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Dear Parents & Carers,

13th January 2020

Thank you for sending your children back to school looking so smart in their school uniforms, they are a credit to you and the school; I'm very proud to see them walking through the gates each day. I appreciate the cost of uniforms and school shoes and being dressed in full school uniform gives the children a sense of belonging and equality.

Thank you for your continuing support us.

Tracy Lane
Headteacher



Be Internet Legends

To make the most of the internet, children need to make smart decisions. Be Internet Legends empowers children to use the web safely and wisely, so they can be confident explorers of the online world. The online game helps children learn about how they can stay safe online in a fun and interactive way. Children can travel through the different lands acquiring knowledge of the potential risks of online usage and how to manage and report them in order to protect themselves.

This game can be accessed by searching Google Be Internet Legends. On the website you will also find helpful information on ways to keep your child safe whilst using the internet. Encourage your child to complete all the levels in order to receive a certificate in House Assembly.

Smart, safe technology usage can help students learn better, and help our school function better. We believe that the Be Internet Legends Programme will mark an important step towards our goal of ensuring that all our students at St Patrick's are learning, exploring and staying safe on line.



Thank you for supporting this initiative to keep our children safe.

Miss Lane- Computing Coordinator

MEDICATION IN SCHOOL

If your child needs to take medication in school e.g antibiotics we can oversee them taking it. The medication must be prescribed by a doctor, be in date, have the child's name and dosage printed on the bottle/packet by the pharmacy. If you need our support with medication, please take it to the school office and complete a medication consent form. Do not give medication directly to your child to bring in or the class teaching team.

PFA FILM NIGHT POKEMON

Thursday 16th January is film night run by the PFA after school. Children are invited to stay for a movie, hot dog, crisps and a drink. Please book your child in by Wednesday 15th January.

School Applications

If you want your child to start school in Reception class in September 2020 the **closing date for applications this week Wednesday 15th January.** Applications are welcomed from families of all faiths and those without a faith. Please refer to the admissions criteria on the school website.

WEEK	SCHOOL EVENT	ASSEMBLIES/LITURGIES	AFTER SCHOOL 3.20-5pm
6 th Jan	<p>Thursday Partake Theatre Group- Year 5 Egyptians</p> <p>Friday- Yr 6 Trip to the National Justice Museum</p> <p>Friday- Yr 3 Trip to Creswell Crags- Stone Age Day</p>	<p>PLEASE NOTE ALL ACTS OF WORSHIP AND ASSEMBLIES ON FRIDAYS WILL TAKE PLACE AT 9AM.</p> <p>MASSES WILL START AT 2PM</p>	<p>Monday cricket Yrs 3,4,5 & 6</p> <p>Tuesday Multi Skills Sports Yr 1-6</p> <p>Wednesday Basketball Yrs 3,4,5 & 6</p> <p>Thursday Art FS2-Yr 6</p> <p>Friday Gymnastics Yrs FS2,1,2,3 & 4</p> <p>Sunday First Communion mass & preparation session 9.30am</p>
13 th Jan	<p>Thursday Yr 5 Swimming</p>	<p>Wednesday 16th Jan- Chaplaincy Team & volunteers from Reception- FRIENDSHIP 2.40pm school hall</p> <p>Friday 17th Jan- HOUSE Assembly Theme: Celebrating Achievement Please join us in the school hall 9am</p>	<p>Monday cricket Yrs 3,4,5 & 6</p> <p>Tuesday Multi Skills yrs 1-6</p> <p>Wednesday Basketball Yrs 3,4,5 & 6</p> <p>Thursday Art FS2-Yr 6</p> <p>Friday Gymnastics Yrs FS2,1,2,3 & 4</p> <p>Tues Y 5/6 Athletics competition</p> <p>Thur PFA Film Night POKEMON</p>
20 th Jan	<p>Tuesday morning Fire Fighters Visiting EYFS</p> <p>Thursday Yr 5 Swimming</p>	<p>Wednesday 22ND Jan- Chaplaincy Team & volunteers from Yr1- INSPIRE 2.40pm school hall</p> <p>Friday 24th January- MASS Theme: START OF TERM Please join us in the school hall 2pm</p>	<p>Monday cricket Yrs 3,4,5 & 6</p> <p>Tuesday Multi Skills yrs 1-6</p> <p>Wednesday Basketball Yrs 3,4,5 & 6</p> <p>Thursday Art FS2-Yr 6</p> <p>Friday Gymnastics Yrs FS2,1,2,3 & 4</p>
27 th Jan	<p>Thursday Yr 5 Swimming</p>	<p>Wednesday 29th Jan- Chaplaincy Team & volunteers from Yr2- CHALLENGE 2.40pm school hall</p>	<p>Monday cricket Yrs 3,4,5 & 6</p> <p>Tuesday Multi Skills yrs 1-6</p> <p>Wednesday Basketball Yrs 3,4,5 & 6</p> <p>Thursday Art FS2-Yr 6</p> <p>Friday Gymnastics Yrs FS2,1,2,3 & 4</p>
3 rd Feb	<p>Tuesday Parents and Teachers Consultation Afternoon 1-6PM</p> <p>Thursday Yr 5 Swimming</p> <p>Friday Yr 4 Black Country Museum</p>	<p>Wednesday 5th Feb- Chaplaincy Team & volunteers from Yr3- CARE 2.40pm school hall</p> <p>Friday 7th February- HOUSE Assembly Theme: Celebrating Achievement Please join us in the school hall 9am</p>	<p>Monday cricket Yrs 3,4,5 & 6</p> <p>Tuesday Multi Skills yrs 1-6</p> <p>Wednesday Basketball Yrs 3,4,5 & 6</p> <p>Thursday Art FS2-Yr 6</p> <p>Friday Gymnastics Yrs FS2,1,2,3 & 4</p> <p>Thur PFA Film Night Aladdin Live Action</p>
10 th Feb	<p>Wednesday 9am E Safety Assembly & Parents workshop. Please join us.</p> <p>Thursday Yr 5 Swimming</p> <p>Thursday Museum Day & Historical Catwalk Join us at 1pm</p>	<p>Our Lady of Lourdes Feast Day Tuesday</p> <p>Wednesday 12th Feb- Chaplaincy Team & volunteers from Yr4- HEALING 2.40pm school hall</p> <p>Friday 14th- INSET DAY SCHOOL CLOSED</p>	<p>Monday cricket Yrs 3,4,5 & 6</p> <p>Tuesday Multi Skills yrs 1-6</p> <p>Wednesday Basketball Yrs 3,4,5 & 6</p> <p>Thursday Art FS2-Yr 6</p> <p>WEDNESDAY-MUSICAL EVENING AT THE BECKET SCHOOL CHOIR TO PERFORM</p>

