



St Patrick's Catholic Primary & Nursery Voluntary Academy



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Dear Parents & Carers,

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Thank you to all the parents and children for working so well with us this year. It has been another successful year at St Patrick's and none of our achievements could have happened without your ongoing support. Your children make our school the very special place it is- thank you!

I'm sure you will join me in thanking all the staff who have worked so very hard and tirelessly again this year to ensure our children get the very best care and Catholic education possible. They are a fantastic team and I am privileged to work alongside them. Good luck and thank you to those who are moving on to new ventures.

Thank you for your continuing support. Have a very happy and safe holiday.

Tracy Lane
Headteacher



Staffing for Next Year

Staffing for next year will be as follows:

Foundation Stage 1 (nursery)- Miss Magee and Mrs Foote

Foundation Stage 2 (reception)- Mrs Cannell, Mrs Falconbridge and Mrs Russell

Mrs Shaw and Miss Hudson will work across the Foundation Unit

Year 1- Miss Crich and Mrs Chandley

Year 2- Miss Lane and Mrs Matto

Year 3- Mr King and Mrs Smith

Year 4- Miss Loscalzo and Mrs Pritchett

Year 5- Mr Siddall, Miss Booth and Mrs Binjie

Year 6- Miss Moody and Miss Thornhill

Emotional Literacy Support Assistants: Mrs Cotter and Miss Wall

The senior leadership team will be Mrs Lane, Headteacher, Mrs Slight Deputy Headteacher, SENDCo, EYFS/KS 1 Coordinator & Designated Safeguarding Lead and Mr Slight Key Stage 2 Coordinator & Pupil Premium Champion

I'm sure you will join me and the rest of the staff and governors in making the new members of staff welcome and supported at St Patrick's. They have already met their classes and are very excited to get started.

**Main School starts again on Tuesday 3rd September at 8.45am
and Nursery starts on Wednesday 4th September 2019**

Penalty Notices

Before the Easter holidays you were sent a letter regarding the 'Isle of White' court decision to uphold the use of Penalty Notices and the issuing of fines for unauthorised absences over 5 days. From the start of this term, the Academy Trust with the City Council, will now be issuing penalty notices for all unauthorised absences for all pupils of 5 days or more. These will include holidays taken in term time and any other absences that have not been authorised by the Trust and the Education Welfare Officer. In addition to this, children whose attendance has dropped to 90% and below are registered as persistent absentees and any further absences are not authorised. For more information, see our Attendance Policy on our website. A hard copy of the policy can also be requested from the school office.

Walking Home Alone

All parents must make arrangements again next year for **all children, in all classes**, to be collected by a responsible adult, 16 years or over, at the end of the school day.

This includes pupils in year 6.

Thank You.

Family Fun Night

Thank you to all the members of the PFA for all the weeks of hard work in preparing for Family Fun Night and to all the staff who stayed after school to help set up and run stalls and to all our families who attended the evening and raised funds for the school.

It was an amazing night, so relaxed and happy and fantastic to see everyone enjoying themselves.

The PFA are an incredible group of committed parents current and ex who work tirelessly to provide exciting events for the children as well as raising funds for school. Every penny they raise is given back to the children in some way e.g. donating £10 per child towards school trips, buying the leavers hoodies for year 6, playground resources etc. This year the PFA raised a staggering £1,400 at the Family Fun Night- Thank you to everyone who supported them.

Trips and Events

We have already planned a number of trips and events for classes which take place in the first week back after the holidays. We try to keep the cost of trips etc to a minimum and the PFA contribute £10 per child to an annual trip. As you know school budgets are being continuously cut but we don't want to lose these valuable experiences which enrich the children's learning as well as motivating the children at the start of the topics. With this in mind we ask parents to contribute to these events and very much appreciate your support. If you haven't yet contributed for your child, please do so today or tomorrow or we may have to cancel these events and the children would miss out.

Please, please support us. Thank you.



School Uniform

Please remember when buying school uniform over the summer our school uniform policy:

Boys: Grey trousers (school style), School sweatshirt and polo shirt with school logo, black shoes **NO TRAINERS.**

Girls: Grey skirt (school style), school sweatshirt or cardigan and school polo shirt both with school logo, white socks or green or grey tights, black flat shoes not boots or trainers.

No fashion hairstyles, coloured hair extensions or coloured hair, no tram lines or shaved styles. Hair clips and hair ties should be discreet and plain green, gold or silver.

NO JEWELLRY ALLOWED AT ALL, THIS INCLUDES EARRINGS please keep this in mind if having ears pierced over the holidays they will need to be removed for school.

Only school rucksacks and school PE and book bags are allowed, please do not buy any other type of bag for your child.



Library and Reading Books

Please return all reading and library books to school today and tomorrow please to avoid them getting lost over the summer. Taking your child to the local library over the summer can be a free way to keep them reading and happy over the holidays.

Please check our Twitter feed for regular updates on how to keep your children safe online and to see the exciting events taking place in school each week in all classes.



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.



From Monday 24th June, the car park gates will be closed between 8.30 and 9.30am and again between 2.45 and 3.45pm for the children's safety.