



# St Patrick's Catholic Primary & Nursery Voluntary Academy



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Dear Parents & Carers,

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As we enter the last week of the Advent term we want to thank you for all your continuing support this year; it is always a pleasure working with your wonderful children and we hope you all have a very happy Christmas and well deserved rest. I'm sure you'll join me in thanking the staff who have worked incredibly hard as always with our children this term.

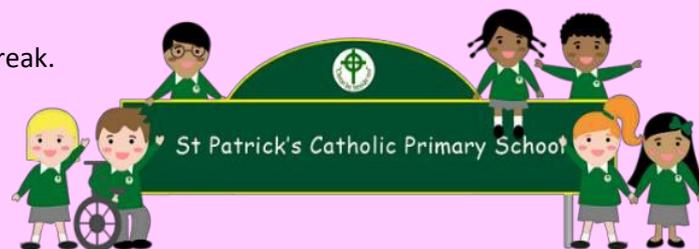
Before we break up for Christmas, we hope you can join us for some of our end of term events- there is a lot still to come this week which is detailed below in this newsletter. Thank you to all the parents who joined us in Friday for the year 5 liturgy on Joy when we said goodbye to Mr Sullivan one of our academy directors who will be retiring at Christmas. Year 5 prepared a beautiful liturgy full of joy and happiness. This week year 4 will be leading us in our last Advent liturgy on 'Love' on Friday at 9am, please join us.

We hope you all have a very happy, holy and safe Christmas break.

Kind regards,

*Tracy Lane*

Headteacher



## Christmas Dinner Day

*On Thursday this week the children will be enjoying a traditional Christmas dinner.*

*Children can wear their Christmas jumpers again to enjoy the festivities. Thank you to Mrs Clubley, our fantastic cook, and all the kitchen team who work so hard to prepare the best meals for our children.*

## Year 5 Swimming

Please remember that year 5 will be going swimming every Thursday morning after Christmas. They will need full swimming costumes or swimming trunks (not shorts), a towel and a swimming cap if they have long hair. If you wish your child to wear goggles in the pool you have to put this in writing, signed by you as their parent or the pool staff won't allow them to wear goggles. Swimming is part of the KS 2 curriculum and all children must take part.

## PFA Disco

This week on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December the PFA will be holding their annual disco from 6-8pm.

All tickets have now been sold. Please do not arrive for the disco if you haven't bought a ticket as we won't be able to let you in. There are strict restrictions on numbers because of fire regulations.

Only children who currently attend school can come, no under 3s or secondary pupils please. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult throughout the disco. It should be a great night as usual thanks to the hard work of the PFA.

## After School Clubs

Please remember **no club on Friday** this week. The last club will be on Thursday.

# Trips & Visitors

Information has been sent out about trips and learning experiences planned for classes for after Christmas. To further support parents, all events for the rest of the year are being further subsidised by school by £10 per child to reduce the cost. Please support us by making the contribution asked for so that these events can go ahead as they enrich and engage your child in their learning.

## Foundation Stage Trip

On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>, our nursery & reception classes are off the Manor Farm. Pray for dry weather. Remember warm coats, gloves, hats and sensible footwear.

**Nursery children need to bring a packed lunch.**

## Word of the Week

**Love**

## Statement to Live By

*I can love my neighbour as God loves me.*

## Mission of the Week

Show your family how much you love them by saying thank you and trying to help in any way you can.

Our mission was decided upon by year 1 this week. Thank You.

## Reception Class September 2020

Please remember that if you want a place in the reception class for September 2020 you must submit your application and supplementary form to the local authority by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at the latest.

Attending the nursery does not guarantee you a place in main school- you must apply for a place in the reception class. Advice and supplementary forms are available from the school office. A link to the Academy Trust Admissions Policy can be found on our website.

## St Patrick's Foodbank

Thank you to all parents who have kindly donated to our school foodbank. The items are stored outside the main entrance to school 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.



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.



## Year 4 Advent Liturgy – LOVE

Please join us on Friday morning at 9am in the school hall for the last of our advent liturgies. This week is the theme of Love in preparation for the last week of Advent. The children have worked hard studying this theme and preparing their liturgy. Please join us.

## Children's Safety

Please do not walk across or through the school car park at any time of day. The car park is accessed by vehicles throughout the day and we can't be held responsible for injury to anyone in the car park.

**Please keep your child safely on the path.**

## EXPERT ENDING

Join us in school on Friday at 1.30pm and take a tour round the world with your child. Each class has been studying a different part of the world this half term and would love to share their learning with you.

When you arrive at 1.30pm, Mr Siddall and some children from each class will provide you with a passport, a quiz and an introduction to your journey.

From there you are free to visit each class to complete your family quiz.

When you have had your passport stamped in each class you are free to take your child home to begin the holiday early from

2.45pm if you wish to. There will be a prize for one completed quiz in each class to be awarded after Christmas. Come and join the journey!



### FOUNDATION STAGE NATIVITY

The nativity will be retold by our Foundation Stage children on Tuesday this week at 9am and 2pm in the school hall.

Please do not turn up for the nativity without a ticket as numbers are restricted due to fire regulations. All adults and children must have a ticket.

The children have worked so hard preparing for this very special event.



### School Uniform

Please ensure your child returns to school after the holidays in full school uniform. Some children have been wearing trainers to school as their shoes have broken. We understand finances may be tight in the lead up to Christmas and so have supported parents in this. However please ensure one of their gifts this Christmas is school shoes. Any child not in school shoes after Christmas will be given school plimsolls to wear in school. Similarly, please do not have your child's hair cut in a fashion style over the holidays. No shaved, razored or coloured hair please.

### Grown Up Book Exchange

*Please help yourself to books at our Book Swop for Grown Ups.*

*You'll find the Book Swop Cabinet outside the entrance door to school. If you have any books that you have finished reading and are happy to share with others, please add them to the cabinet and help yourself to what is in there.*

### PFA CHRISTMAS CRACKERS

These will be on sale at morning break at the cost of £1. Inside there is a message, mission, sweets and a surprise treat. All funds raised will be used on the children in school.

### Lillian Greenwood MP

#### Christmas Card Competition

Most schools in Nottingham take part in this competition every year. This year we have a winner!

Well done to Mia Stapleton in Year 1 who has won a runner up prize.