



# St Patrick's Catholic Primary & Nursery Voluntary Academy



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Dear Parents & Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope you have all had a happy and healthy Christmas break and the start of the New Year is going well so far.

Thank you for all the lovely cards, gifts and well wishes given to all the staff before Christmas, they are very much appreciated by us all.

I am delighted to tell you that our final OFSTED inspection report is now available to share with you. Thank you to all the parents who took the time to speak with the inspectors during the inspection in November; your views very much matter to us and it was wonderful to know how happy you are with the school and your child's education. We are very pleased with the outcome of the inspection and that it confirms how, safe, happy and valued the children feel and the very good quality of education they receive here at St Patrick's. Each teacher in school, unless they are an early career teacher, leads at least one particular subject across school in addition to teaching their own class and the only area for development identified in the inspection report is to support new staff with time get to know how their subject is taught by teachers in every class. This is already an action we have been working on since September when new staff joined us and will continue to provide them with the time and training to monitor the impact of their subject across school.

The inspection report will be sent to you this week by parent mail.

St Patrick's School is a team: the Academy Trust team, staff, governors, parents, parish and our wonderful children and working together we will continue to provide the best catholic education possible for all our children and families. Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership.

Have a good week,  
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.

Who are the winners next week? Will it be you?

WEEK	SCHOOL EVENT	ASSEMBLIES/LITURGIES	AFTER SCHOOL 3.20-5.30pm
4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<b>Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Yr 5 Partake Egyptians</b> <b>Thur 6<sup>th</sup> Yr 6 Visit to the National Justice Museum</b>  <b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> Year 3 start swimming lessons weekly</b>	<b>Weekly liturgies are as follows: Monday-</b> whole school liturgy based on Sunday's Gospel- 2.30pm <b>Tuesday-</b> Liturgy through Music - 2.40PM <b>Wednesday-</b> Chaplaincy Liturgy Whole School- 2.45PM <b>Thursday-</b> <b>Feast of the Epiphany</b> <b>Friday-</b> Paired Acts of Worship all classes- 2.45PM	<b>Please book places at breakfast or after school clubs at:</b> <a href="http://www.tbsport.uk/bookings-stpats">http://www.tbsport.uk/bookings-stpats</a>
10 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> Jan Yr 3 visit to Creswell Craggs	<b>Weekly liturgies are as follows: Monday-</b> <b>whole school mass</b> <b>Tuesday-</b> Liturgy through Music - 2.40PM <b>Wednesday-</b> Yr 5 Chaplaincy Liturgy Whole School- 2.45PM <b>Thursday-</b> <b>House Assembly</b> <b>Friday-</b> Paired Acts of Worship all classes- 2.45PM	<b>After School Clubs Include:</b> 3.20pm Registration Toys & Games 3.45pm until 4.15pm Sport 4.15pm until 4.35pm Outdoor Play 4.35pm until 5.30pm Circle Games or Sport
17 <sup>th</sup> Jan		<b>Weekly liturgies are as follows: Monday-</b> whole school liturgy based on Sunday's Gospel- 2.30pm <b>Tuesday-</b> Liturgy through Music - 2.40PM <b>Wednesday-</b> Yr 4 Chaplaincy Liturgy Whole School- 2.45PM <b>Thursday-</b> Class Assembly <b>Friday-</b> Paired Acts of Worship all classes- 2.45PM	<b>After School Clubs Include:</b> 3.20pm Registration Toys & Games 3.45pm until 4.15pm Sport 4.15pm until 4.35pm Outdoor Play 4.35pm until 5.30pm Circle Games or Sport
24 <sup>th</sup> Jan		<b>Weekly liturgies are as follows: Monday-</b> whole school liturgy based on Sunday's Gospel- 2.30pm <b>Tuesday-</b> Liturgy through Music - 2.40PM <b>Wednesday-</b> Yr 3 Chaplaincy Liturgy Whole School- 2.45PM <b>Thursday-</b> House Assembly <b>Friday-</b> Paired Acts of Worship all classes- 2.45PM	<b>After School Clubs Include:</b> 3.20pm Registration Toys & Games 3.45pm until 4.15pm Sport 4.15pm until 4.35pm Outdoor Play 4.35pm until 5.30pm Circle Games or Sport
31 <sup>st</sup> Jan	4 <sup>th</sup> Feb NSPCC Number Day	<b>Weekly liturgies are as follows: Monday-</b> whole school liturgy based on Sunday's Gospel- 2.30pm <b>Tuesday-</b> Liturgy through Music - 2.40PM <b>Wednesday-</b> Yr 2 Chaplaincy Liturgy Whole School- 2.45PM <b>Thursday-</b> NSPCC Number Day <b>Friday-</b> Paired Acts of Worship all classes- 2.45PM	<b>After School Clubs Include:</b> 3.20pm Registration Toys & Games 3.45pm until 4.15pm Sport 4.15pm until 4.35pm Outdoor Play 4.35pm until 5.30pm Circle Games or Sport
7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b>Our Lady of Lourdes feast Week</b>  <b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> Feb INSET DAY</b> <b>School Closed</b>	<b>Weekly liturgies are as follows: Monday-</b> whole school liturgy based on Sunday's Gospel- 2.30pm <b>Tuesday-</b> Liturgy through Music - 2.40PM <b>Wednesday-</b> Yr 1 Chaplaincy Liturgy Whole School- 2.45PM <b>Thursday-</b> E Safety Assembly <b>Friday - School Closed</b>	<b>After School Clubs Include:</b> 3.20pm Registration Toys & Games 3.45pm until 4.15pm Sport 4.15pm until 4.35pm Outdoor Play 4.35pm until 5.30pm Circle Games or Sport

