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Dear Parents & Carers,

Newsletter 1: 6th September 2021

I hope you had a relaxing and happy summer break and are ready for the new school year.

Thank you for preparing your children so well in such smart school uniform, they look amazing and feel fantastic. Uniform is so important to provide our children with a sense of belonging and equality. Thank you to the vast majority of parents who also support the school uniform policy with ensuring your child has a smart haircut, no coloured hair and no designs shaved into hairstyles- thank you.

This week is aspirations week in school and we have a number of positive role models coming into school to talk to the children about their roles in life, and the paths the children need to take if they wish to take up a career in this area. Today we have a visit from the police followed during the week by a basketball coach, a lawyer, a youth leader, Fr Wilfred, a young man who renovates and creates homes for those in need of help. If you would like to talk to your child's class about your role in life/occupation, please see your child's class teacher and we will arrange some time for this.

We continue to work as a covid safe school and will maintain many of our health and safety policies e.g. regular hand sanitizing/washing and good ventilation through school. If a child becomes symptomatic, we will contact you and ask you to collect them as soon as possible and take them for a PCR test.

Thank you for your continuing support in keeping everyone safe.

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.

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	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 Wed 15th Sept Yr 3 Visit to Nottingham Castle 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	Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday
20 th Sept	Tues 21 st House Saints Liturgy Who are they? What did they do?	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	Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday
27 th Sept	Friday 1st CAFOD Family Fast day & Harvest celebration 9am	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	Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday
4 th Oct	St Francis Hub Mass Friday 8th World Mental Health Day Tuesday 5th Oct Individual 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	Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday
11 th Oct	Parent Consultation calls will take place this week via Microsoft Teams. 12th October Whole School Mass in school 1.30pm	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	Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

HALF TERM HOLIDAY MONDAY 18th October– SUNDAY 31st October

Our Statement to Live By this Week is...

I can say one good thing about myself.

This Week's Mission has been chosen by Ruth and Joe...

Watch NDCYS 'Encounter' stream to see lots of ways to encounter Christ in your everyday lives.

Word of the Week **Encounter**

The word encounter means 'an unexpected meeting'. We can encounter Christ in lots of different places but this week we can think about finding Christ in those places we don't expect to. Maybe we should think about how we can take Christ to unexpected places too. We can be the face of Christ to other people and by trying to live our lives like him we can help other people meet him, even if they don't expect to! In your class this week, check out the NDCYS Encounter stream to see lots of ways to encounter Christ in your everyday lives.

Aspirations Week 6-10th September

This week we will be encouraging the children to think about their futures, what they want to do/be and what they need to do to get there. We will be having a number of speakers in school talking about their roles in life and the paths they took. If you feel you would like to talk to your child's class about your role in life, please see your child's teacher.

Chaplaincy Team

The chaplaincy team is usually made up of volunteers from year 5, pupils who feel they have something special they can contribute to the catholic life and collective worships in school. We have always had successful teams across the year and this year's year 5 are proving themselves equally responsible. Mrs Cannell will be sending an application activity out on seesaw for the children to apply to be on the chaplaincy team this week. Please encourage your child to apply.

PE TIMES

PE Times for classes are:

Year 1, 2, 5 & 6 Wednesdays

Year 3 & 4 Mondays

Reception Class Fridays

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.

PUPIL VOICE TEAM

This week the children will have the opportunity to put themselves forward for the position on the pupil voice team. Each year 1 boy and 1 girl from each class are voted in by their classmates to represent the class on the team. We very much value the children's opinions and ideas as they are the most important people in the school and should have a say decisions being made.

An activity will be sent out via seesaw this week for your child to give reasons why they would like to be on the pupil voice team. From next Monday elections will be held in school to select our new pupil voice team who will meet with me each week to share the views and ideas of the pupils in their class and be part of the decision making process of the school. Please encourage your child to put themselves forward if they would like to represent their class.

Word of the Week- Inclusion

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.

Year 3 Trip to Nottingham Castle

On Wednesday 15th September, year 3 will be heading off to Nottingham Castle to begin their learning about Robin Hood. The weather looks good so keep your fingers crossed for an exciting day out. If your child usually receives free school meals, a packed lunch will be provided by the kitchen. All other children need to bring a packed lunch for the day. If you haven't yet paid your contribution for the trip please do so before Wednesday this week so the trip can go ahead.

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, morning session ends at 11.45am

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.

Partake Living History Group

This half term Year 6 and Year 4 will be working with Partake Living History Group to enhance and engage them in their history learning. The children always learn so much from Partake sessions and have the opportunity to handle artefacts and bring their learning to life. School contributes to the cost of these sessions for all pupils but we really appreciate your contributions to be able to make this happen also please.

Year 6, Viking Adventure, 3 Sept

Year 4, What have the Romans Done for Us? 7 Sept

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 code 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>

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 £10 S&A uniform voucher to spend.

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

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 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)