



St Patrick's Catholic Primary Academy Newsletter March 31st

LENT





We have followed beautifully in the footsteps of Jesus throughout this sacred Lenten Journey.

Lent began with our beautiful Ash Wednesday service led by our Chaplaincy team. During the first week of Lent, we invited Mrs Ann Neale, CAFOD volunteer into school to talk about way to support our global neighbours. Everyone completed CAFOD's Big Lent walk. Thank you to a group of Year 5's, who have organised and counted the CAFOD's collection - a fantastic total of £98.52 has been raised.

During the second week of Lent we introduced the word '**Fasting**'. As a school, we thought about how we could fast from the things we didn't need. We welcomed one of the lead lay chaplains, Marsha Kemple, and hub lay Chaplain, Luke Potter into school. The Chaplaincy team was extended to Year 5 who enjoyed with Marsha and Luke in Preparing the St Patrick's day mass.

The third week of Lent focussed upon '**Almsgiving**'. Thank you to a couple of Y6 children for creating and leading a House team charity challenge to collect as many pennies for the house chosen charities. The winning house is 'St George' who will enjoy a non uniform day on Friday 21st April. The house teams will continue to explore further ways to raise funds for their chosen charities throughout the Pentecost term. In addition to this, we celebrated St Patrick's Day with a beautiful Mass, activities and Mini market.

During the final weeks in school, we have focussed upon '**Sacrifice**' and '**Journey**' offering all our prayers to God during mass and the Stations of the Cross.

Throughout Lent we have welcomed our school and parish community into school to share in 'stay and play' sessions and weekly class/buddy masses. It has been wonderful to see our pupils flourish in their Mass and liturgy preparations over the past few weeks. Today, all of our Lent preparations culminated in a most sacred and respectful presentation of the Stations of the Cross.

We are so very proud of all our children who have journeyed so respectfully throughout Lent, they have demonstrated in so many beautiful daily acts how they have followed in Jesus' footsteps of praying, fasting and almsgiving.

Please feel very encouraged and welcome to continue the Lenten journey with your child at home and at church during the events of Holy week and Easter.

Holy Week Masses



Holy Week

Palm Sunday – Masses as usual on 1st/2nd April

Tuesday, 4th April – 7pm St. Philip Neri – Service of Reconciliation

Holy Thursday – 7pm St. Philip Neri – watching until 11pm; Night Prayer at 10.45pm

Good Friday – 10am St. Mary and St. Laurence, Bolsover – reflection service

3pm St. Philip Neri; St. Patrick's & St. Teresa's (no service in St. Joseph's)

Holy Saturday – 11am St. Joseph's – Blessing of Food

4.30pm St. Joseph's – Blessing of Food

Holy Saturday Vigil – 8.30pm St. Philip Neri ONLY

Easter Sunday

Masses as usual & St. Joseph's at 10.30am

Wishing you all a most Holy and peaceful Easter break.

Word of the week

MISSIONARY
missionary discipleship
DISCIPLESHIP



This week's work of the week has been '**Journey**'

Word of the Week 17th April: '**Missionary Discipleship**'

We are all called to be an outward looking church - spreading Good News just as Mary Magdalene did on that Easter morning. Pope Francis tells us that we should not look in on ourselves but instead take the Joy of the Gospel out to those people who need to hear it. This doesn't mean just shouting bible passages at people in the street it means living our life in a way that reflects our scripture and shows people the very best of what our Church is all about. how can you evangelise this week? How can you share what our faith is about with others?

PTA events



The PTA
Coronation
Kick Off Picnic

Drinks

Food

5th of May
3:30

Family Fun

Games

Come and join us for a family picnic on the school field.

The PTA will be selling food and drinks and you're welcome to bring your own picnic.

There will also be lot's of traditional games, stalls and fun for all the family.

Join us to start your coronation weekend.

PTA Events

Friday 5th May at 3:30pm - PTA Coronation Picnic.

The PTA will be selling food and drinks or you are welcome to bring your own picnic. There will be games, stalls and fun for everyone.

It will also be a non uniform day in exchange for an item which is red, white, blue or gold, these will be used for raffle prizes.

POPPET BOX CHALLENGE

HOW MANY COINS CAN YOU GET IN YOURS?

Your child has hopefully brought home a
poppet box (it may be empty 😊)



The challenge is to enjoy the Poppets then fill the
tube with coins over the half term holiday.

Please encourage your child to take part in this fun activity.
They could do some
little jobs & take brain-time to earn their coins or ask friends &
family for loose change.
All PTA funds raised go straight back into the school and directly
to our children.

PLEASE RETURN THE FILLED POPPET BOXES
BY FRIDAY 21ST APRIL
Or if your box did not make it home – proceeds in an envelope
marked 'PTA – Poppets' is fine too.

Thank you & have fun!!

Please see the PTA flyer regarding the Poppet challenge

After school Clubs

| Extra Curricula Activities – Starting Monday 17 th April until Friday 26 th May | | | |
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| Day | Club | Time | Price |
| Monday – Mansfield Town Football | Mansfield Town Football Y2-Y6 | 3.20 - 4.20 | £3 per session |
| Tuesday | Yoga Y1 – Y6 | 3.20 - 4.20 | £3 per session |
| Wednesday | Electronic and Board games Y1-Y6 | 3.20 - 4.20 | £3 per session |
| Wednesday | Art/Crafts Y1 – Y6 | 3.20 - 4.20 | £3 per session |
| Wednesday – Nottingham Diocese | Choir – St. Philip Neri Church (run by the Diocese of Nottingham) | 4.30 - 5.45 | Free of charge |
| Thursday | Multi - Sports Y1- Y6 | 3.20 - 4.20 | £3 per session |

These after school clubs are bookable via parentmail

Attendance

Thank you so much for all your support with ensuring your child attends school as much as possible- we really do appreciate your efforts and celebrate our children's incredible attitude towards school. This begins in the joyful manner in which they enter school at the start of the school day. Your support with punctuality also means that the day begins calmly and productively so our warmest appreciation in working so closely in partnership with us.

Communication for Attendance

All absences need to be communicated in one of the following ways:

- a phone call to the school office (01623 478090)
- an email to the office email address
- via parent mail

Please do not email class email addresses for absences

Whole school attendance from 1/9/22-27/3//23

Reception 92.2%

Year 1 94.8%

Year 2 94.9%

Year 3 95.7%

Year 4 96.7%

Year 5 96.7%

Year 6 97.1%

Upcoming dates and events for your diary

Please continue to use the parent calendar for key dates in school.

[Parent Calendar](#)

School will reopen after the Easter Holidays on Monday 17th April - on this day, children are invited to wear a symbol of yellow to celebrate Eastertide

Please be aware of a few changes of dates to previous calendar events

Sports day for main school Y1 -Y6 is now in the afternoon of 6th July, this is due to residential.

Parent voice group

The next parent voice group has been scheduled for Tuesday 25th April at 9am. All are welcome to this informal discussion.

First Holy Communion





Dates for Holy Communion Sessions- Sessions take place in school from 3.20-4.20pm.

- Monday 17th April
- **Sunday 23rd April – Preparation Mass 11am St. Patrick's Church**
- Monday 24th April
- **Sunday 14th May – Preparation Mass 11am St. Patrick's Church**
- Monday 15th May
- Monday 22nd May

Swimming





Swimming will continue for Y4 after the Easter Holidays.

On behalf of our school community, may I wish everyone a most Holy and blessed Easter.

In partnership and prayer

Mrs J L Smedley