



St Patrick's Catholic Primary & Nursery Voluntary Academy



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Dear Parents & Carers,

Newsletter 2: 27th September 2021

I hope you all had a good weekend and enjoyed what may be the last of the pleasant summer sun.

Thank you so much to all our parents and children who have been in school every day and on time. Attendance and punctuality is the highest it has been for some time. Being in school every day makes such a difference to a child's education, it impacts on their learning and their friendships when they day time off. We expect occasional sickness but unless your child is vomiting or has diarrhoea please endeavor to bring them to school and we will call you if their condition declines. Children can still come to school with a common cold unless they are showing covid symptoms in which case please book a PCR test for them.

We love having our children back in school all together, it's the reason we are all here.

Kind regards,

Tracy Lane

Headteacher



Attendance

Our Education Welfare Officer, Mrs Bradshaw, monitors attendance daily and continues to make home visits to support parents to ensure their child attends school regularly and on time.

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. It is also academy policy that you complete a leave of absence request form in advance of any planned absences e.g. to celebrate a significant faith event e.g. Eid, or for legal appointments. 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 academy policy and the vast majority of parents/carers do always provide this in advance of any appointments.

Taking holidays in school time is not allowed and will result in you being fined by the local authority. Fines are significant and are issued for each parent for each child in the family.

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.

Message from Mrs Bradshaw: Wow! What an amazing week for attendance from year 2 upwards.

Year 2 – 98% - 3 lates

Year 3 – 97% - 4 lates

Year 4 – 98% - 3 lates

Year 5 – 100% - 2 lates

Year 6 -- 98% – 2 lates

Well done to year 5 - this week's winners of the Attendance Cup

Congratulations to Years 5 & 6 joint winners of the Punctuality Cup this week

Come on Year 1 and EYFS, this week aim for 100% attendance and punctuality.

WEEK	SCHOOL EVENT	ASSEMBLIES/LITURGIES	AFTER SCHOOL 3.20-5pm
6 th Sept	Aspirations Week: visiting speakers from the community coming in across the week to talk to the children about their roles in life. Tues Yr 4 Partake- Romans Fri Yr 3 Visit to Nottingham castle	Weekly liturgies are as follows: Monday- whole school liturgy based on Sunday's Gospel- 2.30pm Tuesday- Liturgy through Music - 2.40PM Wednesday- Chaplaincy Liturgy Whole School- 2.45PM Thursday- House or Class Assembly Friday- Paired Acts of Worship all classes- 2.45PM	Please book places at breakfast or after school clubs at: http://www.tbsport.uk/bookings-stpats
13 th Sept	Tuesday 14 th CAFOD Go Green Assembly Friday 17th Sept Class Photos- please come in full school uniform	Weekly liturgies are as follows: Monday- whole school liturgy based on Sunday's Gospel- 2.30pm Tuesday- Liturgy through Music - 2.40PM Wednesday- Chaplaincy Liturgy Whole School- 2.45PM Thursday- House or Class Assembly Friday- Paired Acts of Worship all classes- 2.45PM	After School Clubs Include: 3.20pm Registration Toys & Games 3.45pm until 4.15pm Sport 4.15pm until 4.35pm Outdoor Play 4.35pm until 5.00pm Circle Games or Sport
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4 th Oct	St Francis Hub Mass Friday 8th World Mental Health Day Tuesday 5th Oct Individual & Group pupil school photos. Full School Uniform please.	Weekly liturgies are as follows: Monday- whole school liturgy based on Sunday's Gospel- 2.30pm Tuesday- Liturgy through Music - 2.40PM Wednesday- Chaplaincy Liturgy Whole School- 2.45PM Thursday- House or Class Assembly Friday- Paired Acts of Worship all classes- 2.45PM	After School Clubs Include: 3.20pm Registration Toys & Games 3.45pm until 4.15pm Sport 4.15pm until 4.35pm Outdoor Play 4.35pm until 5.00pm Circle Games or Sport
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HALF TERM HOLIDAY MONDAY 18th October– SUNDAY 31st October

Our Statement to Live By this Week is...

I can laugh and have fun.

This Week's Mission has been chosen by Midday Supervisors...

Look out for people on the playground who look alone and invite them to play with you.

Word of the Week: **Inclusion**

Jesus calls all people to follow him. He often caused outrage by being friends with the kinds of people society didn't like. He wasn't afraid to reach out to those people left out by the world and he worked hard to find a way to include them in what he was doing. This week we celebrate the feast of St. Vincent De Paul. He gave his life to reaching out to those who were sick and lonely and vulnerable. He knew that they needed God's love and compassion as much as anyone else. Think this week about those people who often get left out. How can you include them?

