



St Patrick's Catholic Primary & Nursery Voluntary Academy



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Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to school, we hope you have had a happy, safe & restful summer and are ready to join us again for the new academic year! Together with our new and existing teaching team we are all looking forward to another happy & successful year at St Patrick's. A huge thank you to all the teaching, office & catering staff who have worked very hard already during the holidays to plan & prepare the school for our children. A particular thank you to Mr Etches and his team who have worked tremendously hard throughout the summer so that our school is in an immaculate and safe condition as always.

It was wonderful to see all our fantastic children arriving back in school today and we would like to say an enormous thank you to you all for providing your children with everything they need to be ready for school. I was delighted to see every single child wearing full school uniform including smart, black school shoes. They are a credit to you and the school; they wear their uniform with pride and a smile- I'm very proud to be their Headteacher!

Our vision continues to be to provide the best Catholic education for every child enabling them to: be happy, achieve highly, reach their full potential and beyond, feel safe, respected and cared for, to know and spread God's love while respecting the beliefs and cultures of others. Everything we do is rooted in Christian Values and we follow Christ's example in every aspect of our school life. In this way we will enable our pupils to grow academically, socially, morally & spiritually. To develop the skills they need in order to become independent, confident, lifelong learners who are fully equipped to be successful and make a valuable contribution to the parish, local community and wider society. We believe every child is created in the likeness of God and we respect, value and encourage every individual whilst working together as a whole school community. In order to achieve this vision, we recognise the importance of working collaboratively with all parents and carers and actively seek your support and cooperation in order to ensure our children enjoy all the opportunities they deserve.

We request that you support your child by ensuring:

- they attend school every day and on time
- you collect your child on time every day and alert staff to any changes to the person who will be collecting them when necessary
- they have the equipment they need to access learning opportunities in school and at home
- they complete all homework tasks including reading at least 4 times a week at home to a family member
- they wear full school uniform
- alerting staff to any changes at home that may cause your child to be unsettled
- support school events, parents'/carers evenings, masses & celebrations whenever possible
- together with your child you support all school policies

Working together we can achieve our shared vision for our school community and our children. We are very much looking forward to working with you, all the staff, governors and children and welcoming you into our school community.

Kind regards,

Tracy Lane
Headteacher



WEEK	SCHOOL EVENT	ASSEMBLIES/LITURGIES	AFTER SCHOOL 3.20-5pm
2 nd Sept	<p>Tuesday Yr 4 PARTAKE Romans Day</p> <p>Wednesday Yr 6 Partake Vikings Day</p> <p>Thursday Yr 5 WWII Beaumanor Hall Trip</p> <p>Friday Yr 3 Sherwood Forest Trip</p>	<p>Weekly liturgies are as follows:</p> <p>Monday- whole school liturgy based on Sunday's Gospel- 9AM</p> <p>Tuesday- Hymn Practice & Liturgy Whole School- 2.40PM</p> <p>Wednesday- Chaplaincy Liturgy Whole School- 2.45PM</p> <p>Thursday- Paired Acts of Worship all classes- 2.45PM</p> <p>Friday- House or Class Assembly- 9AM</p>	<p>Koala Klubs After School Clubs begin next week £3 per session or £18 for the half term. Clubs cater for children from reception-Yr 6.</p> <p>3.20-5pm please collect on time.</p>
9 th Sept	<p>Monday Yr 5 Active Leader Training</p> <p>Friday Lillian Greenwood MP visiting school 10am</p>		<p>Monday Basketball</p> <p>Tuesday Football Coaching</p> <p>Wednesday Arts & Clay Modelling</p> <p>Thursday Cooking</p> <p>Friday Dodgeball</p>
16 th Sept	<p>Monday Class Photographs</p> <p>Friday Nottingham Forest Dream Big Assembly Yrs 1-6</p>	<p>Friday 20th Sept- House Assembly Theme: Celebrating Achievement Please join us in the school hall 9.05am</p>	<p>Monday Basketball</p> <p>Tuesday Football Coaching</p> <p>Wednesday Arts & Clay Modelling</p> <p>Thursday Cooking</p> <p>Friday Dodgeball</p>
23 rd Sept	<p>Wednesday Open Evening for Yr 6 Pupils at the Becket</p>	<p>Friday 27th Sept- Year 3 Assembly Theme: Please join us in the school hall 9.05am</p>	<p>Monday Basketball</p> <p>Tuesday Football Coaching</p> <p>Wednesday Arts & Clay Modelling</p> <p>Thursday Cooking</p> <p>Friday Dodgeball</p>
30 th Sept	<p>Friday Yr6 10am Academy Trust Mass at OLSE</p>	<p>Monday 1.45pm Whole School Mass All Welcome</p> <p>Friday 4th Oct- Year 1 Assembly Theme: Feast of St Francis Please join us in the school hall 9.05am</p>	<p>Monday Basketball</p> <p>Tuesday Football Coaching</p> <p>Wednesday Arts & Clay Modelling</p> <p>Thursday Cooking</p> <p>Friday Dodgeball</p>
7 th Oct	<p>Thursday 9am EYFS Stay & Play session for parents</p>	<p>Friday 11th Oct- HARVEST Celebration Theme: Contributions Donated to the FOODBANK Please join us in the school hall 9.10am</p>	<p>Monday Basketball</p> <p>Tuesday Football Coaching</p> <p>Wednesday Arts & Clay Modelling</p> <p>Thursday Cooking</p> <p>Friday Dodgeball</p>
14 th Oct	<p>Tuesday 15th 4-7pm Parents' Evening</p> <p>Wednesday 16th Individual School Photos</p> <p>Thursday 17th 3.30-5.30pm Parents' Evening</p>	<p>Friday 18th Oct- Music Tuition Assembly</p>	<p>Monday Basketball</p> <p>Tuesday Football Coaching</p> <p>Wednesday Arts & Clay Modelling</p> <p>Thursday Cooking</p> <p>Friday Dodgeball</p>

