



St Patrick's School Newsletter: October 7th 2022

Next week's Word of the Week: Diversity

October is the month of Black History. This month gives everyone the opportunity to share, celebrate and understand the impact of black heritage and culture. It also serves as a reminder of the incredible beauty of our diverse communities. It inspires us to celebrate our differences and recognise that we are all unique and important parts of the body of Christ. Think this week about what you bring to your community and just how much you receive from those around you.

World Mental Health day – Monday 10th October

On Monday, we are inviting pupils and staff to wear a symbol of green and/or odd socks as part of world mental health day. During Monday's assembly, this day will be launched and classes will spend time during the day thinking about how they can keep their minds healthy.

This week in school:

CAFOD – Family fast day

This week we have started to collect tins and boxes of food for the Harvest Mission, launched by the Chaplaincy Team, as well as spare change for CAFOD's Brighten Up mission. We would like to thank everyone who has already brought in these much-needed donations and we will continue to collect during the coming week. All food collected will be placed into a hamper and donated to the local food bank. So far we've raised **£84.68**. Well done all! ☺

October – The Month of Rosary

This month is the month of the Rosary. We began our collective worship time this week looking at the Rosary and learning how to pray it. The children have been set a Rosary challenge. This is to try to pray the whole Rosary throughout the month of October. Join in from home: <https://www.themark10mission.co.uk/the-rosary-challenge>

Rebecca Adlington school visit

We were extremely lucky in school this week to receive a visit from an Olympian swimmer: Rebecca Adlington. All the children in school were very excited to see her and her medals. During the assembly, Rebecca spoke about how the children can keep safe around water and the importance of learning to swim.

Foundation stage Library Visitor

We have had a special visitor in Foundation Stage this week. Kerry from the library service visited the children to share 'Roar Like a Dinosaur' and act out different parts.

Mass at Holy Trinity Newark

On Tuesday, two members of the Chaplaincy Team represented our school at the Mass, celebrated by Bishop Patrick to honour the unity of the OLOL and St Therese of Lisieux Trusts. Mrs Lund said our ambassadors spoke to Bishop Patrick and our CEO with the greatest of respect and it was a privilege to take them. All classes in school shared in the live-streamed Mass and singing, with our schools across the Trust. We brought back a revised Trust Prayer and a statue of St. Therese, which are displayed on the altar.



Attendance



Please make every effort to support our attendance
Priority for every child to attend school as much as
Possible. Congratulations to **Y5** who are this week's
Winners of Atty Bear!

Attendance dates 2nd September 7th October

Reception	95.3%
Year 1	94.4%
Year 2	93.6%
Year 3	97.3%
Year 4	96.9%
Year 5	97.7%
Year 6	97.3%

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.

Communication policy

The updated communication policy is now on the website,
Please click this link to access it, [Communication Policy](#)

Home school agreement

Your child should have come home today with a home school agreement. Please take the time to read this with your child we would request that it is signed and brought back into school as soon as possible.



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

If you have not already done so, please could you make sure you sign up for a parents evening appointment via parentmail. Our parents evening this year will take place in person in the school hall.

Next week is our second **parent voice group** at **9am** on **Tuesday 11th October**. All are welcome to attend the informal group, which this week will focus on **extra curricula activities**.

Next few week's events

Class masses for this half term have now been added. We apologise for the delay in this as we were waiting on confirmation of the timings.

Week 7 10th October WOW: Diversity	World mental health day - wear a green ribbon or a small symbol of green. Stay, Play and pray F1/F2 8.30	2.15pm Mass: Y3 Parent voice group- 9am - Focus on extra curricula Mansfield Town fun football- F1,F2,Y1,Y4 (PE kits needed) School Games- Rugby Mega fest- Y4,5/6 girls- Mansfield Rugby Club- 4pm-5pm	Celebration Assembly Y3/4 - 2.30pm Mansfield Town fun football - Y2, Y3, Y5, Y6 (PE kits needed) School Games- Cross Country Y5/6 Girls/boys- Venue and Time Manor	Parents' Evening F1-Y5	Stay, Play and pray F1/F2 8.30 Celebration Assembly Y5/6 - 2.30pm
17th October	October Half term	October Half term	October Half term	October Half term	October Half term
25th October	October half term	October half term	October half term	October half term	October half term
Week 1 31st October WOW: Holiness		2.15pm Mass: All Saints day - Whole school mass			

Unfortunately, next week's celebration of learning assemblies will have to be cancelled. We appreciate this is short notice, however, we were due to have some classrooms redecorated over the October half term and this has been brought forward to start next week. We are committed to ensuring this does not affect the curriculum and therefore the hall will be set up as a classroom for the whole week. The children will have the opportunity to share their learning and certificates with each other in paired classes. During parents evening, there will be an opportunity for you to look at your child's learning.



Flu Yearly Nasal Spray

It is nearly time for the flu nasal spray. This is being offered to all children from FS2 to Y6.

What do you need to do?

You **must** complete **one** online consent form for **each** of your children.

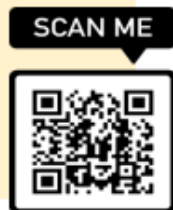
It is important every child has a completed form which states if you would like them to receive the flu vaccination spray **or not**.

The online consent form can be found through this link or the QR code:

<https://www.nottinghamshireimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

Visit date: 18th November 2022

School code: NG140783



If you decide you want to withdraw consent you must email sais@nottshc.nhs.uk at least 24 hours before your schools session.

Height and Weight for Reception and Y6 pupils

Every year in England, school children in Reception and year 6 have their height and weight checked as part of the national child measurement programme (NCMP). These measurements are used to check they're in the healthy weight range. Reception and Y6 children will take part in this year's programme starting the end of October 2022.

Find out more about the National Child Measurement programme on the following site:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-weight/childrens-weight/national-child-measurement-programme/>

Please also see the attached letter with further information.

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.



Staffing news

Joining our school in November will be Mrs Alison Holdsworth. Mrs Holdsworth will be taking over the teaching of Y4 whilst Mrs Wilson is on Maternity leave. In January, Miss Rosanna Morley will be joining St Patrick's team as the Nursery teacher covering Mrs Lowe's maternity leave. They are very excited to be joining our school community.

We would also like to welcome next week, two students into our Y5 and Y1 classes. They are currently training as teachers at Bishop Grosseteste University. I know children and parents throughout school will make all of the new staff feel very welcome.

Thank you for your continued support

In partnership and prayer

Mrs J L Smedley