First Holy Communion 2021-22

Enrolment forms were available from Church on SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AFTER MASS (18th & 19th September 2021).

The 1st Parents' Meeting at Our Lady & St Patrick's will be on Wednesday, 3rd November 2021 and at Corpus Christi on Thursday, 4th November 2021 - please keep either of these dates free. (PARENTS ONLY PLEASE for this meeting if possible)

Break Time Snacks

Children in early years and KS 1 are provided with fruit each day as a healthy mid-morning snack.

Children in KS 2 are welcome to bring a snack for break time but **this must be a healthy snack** e.g. a piece of fruit, oat based breakfast bar (not cereal based- rice krispy bar or anything containing traces of nuts.

Please don't bring biscuits, chocolate, sweets, crisps, muffins, cereal bars or anything high in sugar or fats as a snack please. If your child brings anything other than fruit or oat based breakfast bar, we will send the item home with them.

PE KIT & TIMES

PE Times for classes are:
Year 1, 2, 5 & 6 Wednesdays
Year 3 & 4 Mondays
Reception Class Fridays

PE KIT

Children can wear their school PE white T-shirt and green school PE shorts under their black joggers and hoodie. Only school logos on kits please.

No cycling shorts.

PUPIL VOICE TEAM

Congratulations to our new Pupil Voice Team who were voted in by their classmates on Friday.

Year 1: Loveaya & Elijah
Year 2: Lucia & Oscar
Year 3: Benjamin & Michelle
Year 4: Isaac & Ruby
Year 5: Matilda & Zion
Year 6: Kriswynne & Vicky

I'm really looking forward to meeting with you all each week to hear your class's ideas for school development.

Secondary School Applications

If you have a child in year 6 please be aware that you need to complete your application for their secondary school by **31st October**. This should be done online via the admissions portal. All year 6 pupils will be given an information pack shortly when they arrive to help you. A few points to remember:

- **Always apply to more than one school**
- List the schools in order of preference
- If applying to a faith school, you must also submit a supplementary form which can be accessed on the school you are wishing to apply to website.
- For a faith school you may be asked for a baptism certificate, make sure you include it.
- Secondary school prospectus can be found on their website too.

Chaplaincy Team

Congratulations to our new chaplaincy team for 2021-22

Crystal, Damilola, Fabian, Kajus, Leah, Lenny, Manuella, Matilda, Nelvira, Ollie, Tinashe, Sasha, Ameelia

We can't wait to see you leading our school in collective worship and catholic life.

Timings of the School Day

Now that covid restrictions have been eased the timing of the school day is as follows:

Doors open at 8.45am for all classes.
Nursery starts at 8.45am

Doors close at 8.55am anyone arriving after this time must enter through the office and your child will be registered as late.

End of school day is 3.15pm for all pupils.

Year 6 Parents' Meeting

Tomorrow, Tuesday 28th September we are holding an important meeting for parents of year 6 pupils. There will be information shared around applying for secondary school places, the annual trip to the Briars planned for June and SATs. It is important that at least one parent per child attends please.

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 and book a PCR test.
- Book a test for the child/parent and please let school know the results as soon as you have them.
- If the child/parent **tests negative** and are well, have no symptoms, they can stop isolating and return to school.
- 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 do not need to isolate if they have had both vaccinations or are under 18 years and 6 months old unless they are symptomatic in which case they should take a PCR test at a test centre.

Booking a Test:

- 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

Nursery Places

If you would like a place for your child in our amazing nursery, please collect and complete an application form from the school office. Morning places are free for all 3 and 4 year olds receiving a 15 hours codes and free all day places are available for those eligible for the 30 hours code. You must apply now for a code. We also offer full day places to all children if parents would like to pay for afternoon sessions and top up their free 15 hours places. The cost will be £77 per week paid in advance via online payments. Please contact the office or Mrs Sarno if this is something you'd be interested in.

Parish Newsletter

The link to this week's parish newsletter is:
<https://img1.wsimg.com/blobby/go/87adf8a7-e8dd-4e72-8c4f-49b936f8cd13/downloads/Newsletter%2020th%20June%202021.pdf?ver=1624098429320>

Breakfast & After School Clubs

TB Sports provide breakfast and after school clubs in school daily. Breakfast club begins from 7.30am-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.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS APPLICATIONS

We know that many parents may be entitled to claim Free School Meals but don't apply especially if their children are in EYFS or KS 1.

Please do make an application for free school meals as school will receive additional funding for your child which will greatly help to provide extra resources.

Any parent who completes an application for Free School Meals via the website:

<https://ololcmat.co.uk/ppcheck>

and is successful in being awarded it, will receive a free PE Shirt and Shorts worth £11 for their children for September 2021.

It costs you nothing to apply but will help your child and school if you are successful.

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 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)