HALF TERM HOLIDAY MONDAY 21st October– SUNDAY 3rd November

WELCOME

Welcome to all our new children across school, particularly those in Foundation Stage 1 & 2.

Also welcome to all our new teachers:

Miss Magee FS 1 teacher

Mrs Shaw FS teacher

Miss Lane Year 2 teacher

Miss Loscalzo Year 4 teacher

Miss Moody Year 6 teacher

Mr Slight PE & Computing lead

Mrs Shane office Admin Wednesday-Friday

and welcome back to

Mrs Cannell Reception teacher/DSP

Miss Crich Yr 1 teacher

Mr King Yr 3 teacher

Mr Siddall Yr 5 teacher

Mr Slight KS 2 Leader/DSP

Mrs Slight Deputy Headteacher/SENDCo/DSL

And all our dedicated teaching assistants, kitchen & site staff, Mrs Tyson, Mrs Laing & Mr Etches

We hope you'll all be very happy here and know you will all go from strength to strength!

Asthma Inhalers

Please check that your child has an inhaler in school which is in date.

WORD OF THE WEEK

Welcome



STATEMENT TO LIVE BY:

We Are All Special

START OF THE DAY

School opens every day from 8.45am. Doors close and registers are taken at 8.55am.

Children arriving at the classroom door after this time have to enter via the main front door and are recorded as late.

Please bring your child to the classroom door so you know they have arrived safely.



We appreciate your support in this to safeguard our children.

END OF THE SCHOOL DAY

Thank you to all parents for making arrangements to collect your children at the end of the school day. Please ensure your child is collected by an adult at the end of the day not someone under 16. We appreciate some parents work or have children in other schools & this can be a challenge for you but we want our children to get home safely without putting the responsibility on to their siblings under 16. We very much appreciate your cooperation in this.

30 Hours Nursery Places

We offer 30 hours places to those eligible. Please ask at the school office or see Miss Magee our nursery teacher for more information. Please be on time at the start and end of day as late arrivals can unsettle the other children. Nursery starts at 8.45am.

PARENT MAIL

We will be sending out regular newsletters on parent mail, displaying them in classroom windows, on the noticeboard and posting them on our school website. If you haven't already signed up to parent mail, please do so. Ask at the office for more details or support.

"PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON THE YELLOW MARKINGS OUTSIDE OUR SCHOOL!"

This is a plea not only from the staff & parents but more importantly from our children. We appreciate that parking is difficult outside school but please park courteously and do not park on zig zag lines or the pavement opposite school at the start & end of day as you are putting our children at risk when you do so.

Thank You



UNIFORM

Thank you for all the great efforts & expense you have gone to, in getting your children ready for school. They look so very smart. In order to help us ensure any lost/misplaced items of uniform are returned to their rightful owners please label all items of clothing with your child's first and surname.

Although jewellery is not allowed if your child has had their ears pierced within the last 6 weeks and can't yet take their earrings out please cover them with plasters until they can take them out.

We ask this for safety reasons.



Free School Meals

Please see staff in the school office if you think you may be entitled to apply. Even if your child has packed lunches or receives a free meal because they are in key stage 1, you can still apply and this will support school funding which will in turn support your child.



School Dinners

Menus are available from the school office so that you can see what is on offer at lunchtimes. The lunches are well balanced, healthy and filling with a variety of options to meet all tastes. If you would your child to try school meals book a week's trial at the school office.

School meals cost £1.95 per day/ £9.75 per week which must be paid in advance on Monday morning at the office.

Reading



Being able to read is a key which opens doors to all other areas of learning. We see this as a priority for our children and will be a major focus across school for all pupils. The Key Stage 1 & 2 SATs become more and more challenging every year and we want our results to reflect the true ability & hard work of our children. With this in mind we ask for your support in listening to your child read at home at least 4 times a week, more if possible. In school we will providing a range of creative & inspiring reading opportunities & will be working hard with our children to further improve their reading skills and to develop a love of reading.

Please remember to send your child to school with a coat now that the weather is changing during the day.

Music Tuition

We currently offer small group or individual guitar tuition and drumming tuition. After half term we will be offering keyboard tuition also. Letters will follow soon so you can sign up if interested.

SICKNESS & DIARRHOEA

Just a reminder that if your child suffers from sickness or diarrhoea at any time they must be kept off school for 48 hours from their last bout in order from them to recover fully and to stop the spread of infection. Hopefully this won't affect too many children.

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN ALL EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAIL SHEETS ASAP TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE THANK YOU.