



St Patrick's Catholic Primary Academy Newsletter 12th October 2023

Catholic Life



This week's word of the week was: **Rosary**

This week, we began in worship with our Y6 Our Lady of Lourdes house team leading us beautifully. We were set the mission of praying and learning about each decade of the Rosary. All children have been given a set of Rosary beads to use in school which has supported their learning. Over the month of October we will continue to pray the Rosary and think about how selfless Mary was when she said 'Yes' to God.

Next week's word of the week is: **Respect**

Respect is essential for all people. When we respect others, we are acknowledging their worth and dignity. We are also showing them that we value their opinions and feelings. Respect is a key ingredient in building strong relationships, and it is essential for creating a just and peaceful world. Make an effort to be respectful of the people and places that you encounter this week.



Black History Month

October is a very special month as it is Black History Month, this is when we recognise the lasting contribution of black men and women in our society. The children have been set a mission to research a significant black person from history and create a poster, leaflet or piece of writing all about them to display in school. These will also be shared in the house meeting at the end of October.

Parents evening bookings

Thank you to everyone who has already booked an appointment for parents evening. If you haven't already done so, then please book one before Thursday via Arbor. If you are unable to do this, please contact the school office who will be able to book one for you.

If your child has a SEND review then you do not need to book a parents evening appointment as well.

Parish Autumn Fair

St Patrick's church Autumn Fair: St Patrick's is hoping to arrange an Autumn Fair at St Patrick's School on Saturday, 14 October from 11.00 am until 2.30pm. Donations of bottles, gifts, cans and packets of food etc can be brought to St Patrick's or the school. We also need ideas for stalls and games and volunteers to run them. Please contact Ken Daly at patrickftmass@gmail.com if you need more information.

ST PATRICK'S AND ST GEORGE'S COMMUNITY

AUTUMN FAIR

AT
ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL
LING FOREST ROAD

SATURDAY, 14th OCTOBER

11.00 am – 2.30 pm

RAFFLES, GIFTS, BOTTLES, CAKES, PLANTS ETC

EVERYONE WELCOME

Please come along and support this Parish event

School Calendar

Please use the below link to access the school calendar.

[School Calendar](#)

Upcoming events for Parents/Carers:

Thursday 17th October: Y3/4 Mass @ 2.15pm

Thursday 19th October : Come and see Assembly for Y2, Y4 and Y6 @9am

Thursday 19th October: Parents Evening

Friday 20th October: Break up for half term

Return to school Monday 6th November 2023

Attendance

Thank you for everyone's wonderful efforts with your child's attendance. Here is the class attendance from 1st Sept- 13th Oct 2023:

F2: 95.9%

Y4: 95%

Y1: 97.8%

Y5: 96.3%

Y2: 94.9%

Y6: 96.3%

Y3: 95.6%

To report your child's absence please can we ask that you email the school office on office@st-patricksrc.notts.sch.uk or ring school on 01623 478090.

It is fantastic to see how happy and eager our children are to start the school day, such a wonderful atmosphere. Again, we are so grateful for everyone's effort with punctuality as this really does help to settle your child into the school day. Let's try our very best to attend school as much as possible during the next two weeks which takes us to the half term break.

Below is a table of how school absence could affect your pupil's ability to access the curriculum.

Above 97%	Above 97%. Less than 6 days' absence a year: Excellent attendance! Pupils with this attendance should have access to the majority of the taught curriculum.
95% and below	95%. Less than 10 days' absence in a year: Attendance needs to improve! Pupils with this attendance are likely to access the majority curriculum but will miss out on important educational experiences.
90%	90%. 19 days' absence over the year: Pupils with this attendance are missing <u>1 month</u> of school per year and will miss key curriculum areas; it will be difficult for them to achieve their best.
85%	85%. 29 days' absence in a year: These pupils are missing <u>6 weeks</u> of school per year, it will be very difficult for them to access the curriculum and achieve their best.
80% or below	80%. Pupils with this attendance are missing the equivalent of <u>1 day for every week</u> of school. It will be almost impossible to access all of the curriculum.

Admissions to secondary school

Year 6 Parents — Secondary Applications For parents of pupils in Year 6,

The time has arrived for you to begin the process of applying for a secondary school place. It is absolutely essential that all applications are made to your home Local Authority by the national closing date of Tuesday 31st October, 2023. Nottinghamshire applications can be made here.

Nottinghamshire County Council have produced this factsheet to make the process easier for you. For the overwhelming majority of you who will be applying for a place at All Saints', please note that you must complete a Supplementary Form from All Saints' as well as the Local Authority application form. Information on admissions to All Saints' can be found here:
<https://www.allsaints.notts.sch.uk/information/admissions/>.

If you are having any difficulties, please speak to a member of our office team, who will be only too happy to help. It is important to note that if a late application is made, then this will not be considered until all other applications have been allocated; this means you may not be allocated a place in your preferred choice of school.



PTA Dates for your diary

Our PTA are planning an exciting programme of community events throughout the school year to bring the community together and to raise funds for school. Details of the following events will follow shortly:

Thursday 16th and Friday 17th November- Toy and Book sale

Friday 1st December- Non uniform day- in exchange for a selection box

Friday 8th December- Christmas Market

Donations for class libraries



We are in the process of developing our classroom libraries to make them comfortable and inviting places to choose and read books. We would appreciate any donations of rugs, cushions or beans which would enhance these areas.

LOL 'Little Acts of kindness Fund'

Little Acts of Kindness In order to support our families with the rise in the cost of living, the Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Multi-Academy Trust has a 'Little Acts of Kindness Fund' to offer financial support for all registered pupils who attend a Trust school. The Fund supplements families who need support in paying for:

- Curriculum trips and residential visits;
- Other educational visits and trips;
- School uniform, shoes or sports/PE kit;
- School meals;

- Educational equipment;
- Travel to and from school;

Please note that all payments are discretionary and if awarded, do not need to be repaid. Pupils may be eligible for grants from the fund if: household income is below £25,000; a pupil whose parents are currently claiming other means-tested benefits including: Income Support, Working Tax Credit/ Child Tax Credit, Income Based Employment and Support Allowance (ESA), Universal Credit – who is not entitled to free school meals; or at the decision of the Headteacher or the Trust's Head of Finance, any pupil who does not fall under the categories listed above, but consider themselves to be in financial hardship. Further details of the Little Acts of Kindness Fund can be found [here](#) along with the Application Form which can be downloaded to apply.

The Lime Trees Information

Thank you to everyone who has expressed an interest in having access to a breakfast and afterschool club. Due to unforeseen circumstances, outside of our control, we have been informed that the earliest possible opening is January 2024. We appreciate that this may be inconvenient, however we are very much endeavouring to get the provision in place.

Outside awards

If your child has achieved any awards over the last half term, we would love them to bring them into school next Thursday to share and celebrate their gifts and talents in their houses.

For all the wonderful ways in which you have given so generously to the school community, we say a very heartfelt thank you.

In partnership and prayer

Mrs J L Smedley