



St Patrick's School Newsletter: **September 9th 2022**

Remembering her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth the Second

It was only a few months ago that as a school we had great celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. It is now with sadness that we pray for the Queen and all people who are grieving her death.

Loving God, hear our prayer today for Her Majesty the Queen who has died.

Thank you for everything she contributed to the life of our nation, the Commonwealth, and the wider world community during her long life.

For the committed way in which she lived her Christian faith. For the quality of her leadership. For her inspiration to young people during the Second World War. For the innumerable royal engagements she has undertaken for over 70 years. For her keen interest in horse racing. For the host of other unsung, and sometimes unrecognised, duties she has faithfully discharged over the years. For the life she has lived, the love she has shared, the guidance she has offered, the wisdom she has shown, the commitment she has clearly demonstrated and the diligent service she has so richly given. We ask you to welcome her into your heavenly kingdom.

Amen.



Today, in school, we have celebrated her Majesty's life and the children have written prayers on rainbows. Rainbows have been adopted as a symbol of hope during difficult times as they often appear when the sun comes out after a heavy rainfall, only serving to remind us that there is always hope and light even after the most challenging of times in our lives.

The Winston's Wish website may further support families and provide guidance and support for those who need it, especially over the weekend when the children are at home.

[Winston's Wish](https://www.winstoneswish.org/)



Our Year's theme is 'I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made, your works are wonderful. I know that full well. (Psalm 139.14)

Word of the Week: Encounter

The definition of an encounter is 'An unexpected meeting'. We can encounter Christ in lots of different places but maybe this week we can think about finding Christ in those places we don't expect to. Maybe we should also think about how we can take Christ to unexpected places too. We can be the face of Christ to other people and by trying to live our lives like him we can help other people meet him even if they don't expect it!

Attendance



Please make every effort to support our attendance
Priority for every child to attend school as much as
Possible.

Attendance dates 2nd to 9th September

Reception	97.7%
Year 1	93.1%
Year 2	94.8%
Year 3	98.3%
Year 4	98.3%
Year 5	97.8%
Year 6	98.9%
Overall	96.9%

Uniform

We are pleased that the majority of children in school have been wearing the correct school uniform and PE kit.

We would like to reiterate our school uniform expectations. Children must wear proper school shoes every day and white polo shirts are not to be as part of the school uniform, a formal white shirt must be worn.

You will be informed by your child's class teacher, if your child is not wearing the correct uniform

Thanks you for your continued support with our uniform expectations



SENCO

Whilst Mrs Whiteman is on maternity leave, Mrs Newton-Hewlett will be our new Acting SENCO. For those who do not know Mrs Newton-Hewlett, she is currently our reception class teacher but has also taught across all key stages.

If you would like to get in contact with her you can email the Reception email address which is F2@st-patricksrc.notts.sch.uk or contact your child's class teacher.

Child and Family Support Worker and ELSA

Our child and family support worker, Mrs Brizzolara and our ELSA (Emotional, Literacy support assistant) Mrs Stevenson continue to work closely with pupil and families across school. Should you feel your child would benefit from additional pastoral support, please contact your child's class teacher who will pass on your details to the relevant person.

Mrs Newton- Hewlett (Acting SENCO)	Mrs Brizzolara	Mrs Stevenson
		

Communication

We are in the process of developing a school communication policy. As a school, we recognise the importance for information to be given in a timely manner to support commitments out of school. Whilst this is being drafted we wanted to share some information regarding communication.

We will always try our utmost to give as much notice as possible with a minimum of at least one week's notice of events, however this may not always be possible.

This year our calendar is going to be accessed via a link on the school website and the newsletter. Events on the calendar will be updated throughout the year and we will draw your attention to events through the newsletter. You can communicate with your child's class teacher via the class email address. If your query is regarding attendance, dinners, afterschool clubs and other admin based questions, please contact the school office by the office email address or via a telephone call.

As a school we are always wanting to improve and develop. We would like to set up a monthly parent/carers voice group which would meet over a cup of coffee or tea. This would be an informal opportunity to meet with a member of SLT and the child and family support worker and discuss a variety of aspects of school life, e.g. communication, behaviour, catholic life. We would anticipate this group to meet after morning drop off; however, we understand that this would not be convenient for all members of our community and therefore a survey would be sent before each group meeting to ensure all parents and carers are able to participate. Please use the link below, to express your interest at being involved in a parent/carers voice group. The first meeting will be held on Tuesday 20th September at 9am



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School music provision

Today we have welcomed the 'OLOL Music Service' to begin our new partnership of delivering high quality music lessons from Reception to Y6. Throughout your child's time at St Patrick's, they will have the opportunity to learn to play a variety of musical instruments and learn a range of musical skills.

In addition to the whole class music lessons, the music service are offering individual and group music tuition which is payable at a competitive rate. Information has been sent via parentmail as to how to apply for this tuition.

