



Dear Parents & Carers,

11th November 2019

We continue to promote reading for learning, knowledge and pleasure in school. As you will see from our Twitter account and the newsletters this half term, we have designed lots of initiatives to engage the children with reading. However, nothing is more successful in developing our children's reading than the support and encouragement they get from home. Please take 10 mins every other day to sit with your child while they read, talk about their book and praise them for their efforts. This quality time will help your child to make progress in all areas - reading is the key to all learning, if they can't read it will build a barrier for them in everything. We need your help to break down barriers for our children. Children who read at home, do well in school.

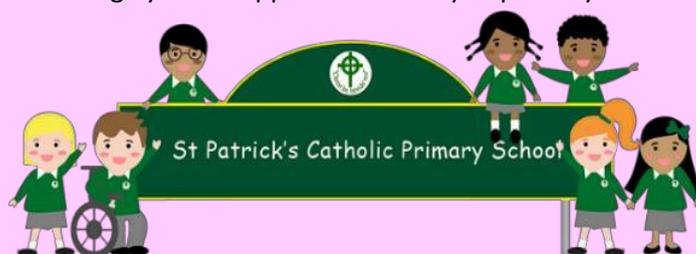
We have a new club provider - sign up for the range of clubs they have on offer, they are well run and organized to enrich your child's education. Breakfast club £3.50, after school clubs £15 block booking for 6 sessions (£3 per session with a free final session).

We have lots of new initiatives this half term which we would encourage you to support as well as you possibly can and we look forward to working with you.

Kind regards,

Tracy Lane

Headteacher



Reading at Home

Our reading challenges begin again on Monday- well done to all the children who achieved their weekly 4 reads and especially those who achieved the magical 40 Read Challenge! The ability to read is the root of all learning and regular reading makes an enormous difference to your child's progress and reading confidence as well as opening up a world of knowledge to them.

Please support your child by listening to them read at least 4 times a week, children of all ages benefit from reading aloud to an adult. Record your reads in their diary and help them to win prizes too!



Breakfast Club

We have a new provider for breakfast club which runs from 7.30am every morning, breakfast of juice, toast with toppings or cereal is served until 8.15am. From 8.15-8.45am children can take part in activities and sports until they are taken to class to start the school day. It's a great way to start the day and to take the pressure off you in the mornings. At a cost of £3.50 per day it is a very reasonable provision and you can book in on the day. The club can be accessed on a day to day basis to meet your needs. Give it a try.

Snuggle up with a Book

Our 'Snuggle up with a Book Suitcases' went home of Friday for the first time in nursery, Reception, Year 1 & Year 2.

Each week two children in each class will take a suitcase home and we ask that you take 15 minutes to snuggle down to read one or two of the books with your child, enjoy the free hot chocolate and biscuits in the suitcase and if you have time let us know what you thought of the book by writing a brief review of the book you share.

Sharing a book is a wonderful way to show your child how you value reading and just to enjoy some time together having fun. Have a look on our Twitter account for more information.



WEEK	SCHOOL EVENT	ASSEMBLIES/LITURGIES	AFTER SCHOOL 3.20-5pm
4 th Nov	<p>Tuesday Boots WE Day representatives from Yr 5 & 6</p> <p>Friday Yr 2 Trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park 7.45am</p> <p>Friday House Assembly 9am</p>	<p>Weekly liturgies are as follows: Monday- whole school liturgy based on Sunday's Gospel- 9AM Tuesday- Hymn Practice & Liturgy Whole School- 2.40PM Wednesday- Chaplaincy Liturgy Whole School- 2.45PM Thursday- Paired Acts of Worship all classes- 2.45PM Friday- House or Class Assembly- 9AM PARENTS WELCOME</p>	<p>Spaghetti Fun Maths Club begins Tuesday 3.20pm</p> <p>Thursday PFA Film Night- Toy Story 4 3.30-5pm</p>
11 th Nov	<p>Judaism Week</p>	<p>Monday 11th November Remembrance Liturgy 11am</p> <p>Friday Yr 1 Assembly Please join us in the school hall 9.05am</p>	<p>Monday: Dodgeball years 3,4,5 & 6 Tuesday: Lego Club years FS2,1,2,3,4,5,6 Wednesday: Basketball years 3,4,5 & 6 Thursday: Art Club years FS2,1,2,3,4,5,6 Friday: Gymnastics years 1,2,3 & 4</p>
18 th Nov	<p>Monday Flu Vaccinations Reception- Year 6</p> <p>Wednesday University of Nottingham to visit class Yr 3</p>	<p>Friday 22nd- House Assembly Theme: Celebrating Achievement Please join us in the school hall 9.05am</p>	
25 th Nov	<p>Thursday 28th Foundation Stage Stay & Play Phonics morning.</p> <p>Friday Yr 3 University of Nottingham Discovery Day Trip</p>	<p>Friday 29th Nov- Year 2 Advent Liturgy Theme: Hope Please join us in the school hall 9am</p>	
2 nd Dec	<p>Wednesday Inflataverse arrives in school.</p>	<p>Monday 2nd Mass to begin Advent 2pm All Welcome</p> <p>Friday 6th Dec- Year 6 Advent Liturgy Theme: Peace Please join us in the school hall 9am</p>	
9 th Dec	<p>Tuesday University of Nottingham to visit class Yr 3</p>	<p>Friday 13th Dec- Year 5 Advent Liturgy Theme: Joy Please join us in the school hall 9am</p>	
16 th Dec	<p>Wednesday 18th Foundation Stage Trip to Manor Farm</p> <p>Thursday 19th Whole School Christmas Dinner</p> <p>Friday 20th Dec- Whole School Expert Ending- Round the World 1pm Please join us in the school</p>	<p>Tuesday 17th- Foundation Stage & KS 1 Nativity 9am Please join us in the school hall</p> <p>Friday 20th Dec- Year 4 Advent Liturgy Theme: Love Please join us in the school hall</p>	<p>Thursday PFA Christmas Disco 6-8pm</p>

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY MONDAY 23rd December– SUNDAY 5th January 2020

Year 2 Trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park

Unfortunately, we had to postpone our trip last Friday because of the flooding and dangerous road conditions. The children still had a great day despite the initial disappointment. The trip will now go ahead on Friday 22nd November.

