



St Patrick's School Newsletter: October 14th 2022

After half terms, Word of the Week: Holiness

Next week, we have two important feasts, All Saints and All souls. A Saint is one of those men and women who in their life and often their death set an example of how to live a life for GOD. They gave hope to us all that we can be better people and one day even become Saints ourselves! We are all called to Holiness and all called to live a life pleasing to God. In November too, and on the feast of All Souls, we remember all who have died and keep them in our prayers.

This week in school:

Diversity week

Our word of the week this week has been 'diversity', during assembly, we spoke about how Diversity means understanding that each individual is unique, and recognising our individual differences. These differences might be our culture, religion, how we look or our hobbies. During this week, our mission has been set to research the lives of black people in History who have made significant contributions in society. Please encourage your child to continue their research during the half term break. The next stage will be for the children to share their findings in classes and in house meetings.

Visitors

We have welcomed many visitors into our school this week, including OFSTED, Mansfield Town in the Community, our governors and representatives from our trust. Your children have shone out in so many ways and have represented St Patrick's with great pride.

World mental health day

On Monday, as a whole school, we celebrated world mental health day. This day enabled us to share ways with pupils that they can keep their minds healthy. Mrs Stevenson, our ELSA, shared a variety of breathing techniques that can be used by pupils and adults, during any difficult times.

Decoration of Y3, 4 and 5 classrooms.

Today, Y4 have moved into our hall for a couple of days so that the renovation of their classroom can begin. They have thoroughly enjoyed their new surroundings and I am sure they will love their newly decorated classroom after the half term. During half term, Y3 and Y5 classrooms will also be renovated and refreshed.



Attendance



Please make every effort to support our attendance
Priority for every child to attend school as much as
Possible. Congratulations to **Y2** who are this week's
Winners of Atty Bear!

Attendance dates 2nd September 14th October

Reception	95.2%
Year 1	94.6%
Year 2	94.1%
Year 3	96.8%
Year 4	96.4%
Year 5	97.2%
Year 6	96.5%

This year, we ask for your continued support as we work in partnership to ensure that school attendance is high. Please be reminded that the Department for Education states that:

- Parents and carers have a duty to ensure that their child attends regularly at school, where that child is a registered pupil at school and of a compulsory school age;
 - If your child is unwell or unable to attend school for whatever reason, you must notify school;
 - Schools have a responsibility to record attendance and follow up all absences;
 - Schools may issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices in line with the local authority's guidelines.
- As stated in our Pupil Attendance Policy, leave of absence, which has not been approved, will be unauthorised and may lead to a referral being made to the Local Authority for action. For schools within Nottinghamshire County Council, a Penalty Notice will be requested if an unauthorised holiday is taken in excess of 3 days/6 sessions (over a 6 week rolling period).

Thank you in advance for your support in ensuring your child attends all possible sessions.

Letters

Today your child will be coming home with the home school agreement and a sponsorship form for Mansfield town in the community. Please read these carefully.

Secondary School admissions Y6-Y7

All applications need to be submitted to the local authority by 31st October.

Please use this link for the parent's guide to admissions,

<https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/media/5066236/admissionsguideforparents2023-24.pdf>

Secondary admissions to All Saints

Please be aware that if you have made a faith-based application to All Saints a supplementary form must be submitted and the requested evidence must be sent as part of the application process.



Calendar

Please use this link to access the calendar- this will be updated throughout the year, this link will also be added to the school website

[Parent Calendar](#)

Reminder of events

On Monday 31st October- All children will need a pair of trainers in school to complete the penalty shootout.

Next few week's events

Advent 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 31st October WOW: Holiness	Mansfield Town- Penalty shootout 9- 12	2.15pm Mass: All Saints day - Whole school mass			
Week 2 7th November WOW: Giving		2.15pm Mass: TBC			Remembrance Day
Week 3 14th November WOW: Youth	Anti-bullying week - theme: ' Reach Out ' / World kindness day - come in odd socks and work on World Kindness Day activities	2.15pm Mass: TBC			

Thank you for your continued support

In partnership and prayer

Mrs J L Smedley