



Dear Parents & Carers,

4th November 2019

Welcome back to school, we hope you have had a happy, safe & restful half term break and are ready to join us again for the new half term. As ever, this half term will be a busy and productive one for the children with lots of opportunities for you to join in with school events and support your child's learning. We look forward to seeing you at the Advent liturgies, the FS & KS 1 nativity and our whole school 'Round the World' expert ending at the end of term which the children will be working towards this half term.

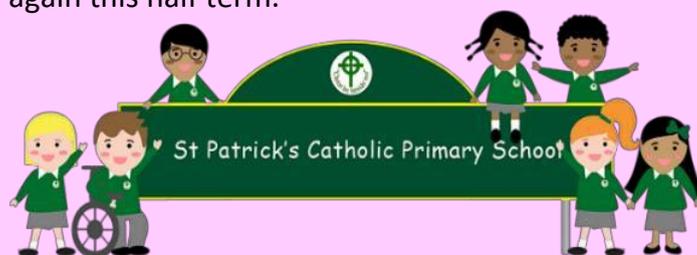
Thank you to all parents who came to parents' evenings, we hope it was effective in informing you about your child's progress and attainment and we very much value your input into how we can best work with you to support your child. If you were unable to attend, please make an appointment with your child's class teacher early this half term to meet to see their books and discuss their progress.

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 again this half term.

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 four 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 four 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 began again on Monday. Breakfast Club 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

This half term we are starting our 'Snuggle up with a Book Suitcases' 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:</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>PARENTS WELCOME</p>	<p>Spaghetti Fun Maths Club begins Tuesday 3.20pm</p> <p>Thursday PFA Film Night- Toy Story 4 3.30- 5.15pm</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>After School Clubs are currently being reorganized. More information to follow shortly.</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>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>Friday 6th Dec- Year 4 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 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 6 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

On Friday 8th Nov this week year 2 will be heading off to the wildlife park to begin their topic about Africa. The trip will also support their science learning on animals and their habitats. **Please be in school for 7.45am** at the latest to catch the coach.

Word of the Week

Saints

Statement to Live by

I try to be just and fair

Mission of the Week

Remember to say sorry when you make the wrong choice. Forgive those who say sorry to you when they make mistakes.

Decided by Year 6 this week.



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

This will be running every Tuesday from 3.30-4.30pm in school for 6 weeks. We had an assembly before half term to advertise the club and the children loved it! Ask your child about it. It is a really fun way to make progress in maths and enjoy new learning at the same time. We strongly recommend this to all parents from children in years 1- 6. The total cost is only for £26 running in Tuesday from 5th November - 10th Dec (6 weeks)

You can book online at: www.spaghettimaths.co.uk

PFA FILM NIGHT TOY STORY 4

This Thursday PFA will be holding another film night. Sign up at the office for a hot dog, drink, crisps and a movie by Wednesday morning at the latest please.

Thanks to the PFA for all their work for our children and families. If you'd like to join the team see Mrs Chandley in year 1 or Mrs Foote in nursery, new members always welcome.



Boots WE Aspirations Day

On Tuesday this week some representatives from years 5 & 6 will be taking part in the aspirations morning at the Royal Concert Hall. We would have liked to take the whole class but tickets were limited so we had to pull names out of a hat for the tickets. The children will feedback to the rest of the class on their return. This is part of our work on raising our children's aspirations. The whole school have recently been working with Nottingham University to think about their futures and what they need to do to achieve their aspirations. Our children can be anything they want to be and we are here to help them achieve their aspirations. It's never too soon to plan for the future!

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.



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Our after school club provision is currently under review and we will soon be working with a new provider. We are aiming to get the new after school clubs up and running by next week with an easier booking system for places. An information flyer will be coming out this week. Places will be restricted so book early.

We apologise for the disruption this may cause you this week, there will be a club provided on Monday 4th Nov this week to make up for the lack of notice about the cancellation of Koala Klubs.

If you paid for a club in advance that was cancelled at the end of term, please contact Neil Vanderwalt from Koala Klubs directly to discuss a refund.

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 8th Nov 9am-House Assembly
- Friday 15th Nov 9am- Year 1 Assembly
- Friday 22nd Nov 9am- House Assembly
- Friday 29th Nov 9am-Year 2 Advent Liturgy
- Friday 6th Dec 9am- Year 4 Advent Liturgy
- Friday 13th Dec 9am- Year 5 Advent Liturgy
- Tuesday 17th Dec 9am- EYFS & KS 1 Nativity
- Friday 20th Dec 9am- Year 6 Advent Liturgy
- Friday 20th Dec 1pm Whole School Expert Ending

REMEMBRANCE DAY POPPIES



The chaplaincy team will be selling Remembrance Day poppies and articles in school in the afternoons should you wish your child to buy something. They will also be available to parents and carers from the school office. All proceeds to the Royal British Legion.

The children will take part in a remembrance day liturgy on Monday 11th Nov in school at 11am when a minute's silence will be observed. We will be remembering all our loved ones that are no longer with us as well as those who lost their lives in battle.

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.

Updated Pupil Information

It is vital that we have up to date contact details and medical information for your child. Please check in the school office as in the case of an emergency we need to get in touch with you for the safety of your child.

In addition to this we still don't have completed consent forms for local trips for many children. Your child may miss out on a trip if we don't have your consent form. The school office has sent many replacement copies, please check with the office that we have one for your child.

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

Eligibility

My child(ren):

Is aged 16 or under

Attends a Nottingham city school

If you, the parent or carer, receive at least one of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- the guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, but NOT entitled to Working Tax Credit and you have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190, as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs¹
- Support under of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 section 95
- Universal Credit (income thresholds apply)

Where a parent is entitled to Working Tax Credit Run-on - the payment someone receives for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit - their children are entitled to free school lunches. Children who receive a qualifying benefit in their own right are also eligible to receive free school meals.

If you are still unsure if you are eligible please contact the Pupil Benefits Team on 0300 500 80 80 who will be happy to help you and answer your questions.