HALF TERM HOLIDAY FRIDAY 14th FEBRUARY– SUNDAY 23rd FEBRUARY

Statements to Live By

I can follow school and class rules.

THIS WEEK'S MISSION IS... Chosen by Yr 2

Say one nice thing to someone in your class each day.

Expert Ending Competition Winners

Congratulations to the following children who completed the quiz with 100% correct answers.

Foundation stage – Lukas Hodurek, Scarlett, Remy

Y1 – Joe, Julia, Benjamin

Y2 – Daniel, Julia, Blake

Y3 – Zion, Frankie, Sasha

Y4 – Elijah, Gabriel, Joyce

Y5 – Oliwia, Zain, Eric

Y6 – Leo K, Ben, Shreya



Thanks to Mr Siddall for organising the afternoon and quiz.

Year 4 Black Country Living Museum

On Friday 7th February, year 4 are travelling to the Black Country Living Museum as part of their history learning about the Victorian Inventions. The museum provides a huge variety of opportunities for the children to learn from first and secondary historical sources.

Please return your child's OV4 form and contribution as soon as possible so that we can secure the booking. Thank you.

ATTENDANCE

Parents have a legal obligation to ensure their child attends school every day and on time unless they are ill. We want to work with you to ensure your child attends school as expected and to help you if you are having any difficulties.



Any planned absences in term time need to be applied for in advance. Please don't book any appointments or trips in term time before applying for authorisation.

Holidays in term time will not be authorised and if they are taken for 5 days or more will incur a penalty notice and potentially a fine from the local authority.

TERM TIME ILLNESS

If your child is ill and unable to attend school please contact the school office as soon as possible on the first day of absence.

If your child suffers from vomiting or diarrhoea you will be advised that they need to remain off school for 48 hours from their last bout of the illness to prevent the spread of infection.

This policy is reinforced by NHS guidance. If your child requires medication when they return to school we will support you with overseeing the administration of this.

WEDNESDAY ACTS OF WORSHIP

Each week our Trust chaplains, Ruth & Joe, come to school to work with our school chaplaincy team and a few children from different classes to prepare our Wednesday Act of Worship at 2.40pm. This is entirely planned and prepared by the children based on our Word of the Week. Please join us for any or of these liturgies, let's worship together.



WORD OF THE WEEK FRIENDSHIP

What does it mean to you?

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.



PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor on our local governing body. The role of a parent governor is voluntary and requires the individual to show commitment, ability to remain impartial from your own personal interests and to be able to maintain confidentiality. You must be willing to take part in training opportunities. You must be a parent of a pupil currently attending the school and be willing to have a full (enhanced) Child Workforce check, barred list and S128 check carried out for you. It is a very worthwhile and important role where you work with the headteacher and other governors to ensure quality Catholic education for the children. Parent governors are voted in by the other parents.

Parent Governor Nomination Forms were sent out last week to all parents. If this is a role you see yourself being able to fulfil please nominate yourself. The form must be **returned to school by 10am this Friday 17th January** if you wished to be considered for the role.