Please be in school for 7.45am.

Word of the Week

Encounter

Statement to Live by

I try to be just and fair

Mission of the Week

REMEMBERANCE

Take time to pause, remember and pray for those who are no longer with us on earth.



St Patrick's Foodbank

During our harvest preparations Year 2 learned about the work of our local foodbank, which is where your generous harvest contributions were sent. They decided that as many of our families benefit from the support given by the foodbank at some time or another, they would like to start up a St Patrick's Foodbank. We have agreed to try out the children's idea and would appreciate your support in doing this. Each class will have a collection box and if each child could bring in just one item of food that would give us 220 food items to help someone in our school community. The items will then be stored in the entrance for any parent who finds themselves in a time of need. Times of crisis can happen to anyone and as a community we need to support each other when we can. If you find yourself in short term need, please help yourself to something from the box. *The idea of the school foodbank is for people who are genuinely in need and not just because you can't make it to the shops that day.*

Thank you for helping us to help others.

Spaghetti Maths Club

Has proved to be very popular and the children are loving it. The club is now over subscribed and we have a waiting list for places. If you are still interested you can book online at: www.spaghettimaths.co.uk and be added to the waiting list.

Plea from Year 5

we need clean, empty 2 litre plastic bottles for our science work this week. Please drop any off with Mr Siddall at the year 5 classroom. Thanks.

Year 3 Discovery Day

Please ensure your contributions for the year 3 visit to the university have been paid and OV4 forms completed. It will be a great day to educate the children about the benefits of aiming for a university place and how to get there.

PFA FILM NIGHT TOY STORY 4

Thank you to all who joined in with this fun night. The PFA with you raised £205 for school funds. The PFA together with school are aiming to buy an adventure climbing frame for the Key Stage 1 playground this year.

Free School Meals- please apply, if you are eligible school will receive funding to help your child.

If you are still unsure if you are eligible please contact the Pupil Benefits Team who will be happy to help you and answer your questions:

Either fill in an application form available from the School Office

OR

Apply online

https://emsonline.nottscg.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2fCitizenPortal_LIVE

OR telephone 0300 500 80 80.

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.

If you haven't given consent for your child's photo to be used on our Twitter page, please reconsider. We would love to be able to show you what they are doing in school as it happens. You can sign up in the school office.



FOUNDATION STAGE STAY AND PLAY

On Thursday 28th November Foundation Stage parents are invited to stay and play alongside their children in the unit. There will be a presentation on the new phonics scheme we use across school so that you can see how your child learns. Please do join us.

FAMILY LIBRARY SESSIONS

We will be opening our school library on Monday's after school from 11th November to families. Come along and share a book with your children.
The library will be open from 3.30-4pm for you to use.

NURSERY CLOSURE DAY

On Wednesday 18th December the nursery will be closed for any children not wanting to go on the Manor Farm trip. Nursery will also be closed on Friday 6th Dec as staff will be carrying out home visits to new pupils starting with us after Christmas. We apologise in advance for any inconvenience this may cause.

Mass for the Start of Advent

Advent Liturgies begin on Friday 29th November at 9am with year 2 leading us in prayer and reflection. Please join us again in school on Monday 2nd December at 2pm for mass to mark the start of Advent. Everyone is welcome.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

This half term is such a busy one and I'm sure your preparations for Christmas will soon be under way. Please pop these dates in your diary as we would love you to join us in school to celebrate with our wonderful children.

- Friday 15th Nov 9am- Year 1 Assembly
- Friday 22nd Nov 9am - House Assembly
- Friday 29th Nov 9am - Year 2 Advent Liturgy
- Monday 2nd Dec 2pm - Mass for the start of Advent
- Friday 6th Dec 9am - Year 6 Advent Liturgy
- Friday 13th Dec 9am - Year 5 Advent Liturgy
- Friday 20th Dec 9am - Year 4 Advent Liturgy
- Tuesday 17th Dec 9am- EYFS & KS 1 Nativity
- Friday 20th Dec 1pm Whole School Expert Ending

PFA NEED YOU!

The PFA group are a small group of people who work together to raise funds for our children. Some of the things they have funded at school are:

Subsidised Hoodies for Year 6



£10 for every child for a trip

Library Books



BEEBOTS

Eggs, Chicks & Incubator

Defibrillator for the community

Our children and families benefit from the things PFA buy for us but more importantly the experiences they put on for us like the Trips, Christmas Disco, Family Fun Night, Film Nights, Easter Chicks etc. Mrs Chandley and Mrs Foote have been supporting the PFA for over 15 years and are now retiring from the role. School budgets are constantly decreasing. If we don't get more volunteers to take over from them, the PFA may end and our children will miss out and the contributions we ask of parents may increase. Please, please consider joining the PFA it's a great way to meet people and to get more involved in school life while benefitting the children. See Mrs Chandley in Year 1 or Mrs Foote in Nursery if you are able to give some time to the PFA.