



# St Patrick's Catholic Primary & Nursery Voluntary Academy



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Dear Parents & Carers,

It was lovely to see so many parents join us on Wednesday for our chaplaincy act of worship last week. Please remember we would love you to join us as much as possible for events in school. Every Wednesday at 2.30pm and this week on Friday for House Assembly. Put our end of term "Museum Afternoon" in your diary on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February at 1.30pm. You are all warmly invited to see what your child has been learning this half term.

Thank you for your continuing support as always.

Tracy Lane  
Headteacher

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## Foundation Stage

Parents are all invited to join us on Tuesday (29<sup>th</sup>) at 9am for another fantastic Stay & Play based on maths learning. The last phonics session was huge success and parents commented positively about it so please try to join us again this week.

The Reception and Nursery classes will be visited by a fire engine and fire fighters next Monday to support their learning on people who help us.

## 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. The children have now decided to hold inter class competitions- good luck all.

## 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.



## Museum Afternoon

We will be having an historical catwalk which you are all invited to on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb. Your child is invited to dress up in clothes from the historical period they are currently studying. More information will be coming out from your child's teacher by the end of the week. Ask your child which period they are studying in topic lessons.

## BICYCLE AND SCOOTERS

Thank you for supporting us to keep our children safe by ensuring your child wears a helmet when travelling to and from school on their bikes and scooters.

I have reminded all children that when they arrive at the school gate they must get off their bike/scooter and walk it down the path to park it. Similarly, we ask they don't board their vehicle until they are outside the school gate. This is to avoid any potential accidents happening especially to toddlers who are on school property. Please support us by reminding your child of this in the mornings and afternoons.

## 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 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Tuesday Partake Theatre Group- Year 5 Egyptians  Friday- Traditional Tales Dressing up Day Year 1  Friday- Greek Feast- Year 4	<b>PLEASE NOTE ALL ACTS OF WORSHIP AND ASSEMBLIES ON FRIDAYS WILL TAKE PLACE AT 9AM. MASSES WILL START AT 2PM</b>	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 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Monday- Year 3 to Cresswell Craggs- 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 <sup>th</sup> Jan- Chaplaincy Team & volunteers from Reception- FRIENDSHIP 2.40pm school hall  Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup> Jan	Tues- Partake Sleeping Beauty Yr 1	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> - Foundation Stage Stay & Play Maths Focus. Please join us 9am.	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> February- 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 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Monday - Fire Service In to support FS learning on 'People Who Help Us'  Monday Year 6 National Justice Museum  Friday 9am E Safety Assembly & Parents workshop. Please join us.	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 1.30pm	Our Lady of Lourdes Feast Day Celebration Monday  Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb- Chaplaincy Team & volunteers from Yr6- CARE 2.40pm school hall  Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> - 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 15<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY– SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY

### Statements to Live By

I know we are stronger when we are together.

### Word of the Week

**CARE**

### THIS WEEK'S MISSION IS...

Show care to someone else this week either in your words, actions or prayers.

## Year 4/5 Residential to The Mill

Following the parents' information meeting on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January can all parents ensure they have completed the consent form sent out and returned the trip deposit. Any places remaining on the trip will now be offered to year 5 pupils on a first come first served basis so that the trip can go ahead.

Year 5 parents will receive a letter from Mr Slight this week.

## **Year 6 Trip to the National Justice Museum**

On Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February Year 6 will be going to the National Justice Museum to support their learning about Crime and Punishment across time. Please ensure all financial contributions and completed consent forms are returned to the school office.

### CHINESE NEW YEAR THEMED LUNCH

If your child doesn't usually have school dinners and would like a lunch, please book in at the office by Thursday for this themed lunch which is on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February.

## **School Dinner Choices**

Children are now able to choose their dinner option first thing in the morning when the register is called at 8.55am. Dinners are 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.**

### **ONLINE SAFETY WEEK**

**Please join us on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Feb at 9am in the school hall for our assembly show casing the children's learning about online safety. There will be workshops for parents following the assembly for you to get tips and help on how to keep your child safe online.**

## *St Patrick's Day Celebrations*

We have been contacted by the St Patrick's Day Parade Committee who would like to warmly invite our school to participate in this year's parade. They offer a storyteller, Deidre O'Byrne and an artist, Brian McCormack, to work with the children to make simple costume items and props to carry in the parade. They are qualified teachers, with experience of working in schools. They would come into the school at an arranged time, tell a traditional Irish story, re-enact it with the children in a simple dramatic format and then help the children to make the props. In the past, the props produced have included headgear, banners, t-shirts, umbrellas, and similar items that are portable enough for the children to carry in the parade.



This year the parade takes place on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March. It is not a long walk, as the parade assembles in Thurland Street, Hockley, from 11.30am and sets off around mid-day to walk to Market Square. As it is a Sunday, each child would need a parent/carer to accompany them.

If this is something your child would be interested in doing and you are able to attend the parade with them, please put your name down in the office before Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February and if we get enough children wanting to join in we will set up the workshop in school.

## WEDNESDAY ACTS OF WORSHIP

Each week our Trust chaplains, Marsha & Joe, come to school to work with our school chaplaincy team and a few volunteer 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 all of these liturgies, let's worship together. It has been wonderful to be joined by some parents and grandparents already this term- thank you for giving up your time.



## **WORD OF THE WEEK**

# care

*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.