**Half Term HOLIDAY School closed FRIDAY 11<sup>th</sup> February-Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2022**  
**School re-opens MONDAY 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022**

**Our Virtue to Live By this Week is...**

*I know that faith is a gift from God.*

**This Week's Mission has been chosen by ... Mrs Lane**

**Do one thing each day to show God's love for someone else.**

**Word of the Week: Epiphany**

*On the 6<sup>th</sup> of January celebrate the feast of the Epiphany - when the wise men from the east brought gifts of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh to the baby Jesus. For us it's an opportunity to think about the gifts we've been given and how we use them to serve God. It's also a chance to give thanks for all those who give so much to us every day.*

## CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

I am very aware of the increase in covid infection rates over the Christmas period and have been contacted by a number of parents who have recently had or who have now contracted covid. They are all being extremely safe and taking protective measures to restrict the transmission of the virus and keeping us well informed- thank you and we wish you all well for a speedy and full recovery.

With this in mind, please do be aware that the virus is still with us and watch out for any symptoms in yourself or your children. We will contact you to collect your child if we see any symptoms and ask you to take them for a PCR test or isolate for the 7-10 day period. Please do not get angry with school staff if you are contacted as this is something we have to do to keep the school community safe and is a legal obligation we must fulfil. I know it is difficult particularly for working parents to be called to collect their child and we will only do this if a child is presenting with symptoms e.g. a new or persistent cough or feels or complains of being hot to the touch. We understand that there are also a lot of other colds, coughs and flu symptoms around but we do have to follow government ruling. Staff in school take regular lateral flow tests and wear face coverings in all shared spaces except when teaching to keep you and your children as safe as possible when in school.

Thank you for cooperating with us to keep everyone as safe as possible as we do not want to return to whole school and class closures as remote learning is not the best for the children and put additional pressure on parents to support their children at home with lessons.

## Scooter and Bike Safety

Some children are still riding their bikes and scooters on school grounds before and after school. This is very dangerous as there are toddlers, parents, grandparents on the paths and playgrounds. Please make sure your child doesn't ride their bikes and scooters on path and playgrounds around school, walk their bikes and scooters to the gate before getting on. The same applies to arriving at school, please make sure your child gets off their bike or scooter before coming through the gates. **Yellow council scooters are not allowed inside the school gates**, please park them in the Ferry Inn car park. Thank you for keeping our school community safe.

## After School Care

In the questionnaire completed by parents on parent consultation evening last term, some parents asked for after school care to stay open later. From today, after school clubs will run until 5.30pm Monday-Thursday. If there is enough demand, club will start on Fridays, please let TB Sports know if this something you would like.

The TB Sport Team are fantastic and the numbers are growing, particularly in breakfast club. They are working with us to listen to you views and have increased their hours as a result. Please book on to clubs and pay using their online booking system at:

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

Please be on time to collect your child after clubs especially as they have extended their hours to meet parents' needs.

## Additional PE

In the questionnaire completed by parents on parent consultation evening last term, some parents requested more PE opportunities and opportunities for their child to take part in sports competitions. As a result, Miss Thornhill, from TB Sports, leads an additional PE session for classes on Tuesdays with the class teacher, this will alternate between classes each half term enabling pupils to acquire knowledge of a wider range of sports. Up to now, the majority of out of school sports competitions have been on hold during the pandemic for the last 18 months so we are looking forward to getting more involved again now.