School singing programme

This year our **Y3 and Y4** classes will be having an addition singing lesson which is being provided by the Nottingham diocese cathedral. We feel very privileged to be part of this programme and I know Y3 and Y4 will enjoy and develop their singing skills greatly. There is also an opportunity for our children to be involved in a carol concert with St Phillips school and St Joseph's school on Monday 12th December.

As we are part of the school singing programme, Nottingham diocese are beginning a choir at St Phillips Church on a Wednesday evening. More information regarding this can be found on the extra-curricula clubs parentmail.

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](#)

Workshops and meet the teacher

Our workshops and Meet the teacher sessions have been added to the calendar.

During these class sessions you will have the opportunity to meet your child's class teacher, gain information regarding the curriculum, assessments and the timetable in your child's class. You will also be given information about how you can support your child at home. Each session will be repeated at different times on the same evening to give as many parents as possible to opportunity to attend. Please use the links below to sign up for these sessions

Nursery- <https://forms.office.com/r/6vzLYfse6y>

Reception - <https://forms.office.com/r/jkTPaV7Lkp>

Y1- <https://forms.office.com/r/CeZQDLKT2C>

Y2- <https://forms.office.com/r/gAPtkUBrzE>

Y3- <https://forms.office.com/r/YSLY5QczQd>

Y4- <https://forms.office.com/r/OuaJ05gp7i>

Y5- <https://forms.office.com/r/0c7nD937mw>

Year 6

This year, we have made the decision to run a series of one to one sessions with Year 6 parents/carers and children throughout the year. The calendar sets out these sessions for the year. During these meetings, you will meet with Miss Godfrey or Mrs Pyatt to discuss the Year 6 assessments, how your child is currently achieving with targets also shared A further parentmail will be sent which sets out these meetings and assessments for the year.



Extra Curricula Activities

After school

Extra Curricula Activities – Starting 12 th September until 14 th October			
Day	Club	Time (pm)	Price
Monday – Mansfield Town	Mansfield Town Football Y2-Y6	3.20 - 4.20	£3 per session Max 25 places
Tuesday- Miss Whelan and Miss Hufton	Cross Country Y1-Y6	3.20 - 4.20	£3 per session Max 20 places
Wednesday - Miss Godfrey and Miss Francis	Dance/Cheerleading Y1-Y6	3.20 - 4.20	£3 per session Max 20 places
Wednesday – Mr Kitchinson and Miss Caudwell	Electronic and Board games Y1-Y6	3.20 – 4.20	£3 per session Max 20 places
Wednesday – Nottingham Diocese	Choir – St Phillip Neri Church (run by the diocese of Nottingham)- please see attached flier	4.30 - 5.45	Free of charge
Thursday – Miss Francis and Miss Caudwell	Ball Games	3.20 - 4.20	£3 per session Max 20 places

Lunchtime

Monday	Netball Y4-Y6	Lunchtime 12.30-1.00	Free of charge
Monday	Skipping games Y1-Y3 Miss Francis	Lunchtime 12-12.30	Free of charge
Tuesday	Outdoor Garden activities Y1-Y3	Lunchtime – 12-12.30	Free of charge
Tuesday	Outdoor Garden activities Y4-Y6	Lunchtime – 12.30-1.00	Free of charge
Wednesday	Football Y1-Y3	Lunchtime 12-12.30	Free of charge
Wednesday	Football Y4-Y6 Miss Francis	Lunchtime – 12.30-1.00	Free of charge
Thursday	Outdoor Garden activities Y1-Y3	Lunchtime – 12-12.30	Free of charge
Thursday	Outdoor Garden activities Y4-Y6	Lunchtime – 12.30-1.00	Free of charge
Friday	Dodgeball Y1-Y3	Lunchtime 12-12.30	Free of charge
Friday	Dodgeball Y4-Y6 Miss Francis	Lunchtime 12.30-1.00	Free of charge

A member of staff runs the dinnertime clubs with children also able to play their own games.







Pupil leadership

Next week in school, we will be focussing on democracy. During this week we will be launching our new house system. Children from Y1 to Y6 will be split into six different houses. Each house will be named after a saint and have one of the classrooms as their home. On Thursday, Y6 pupils will be appointed as Captains, vice captains and clerks. These pupils will become our School Council. We want to make sure that we give all of our pupils the opportunity to have their voice heard.

In addition to these opportunities, we will be continuing to develop the Chaplaincy roles throughout school and will also be engaging children in being part of the health and safety team. All of these roles are incredibly important to our school and give your children opportunities to develop their leadership.

New staff

This term we welcome our new staff to the team. We feel extremely privileged to have these members of staff working at St Patrick's

<p>Mrs Lowe (Nursery teacher and Early Years lead)</p> 	<p>Mrs Elliot (PPA teacher)</p> 	<p>Miss Hufton (Year 2 class teacher)</p> 
<p>Mrs Choudhury (Reception support worker)</p> 	<p>Miss Longden (Midday Supervisor)</p> 	<p>Mrs Price (Midday Supervisor)</p> 

Thank you for your continued support

In partnership and prayer

Mrs J L Smedley