



St Patrick's Catholic Primary & Nursery Voluntary Academy



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Dear Parents & Carers,

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As we enter the last two weeks of term I would like to thank you all for the support you have provided this term to your child and to school and for helping to ensure the wider opening of school has been as safe as possible for everyone in our school community. It has been a challenging term and we greatly appreciate your cooperation with following all the government guidance we have had to put in place with regard to staggered start and end of day times, track and trace, distance learning during isolation, meetings via TEAMS, communication by phone and email with school etc.

I'm sure you will join me in thanking all the staff in school for maintaining excellent provision for the children and making things as normal, safe and happy in school for everyone. It has been an extremely tiring term for everyone and staff have continued to work exceptionally hard during this unprecedented period. Parents have taken on remote learning exceptionally well and taught your children from home with support from school staff and you have our full admiration for what you have done in very difficult times.

This week on Tuesday we will be sending home a candle and thoughts for prayer for the national Covid Day of Reflection. I hope you will join us at home in the minute silence at 12 o'clock and 8pm. The world has been through so much and now is the time to remember what we have lost, give thanks for the people who have stepped up to keep us all going and look to the future with hope in God's goodness.

Tracy Lane

Headteacher



Attendance

Our Education Welfare Officer, Mrs Bradshaw, comes into school weekly to monitor children's attendance, punctuality and welfare, she also works across the Becket School, Blessed Robert School, Our Lady & St Edward's School and St Edmund Campion School and communicates between schools where children from the same family attend more than one of these schools. I know she has contacted a number of parents already to offer support to ensure good attendance and punctuality for their children. **Please remember that as a parent/carer you must provide school with a reason for any absences or time needed out of school and provide school with a copy of any official paperwork related to the absence e.g. for medical appointments, legal appointments, etc. Without this paperwork your child's absence will be recorded as unauthorised and will therefore impact on their overall attendance and could result in a fine or legal action. This has always been school policy and the vast majority of parents/carers do always provide this in advance of any appointments.**

We want to work with you to ensure continuous regular attendance and good punctuality and if you need support with this please let us know. Poor attendance or punctuality significantly impacts on children's education and they have already had so much time out of school as a result of covid.

Restricted Parking

You will have noticed over the last few weeks, changes to road markings and signs informing you about new restricted parking in Wilford Village. The whole of Coronation Avenue now has restricted parking on both sides of the road. The restrictions were put in place to alleviate all-day commuter parking by people using the tram to access the city for work leaving their cars outside school and around the local streets causing difficulties for parents, residents and a road safety risk for our children. Parking is time limited in the Ferry Inn (for drop off and collection), Fishermen's car park (FREE 4 hours) or street parking bay (FREE 3 hours) all of which provide plenty of available parking spaces. Please don't park in restricted areas on the opposite side of the road from school or alongside school as we received communication from the Traffic and Safety team at Council stating their intention to instruct colleagues in traffic enforcement to commence immediate enforcement action of the restrictions in the Village from next week. We don't want anyone to incur a fine or to have their car towed/clamped. Thank you to Councilor Steel for keeping us up to date last week.

