



St Patrick's School Newsletter: November 4th 2022

Welcome back to the second half of the Advent term!

Next week's, Word of the Week: 'GIVING'

This week, we have celebrated two important feasts, All Saints and All Souls. 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. We have created a central 'prayer tree' display in school to remember all who have died and to keep them in our prayers.

Thank you to pupils in Y2 and Y6 who lead our school parish Mass so beautifully.

This week in school:

Choir

Today, our school choir has begun, led by one of our Music teachers from the OLOL music service. The choir will run every week on a Friday at 10am and is initially for our KS2 pupils. Next week they will begin to learn an Advent song. We are delighted to restart this provision and look forward to hearing our choir perform in future events.

Decoration of Y3, 4 and 5 classrooms.

During half term, our Y3, Y4 and Y5 classrooms have been renovated and refreshed by the Trust's Maintenance team and the children and staff are loving their new learning environments!

We are very grateful for the work from the Trust and thank the team for all their efforts.

House meetings

During the house meeting this week, the children have been deciding on their house charity. Each house will have a dedicated charity for the year and will run events to raise money for them. We will share with parents next week the charities that have been chosen.



Attendance



A superb effort with attendance during this first week back after the half term break. Let's keep it going! Congratulations to **Reception** who are this week's Winners of Atty Bear!

Attendance dates 31st Oct- 4th Nov

Reception	98.9%
Year 1	97.4%
Year 2	95.4%
Year 3	98.5%
Year 4	97.5%
Year 5	96.5%
Year 6	97.4%

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.

Penalty Shootout



The children this week have completed their penalty shootout.

Please could all sponsorship money be brought into school by **Friday 11th November**.

We will then be able to organise our presentation assembly

Thank you for all your support- monies raised will be used to purchase playground equipment during breaks.



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First Admissions to Primary School September 2023

Please see the admissions information below regarding applying for a place in school for September 2023.

Applying for a place in school for an F2 place.

If you live in Nottinghamshire and **require a school place for your child in September 2023**, you will be contacted by Nottinghamshire County Council with further information and their Admissions form which must be completed so an F2 place can be allocated.

If you do not receive any information from Nottinghamshire County Council, please call the Admissions Team on this number: 0300 500 8080.

If you are applying on faith grounds you will also need to complete our supplementary form which is available from the school office or via school website.

An allocation of a place in Nursery does not grant a place in Main School.

All applications must be made via Nottinghamshire County Council.

First admissions dates to remember: Children starting school for the first time. Relevant age group:

Reception: children born between 01 September 2018 and 31 August 2019

National open date for applications: 7th November 2022

National closing date for applications: 15th January 2023

It is extremely important that you complete your application on time. Applications received after the closing date will be ranked and considered

Please use this link for the parents' guide to admissions:

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



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](#)

Upcoming events

On Thursday 17th November, our Foundation Stage parents are invited to an EYFS drop in. During this drop in there will be teachers available to answer questions about how you can support your child with phonics and maths, there will also be a member of the Nottinghamshire children's centre, she will be available to answer questions and provide advice on where support can be accessed for children under 5.

Next few week's events

Week 2 7 th November WOW: Giving		2.15pm Mass: Y4			Remembrance Day
Week 3 14 th November WOW: Youth	Anti-bullying week - theme: ' Reach Out ' / World kindness day come in odd socks and work on World Kindness Day activities	In house Mass		EYFS drop in 9am - In the foundation stage unit	
Week 4 21 st November WOW: Kingdom		2.15pm Mass: TBC			FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY 20th - NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY National Youth fund day

Thank you for your continued support

In partnership and prayer

Mrs J L Smedley