year 3 to Creswell Crags - Stone Age day Monday 3.30pm - Parents meeting for year 4 parents re residential trip to 'The Mill'. Friday- Good to be Green Reward afternoon.	Wednesday 16 th Jan- Chaplaincy Team & volunteers from Reception- FRIENDSHIP 2.40pm school hall Friday 18 th Jan- HOUSE Assembly Theme: Celebrating Achievement Please join us in the school hall 9am	FOR ALL YEAR GROUPS Yr R- 6 Monday Gymnastics Tuesday Football Coaching Wednesday Cooking Thursday Dance Friday Dodgeball Tues PFA Film Night Sherlock Gnomes Wed Yr 6 Dodgeball Team- 3.20-4.30
21 st Jan	Tues - Partake Sleeping Beauty (Fairy Tales) Yr 1	Wednesday 23 rd Jan- Chaplaincy Team & volunteers from Yr2 - INSPIRE 2.40pm school hall	FOR ALL YEAR GROUPS Yr R- 6 Monday Gymnastics Tuesday Football Coaching Wednesday Cooking Thursday Dance Friday Dodgeball Wed Yr 6 Dodgeball Team- 3.20-4.30
28 th Jan	Wednesday 30 th - Foundation Stage Stay & Play Maths Focus. Please join us 9am.	Thursday 31 st January- HOUSE Assembly Theme: Celebrating Achievement Please join us in the school hall 9am	FOR ALL YEAR GROUPS Yr R- 6 Monday Gymnastics Tuesday Football Coaching Wednesday Cooking Thursday Dance Friday Dodgeball Wed Yr 5/6 Dodgeball Team- 3.20-4.30
4 th Feb	Monday Year 6 National Justice Museum Friday 9am E Safety Assembly & Parents workshop. Please join us.	Wednesday 6 th Feb- Chaplaincy Team & volunteers from Yr1- CHALLENGE 2.40pm school hall	FOR ALL YEAR GROUPS Yr R- 6 Monday Gymnastics Tuesday Football Coaching Wednesday Cooking Thursday Dance Friday Dodgeball Wed Yr 5/ 6 Dodgeball Team- 3.20-4.30
11 th Feb INSET Friday	Monday Parent /Teacher Progress Review meetings 4.30 – 7.00 p.m. Wednesday Parent /Teacher Progress Review meetings 3.30 – 6.00 p.m. Yr 4 Grease Matinee @ Becket Thursday Museum Day & Historical Catwalk Join us at 1pm	Our Lady of Lourdes Feast Day Celebration Monday Wednesday 13 th Feb- Chaplaincy Team & volunteers from Yr6 - CARE 2.40pm school hall Friday 15 th - INSET DAY SCHOOL CLOSED	FOR ALL YEAR GROUPS Yr R- 6 Monday Gymnastics Tuesday Football Coaching Wednesday Cooking Thursday Dance Friday INSET DAY NO CLUB Wed Yr 6 Dodgeball Team- 3.20-4.30

HALF TERM HOLIDAY FRIDAY 15th FEBRUARY– SUNDAY 24th FEBRUARY

Statements to Live By

I try to follow our school and classroom rules.

THIS WEEK'S MISSION IS...

Follow the school and classroom rules and remind others to do so too.

Year 4 Residential to The Mill

Following the letter sent out to parents we will be holding a parents' information meeting on Monday 14th January at 3.30pm in year 4 to inform you about the planned residential trip to the Mill. Mr Slight will be showing you a presentation so you can see the accommodation and activities your child will be taking part in. It's a fantastic experience, please come along, find out about it and ask any questions you may have.

First Holy Communion Preparation

Preparations began last Sunday with the first mass and learning session of the programme.

Thank you to Mrs Cotter for supporting our children again this year in readiness for them receiving this very important sacrament in the summer. Children & parents must attend all Sunday masses and teaching sessions in order to be able to make their first Holy Communion this year.

Please support your child if you are asking for this for them.

School Dinner Choices

From Monday children will be able to choose their dinner option first thing in the morning when the register is called at 8.55am. Dinners will then be made to order by the catering team. This will ensure that all children are able to have the dinner of their choice, save waste on food prepared and speed up lunchtime service ensuring children have more time to play and relax and spend less time queuing.

It is very important that children are on time for school to ensure they get the opportunity to choose their meal. Also please let the office know in advance (at least the day before) if your child is going to be late because of a medical appointment so their meal can be ordered for the day.

Years 1-6 children will have a choice of hot meat meal, hot vegetarian meal, jacket potato with a filling and salad or a sandwich and salad. If you feel strongly that you don't want your child to have the sandwich option, please let their class teacher know.



Year 1 Partake Sleeping Beauty

Last week, year 5 enjoyed the people from Partake who came in to school with drama, artefacts, costumes and activities to bring alive their study of the Egyptian civilisation. The children loved it and learnt so much in a fun and exciting hands on experience.

On Tuesday 22nd January Partake will be back to work with Year 1 supporting their learning about traditional Fairy Tales. Please see and respond to the letter sent out by Mrs Wood. Thanks you for supporting their costume day last week- they looked amazing!

GOODBYE, GOOD LUCK & THANK YOU MRS WATSON

Mrs Watson will be leaving us this week and taking up a role in a local day nursery. We wish her well for the future and thank her for her many years of hard work at St Patricks.

Year 6 Trip to the National Justice Museum

On Monday 4th February Year 6 will be going to the National Justice Museum to support their learning about Crime and Punishment across time. Please read and respond to the letter coming out from Mr King.

WEDNESDAY ACTS OF WORSHIP

Each week our Trust chaplains, Marsha & Joe, come to school to work with our school chaplaincy team and a few children from different classes to prepare our Wednesday Act of Worship at 2.40pm. This is entirely planned and prepared by the children based on our Word of the Week. Please join us for any or of these liturgies, let's worship together.



WORD OF THE WEEK

FRIENDSHIP

What does it mean to you?

STAFF CAR PARK

Please don't drive into or walk across the staff car park at any time as staff arrive in cars throughout the day and we don't want any accidents. Please use the footpath at all times.