WEEK	SCHOOL EVENT	ASSEMBLIES/LITURGIES	AFTER SCHOOL 3.20-5pm
22 nd Feb	<p>Launch for CAFOD Walk for Water Follow the chaplains virtual pilgrimage through Lent and log your steps and donations at: https://www.beinspirational.co.uk/olol-virtual-pilgrimage-lets-walk-for-water-with-cafod/</p>	<p>Monday- Whole School Liturgy based on Sunday's Gospel- 2.30pm Tuesday- DISCIPLESHIP what it is to be a disciple- the disciples of Jesus Wednesday- Chaplaincy Liturgy Whole School- 2.45PM- Theme: PRAYER Thursday- Paired Acts of Worship all classes- 2.45PM Theme: I try to use words that make the world a better place. Friday: CAFOD Walk for Water Launch Act of Worship</p>	<p>Monday Gymnastics Yr 1 & 2 Tuesday Football Yrs 3,4, 5 & 6 Wednesday Basketball Yrs 3,4, 5 & 6 Thursday Gymnastics Yrs 3,4, 5 & 6 Friday Football Yr 1 & 2</p>
1 st March	<p>Secondary School Places Announced Monday</p> <p>National Book Week</p>	<p>Monday- Chaplaincy Liturgy Whole School- based on Sunday's Gospel- 2.30pm Tuesday- Class Liturgy - 2.40PM DISCIPLESHIP what challenges do you face when being a disciple of Christ Wednesday- Chaplaincy Liturgy- FASTING Thursday- Paired Acts of Worship all classes- 2.45PM Theme: I try to appreciate the world around me. Friday- Book Week Assembly</p>	<p>Monday Dance Yr 1 & 2 Tuesday Art Yrs 3,4, 5 & 6 Wednesday Basketball Yrs 3,4, 5 & 6 Thursday Gymnastics Yrs 3,4, 5 & 6 Friday Lego Yr 1 & 2</p>
8 th March	<p>Monday International Women's Day- wear purple and stand together for equality.</p> <p>British Science Week</p> <p>Science Week Inventions Competition</p> <p>Friday-Mother's Day Events</p>	<p>Monday- whole school liturgy based on Sunday's Gospel- 2.30pm Tuesday- Class Liturgy - 2.40PM DISCIPLESHIP who or what inspires you to be a disciple of Christ Wednesday- Chaplaincy Liturgy Whole School- 2.45PM ALMSGIVING Thursday- Paired Acts of Worship all classes- 2.45PM Theme: I know its ok for me to make mistakes. Friday- House Assembly</p>	<p>Monday Dance Yr 1 & 2 Tuesday Art Yrs 3,4, 5 & 6 Wednesday Basketball Yrs 3,4, 5 & 6 Thursday Gymnastics Yrs 3,4, 5 & 6 Friday Lego Yr 1 & 2</p>
15 th March	<p>Chris Maher, OLoL CMAT Director of Performance & Standards Visit to School</p> <p>Wednesday St Patrick's day events and celebrations</p> <p>Sunday World Down's Syndrome Day</p>	<p>Monday- whole school liturgy based on Sunday's Gospel- 2.30pm Tuesday- Chaplaincy Liturgy Whole School- 2.45PM SACRIFICE Wednesday- St Patrick's day mass with Fr Wilfred & the parish. St Patrick's day Liturgy- Mrs Lane Thursday- Paired Acts of Worship all classes- 2.45PM Theme: I try to learn from my mistakes. Friday- MASS WITH BISHOP PATRICK</p>	<p>Monday Dance Yr 1 & 2 Tuesday Art Yrs 3,4, 5 & 6 Wednesday Basketball Yrs 3,4, 5 & 6 Thursday Gymnastics Yrs 3,4, 5 & 6 Friday Lego Yr 1 & 2</p>
22 nd March	<p>Tuesday Covid National Day of Remembrance & Reflection</p> <p>Tuesday Marie Curie Day</p>	<p>Monday- Whole school liturgy based on Sunday's Gospel- 2.30pm Tuesday- Whole School Liturgy – Covid & Marie Curie Day of Remembrance & Hope Wednesday- Chaplaincy Liturgy Whole School- 2.45PM JOURNEY Thursday- Paired Acts of Worship all classes- 2.45PM Theme: Friday-</p>	<p>Monday Art Club Yr 3,4,5 & 6 Tuesday Dodgeball Yrs 3,4,5 & 6 Wednesday Art Club Yrs 1 & 2 Thursday Gymnastics Yrs 3,4, 5 & 6 Friday MultiSports Yr 1 & 2</p>
29 th March	<p>Holy Week</p> <p>GOOD FRIDAY- SCHOOL CLOSED</p>	<p>HOLY WEEK LITURGIES Monday- KS 1 & EYFS Palm Sunday Tuesday- Year 3 Jesus in the Temple Wednesday- Year 4 The Last Supper Thursday- Year 5 The Garden of Gethsemane Word of the Week- PASSION Statement to Live By-</p>	<p>Monday Art Club Yr 3,4,5 & 6 Tuesday Dodgeball Yrs 3,4,5 & 6 Wednesday Art Club Yrs 1 & 2 Thursday Gymnastics Yrs 3,4, 5 & 6 Friday MultiSports Yr 1 & 2</p>
EASTER HOLIDAY			
SCHOOL CLOSED Friday 2nd April- SCHOOL REOPENS MONDAY 19th April 2021			

Word of the Week

Journey

Lent is a truly special Journey that helps us walk with Jesus and get closer to him. By trying to walk in his footsteps we can understand better about sacrifice and love. Think about your journey through lent so far - how hard has it been? What have been the struggles you have faced? This this week reflect on what you've done on your journey and just how far you've come.

Staffing Changes

The last year has brought challenges to education and teaching that we could never have imagined and all our school team have given over and above what is expected of the job role. It's exhausting but the most rewarding role in the world, it's much more than a job, it's a vocation. All of our staff have been dedicated to doing the very best they can to care for, safeguard, support and educate all of our children in difficult times. They all deserve our thanks and appreciation and I personally thank you as parents for all the kind and appreciative messages that you have contacted us with that have meant so much to us all in school.

There will be some staffing changes after the Easter holiday in school. Mr Siddall, Miss Loscalzo and Mrs Chandley will be leaving St Patrick's and education for new and different careers.

Mr Siddall and Miss Loscalzo have been valued teachers for the last few years and we wish them well in their new career choices and hope they will keep in touch with the friends they have made at St Patrick's.

Mrs Chandley has been an active part of the St Patrick's family since 2007 as a parent, teaching assistant and in her role in leading the PFA she has raised a significant amount of money for the children as well as planning and organising a vast number of events to enhance the life of the school and children and families. The playground equipment on KS 1 is a direct result of the PFA fundraising, just one example of how our children have benefitted from Mrs Chandley and the PFA. We will miss her greatly and be forever grateful for all she has done for the school community.

