

St Patrick's School Newsletter  
Dear Families  
**Catholic Life**

The word of the week:

**'Mercy'**

This week we heard in our Gospel reading that we should "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful". We are called to look with mercy and compassion on everyone, not just those people we get along with. The children this week have thought about their relationships and about where you need to show mercy and compassion to those around you.

Mass on Tuesday was led by Fr Mark supported by Y2 children. Y1 and Y5 were invited to attend and showed great respect in their buddy roles together.

**Upcoming events**

A reminder that this Sunday, before Mass, is the First Holy Communion session for those children who are returned their interest forms.

On Ash Wednesday we will be having a collective worship in school led by the Chaplaincy team. The ashes will be brought to school following a mass at All Saints.



**Please read the Trust guidance below which gives the latest COVID-19 update**

**VISITOR PROTOCOLS (Living with Covid-19 update 24-02-2022)**

The UK government has relaxed the legal requirement to self-isolate, however, much of the guidance for schools remains in place.

**What is an essential visitor?**

An Essential Visitor is someone who needs to come into school to fulfil certain criteria. These include for the welfare and education of children when there is no other reasonable way of doing things. This could include a visit to provide tuition, attend an act of worship, a parents evening or a welfare meeting (not an exhaustive list). The school's decision on whether a visit is essential is final and you must make an appointment.

**Don't come into school if you feel unwell or have any of these symptoms:**

1. Fever or high temperature
2. New continuous cough
3. A loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)
4. Otherwise feeling unwell

**When can visits take place?**

Certain types of school visits may be needed to support the welfare and education of children, and these are deemed essential. These can take place at the school's discretion by prior appointment.



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## When can't visits take place?

Visits to school may need to be suspended if local conditions (e.g., infection rates) do not permit them to take place and this may be at short notice.

## In-person parents' evenings

You may attend an in-person parents evening by prior appointment, but you must follow the rules at all times.

## Mass/act of worship

You may attend mass by prior appointment, but you must follow the rules at all times.

## School events

You may attend an in-person event by prior appointment, but you must follow the rules at all times.

## Meetings

You may attend an in-person meeting by prior appointment, but you must follow the rules at all times.

## The rules

1. You should ensure that you have an appointment to visit school. Schools are very busy and may not be able to see you or to deal with your query without appointment. Failure to do so may result in disappointment and having to return at another time.
2. Lateral flow testing: In accordance with government guidance, it is still strongly advised that visitors carry out a lateral flow test on the day of their visit to a school. Lateral Flow or 'at home' tests are available from most pharmacies and Covid testing stations. After 1st April 2022, you may have to pay for a lateral flow test if you are not eligible for a free test kit.
3. You should wear a face covering when instructed to do so which should fully cover the mouth and nose unless you are exempt on health grounds.
4. You should stay in the area designated for your visit. This to avoid too many people grouping in one location.
5. You should avoid close contact by keeping apart 2 meters when face-to-face contact with staff or children.
6. You should wash and sanitise your hands regularly. This can be done with soap and running water or hand sanitiser. This is particularly important before leaving home, after using public transport, before and after eating and after visiting the toilet.
7. Only use the toilet that you have been told to use.

**We are delighted that we are able to welcome our community into school and very much appreciate everyone's support with the above visitor protocols.**

**"Outstanding relationships exist between all members of the school community"**

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## Diary Dates

We are really pleased to be able to invite families back into school to attend community events. Please see the below list of events which are happening over the next few weeks.

Date	Event
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	World Book Day - Children are welcome to dress up or attend school with a symbol of their favourite character or book
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	After school celebration of learning where families are invited into classrooms at 3.30pm to look at their child's books
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	9am- St Patrick's Day whole school Mass with parents and families welcome 2.15pm- Child led mini-market- families invited to attend
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	8.30am- Y1 and Y2 Stay and Pray
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	8.30am- Foundation Stage – Stay and Pray 2.45pm- Come and See Assembly- Y1,2 and 3 – Families invited to attend
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	2.15pm- Whole school mass
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	9am Stations of the Cross – Y3,4,5 and 6 8.30am- Y1 and Y2- Stay and Pray

Children during Lent who had made their First Confession will have the opportunity to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation with one of the priests in school.

Stay and Pray- These sessions will give families the opportunity to bring their child into the classroom to complete early work, read a book or complete an activity before then joining the class for a short collective worship.



Come and see assembly – This assembly will give our children the chance to showcase the work which they have been doing across a range of curriculum areas.

## Extra Curricula Activities

We still have places available on the below extra curricula activities. It would be wonderful to see more of our pupils join these clubs.



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Day	Activity	Year groups	Payment
Monday	Art and Craft	Y1-Y6	5 weeks £3 per week £15 in total
Monday	Dance	Y1-Y6	5 weeks £3 per week £15 in total
Tuesday	Ball games	Y1-Y6	5 weeks £3 per week £15 in total
Thursday	Reading and writing	Y1-Y6	5 weeks £3 per week £15 in total
Thursday	ICT	Y1-Y6	5 weeks £3 per week £15 in total

### Swimming

A reminder that school swimming will be starting on Monday with our Year 5 children having their block of swimming initially. We would like to remind the Y5 children to attend school in their PE kit with their swimming equipment and water bottle in a bag to take with them.

### Attendance

We are so proud of the community and the way that you have all attended school as much as you can.

This is now showing as we move into the Lenten term as we have started this half term off with an amazing attendance this week of ...

F2: 98.7%      Y1: 95.0%      Y2: 94.3%      Y3: 96.8%      Y4: 98.6  
Y5: 97.3%      Y6: 98.0%

Overall attendance for this half term is **96.9%**

In prayer and partnership  
Mrs J L Smedley