Miss Thornhill is working closely with Miss Lane, who has taken over PE from Mr Slight, to plan the sports activities covered and to arrange after school sports tournaments for the rest of the year. Once these tournaments are organized we will contact parents of pupils involved and ask that you support your child by getting them to the tournament as the cost of a coach is excessive and may prevent children from being able to take part. I hope you will be able to support us with this wherever possible.

## Welcome

Welcome to Mr Ward who has joined us in teaching Year 2 alongside Miss Lane. Mr Ward isn't new to school and has taught in school on a supply basis quite frequently this year, we are delighted to have him here for the rest of the year Monday-Thursday while Miss Lane teaches them on Fridays. I know you will make him feel very welcome and support him, Mr Ward is looking forward to continuing working with the St Patrick's Team.

Congratulations to Mrs Cannell who has taken on the role of SENDCo while Miss Lane has taken on the responsibilities previously held by Mr Slight in addition to her role as deputy headteacher.

Thank you to Mr Slight for his care and work in school over the last 3 years and we wish him well in his new role at Plumtree Independent School.

## School Uniform

We have had a number of children return from the Christmas break wearing trainers instead of school shoes. Many children have grown out of their shoes over the break which is understandable or couldn't find their shoes in time for school this morning. Please make sure your child is in full school uniform by Friday this week including plain black school shoes. Thank you.

## Yr 5 Partake Living Theatre Egyptians

Thank you to all parents for contributing to the Partake event for their child in year 5. This will take place today (Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January). Children love the partake events and learn so much from this first hand exciting experience.

## YEAR 3 TRIP TO CRESWELL CRAGS

Next week on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> January, year 3 are travelling to Creswell Crags for their hands on experience investigating how people lived in the Stone Age. Thank you to all parents for contributing towards this, it's a great day out of discovery as children learn to be archeologists and investigate the site of historical discovery in Derbyshire. School uniform, warm coat, hat gloves please.

**Children must arrive at 8am on Wednesday as the coach will leave shortly after this.**

## Mass for the Start of Term

On Monday we will be celebrating the new term and New Year with mass in school. Sadly due to an increase in covid infections and government guidance we are still unable to invite parents into school to join us for mass but will keep you all in our prayers. Hopefully we will be able to invite you back into school in the near future.

## PE KIT UNIFORM

PE Kits can be worn to school on PE days:

**Monday:** Year 1 and 2

**Tuesday:** After Christmas, year 1, 2 and 4 will have an additional PE lesson until 11<sup>th</sup> Feb

**Wednesday:** Year 3, 4, 5 & 6

**Friday:** Reception

**Thursday:** After Christmas Year 3 will be swimming so will need to bring their swimming kit in a bag with a towel each week on Thursdays from 6<sup>th</sup> January-10<sup>th</sup> February.

PE Kit is part of our school uniform so children must have the correct kit:

- Plain black hoody and joggers, **no logos, no leggings** please, this can be bought at any shop/supplier/online.
- School white T Shirt and green shorts from the school supplier.

## Year 6 Briars Residential

This is a polite reminder that the third payment is now overdue for parents choosing to pay in instalments. Please make the payment on the My Ed App; if you need help please speak to Mrs Tyson in the school office any morning this week.

## Yr 6 National Justice Museum

On Thursday this week, 6<sup>th</sup> January, Year 6 will be heading for the national justice museum to begin their study into crime and punishment through the ages. Thank you to all parents for contributing to this valuable learning experience, these sort of trips and events are what children remember and learn a great deal from.

## SEESAW CODES

Please check your child's seesaw code works and if you are having any difficulties, please speak to your child's class teacher for help. In the event of your child needing to isolate due to covid or school closure you will need to access home learning via seesaw.

Your child should be accessing seesaw each week to complete their homework unless you have requested homework be given in a paper format.

## 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- not rice krispie 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.

## 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 7 days from the day after the positive result. On day 6 and 24 hours later on day 7 if you take two lateral flow test and each test is negative you can now return to school if well enough and they no longer have a temperature.
- Other household members or close contacts of a person who has tested positive for covid do not need to isolate if they have had both vaccinations or are under 18 years and 6months 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

### **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 5.30pm Mon-Thurs.

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.

### **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.

### **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 £10 S&A Uniform voucher for their children.**

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

### **Darish 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?vr=1624098429320>

### **Safe Car Parking**

Please use the Ferry Inn car park or the tram car park for dropping off and collection. If these are full, as a last resort, use the marked bays for parking outside school.

Please don't just park on the road as it is causing a danger to children arriving and leaving school. The available car parks are just a few steps away from school.

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](mailto: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 Miss Moody, 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)