After the Easter break Year 5 will be taught by Mr Slight and Mrs Slight, two members of the senior leadership team who the children know well. Year 4 will be taught by Mr Richard Carr. Mr Carr has been a year 4 teacher for the last 5 years in Essex and is relocating to Nottingham. He is very familiar with the year 4 curriculum so the transition will be as seamless as possible. The children have already met Mr Carr briefly last week and he will be in school for the first part of next week so they will get to spend some time with their new teacher. The rest of the time he will be working with Miss Loscalzo to ensure a smooth handover. All the children in year 4 & 5 will continue to get the very best Catholic education.

This Week's Mission has been chosen by Reception

Always do your best.

Thank you Reception for planning and preparing this week's liturgy too.

Governance

We say goodbye and thank you to Mr Paul Belshaw, our chair of governors, at Easter as he is retiring after 30 years of service to Catholic Education as governor at the Becket School, Blessed Robert and finally at St Patrick's for the last 4 years. Paul has been an incredibly supportive critical friend to school along with the other governors leading us all knowledgeably with dedication to our children and families. We will greatly miss his leadership and thank him for supporting Mrs Therese Whitehall as she takes over from Paul as our new chair of governors. Therese has been the school safeguarding governor for the last 4 years so knows our school well and will continue to ensure we have strong challenge and leadership.

ONLINE PAYMENTS

We now use +Pay, an online payment service which allows you to pay for school items quickly and easily on your smartphone, tablet or computer, via the **My Ed App**. If you need any help please contact Mrs Tyson.

New Students

Welcome to all of our new students who started school last week in year 5, year 4, reception and nursery. They have all settled so well, making friends, they are already sharing their talents and proving to be assets to the school. It's a pleasure to see our school family grow and St Patrick's be the school of choice in the area. I know that you will make the children and their families feel welcome. Thank you.

Year 3 Mayans Partake Living History

On Thursday 22nd April Partake Living History Group will be coming to year 3 for the day to stimulate their learning about the Mayans. Partake are a very engaging group of historians who bring to life events and cultures from the past through drama, artefacts, music and live action. The children love them and benefit a great deal from their work. We know that finances are tight for everyone currently so school are subsidising this day and we ask that parents please contribute £5 to enable us to book Partake for the children. Donations can be made online using the MyEd/+ Pay ParentMail App by Monday 29th March, letter to follow. If we don't receive enough donations we will sadly have to cancel the event.

Coronavirus Symptomatic Pupils

If you or your child develops coronavirus symptoms: a high temperature, a new or continuous cough, loss or change of sense of smell or taste please take the following advice.

- Symptomatic person must self-isolate for 10 days, the rest of the household must self-isolate for 14 days and can only leave the house to get tested.
- Book a test for the child/parent and please let school know the results as soon as you have them.
- If you **don't have a test**, after the 10 day period, the child can return to school if they are well **BUT** everyone else in the household can't come to school within their 14 day period.
- If the child/parent **tests negative** and are well, have no symptoms, they can stop isolating and return to school even if it is within the 10 day isolation period.
- If a person **tests positive** for COVID-19, they must self-isolate for 10 days and return to school only when they no longer have COVID-19 symptoms.
- The household should still self-isolate for at least 14 days from when the symptomatic person had symptoms.

Booking a Test:

Directions on how to get a home testing kit and how to register, carry out and return the kit can be found on the following sites, there are also videos on this site to show you how to carry out a test:

<https://self-referral.test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/antigen/name>

or

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested>

or

For guidance on responding to **coronavirus in children**, please follow the link at:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/coronavirus-in-children/>

Instructional video for parents/carers on swabbing children: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xaw8DsF2lgc>

- If parents struggle to use the internet or don't have internet access they can 119 for help in booking a test.
- Contact <https://111.nhs.uk/COVID-19> or call 111 if at any point symptoms get worse

Free School Meals

Children in reception, year 1 and year 2 automatically receive free school meals. However **all** parents can apply for free school meals at:

<https://emsonline.nottscg.gov.uk/CitizenPortalLIVE/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2fCitizenPortalLIVE>

or telephone 0300 500 80 80

If you are eligible, school may get additional funding to support your child.

Breakfast & After School Clubs

TB Sports provide breakfast and after school clubs in school daily. Breakfast club begins from 7.30-8.45am after which the children are taken to class.

After school clubs run from the end of the school day until 5pm.

Please book directly at:

<http://www.tbssport.uk/bookings-stpats>

Payments must be made within 7 days of booking or the booking will be cancelled.

If you have any further questions about anything in the newsletter please call school on 0115 9152961 or email the admin team on admin@st-patricks.nottingham.sch.uk and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

If you have a **safeguarding concern** about a child please contact Mrs Slight, Mr Slight, Mrs Lane or Miss Lane in person, by telephone or email.

Alternatively, you can call Children and Families Direct 0115 876 4800 or NSPCC [0808 800 5000](https://www.nspcc.org.uk)