



St Patrick's Catholic Primary Academy Newsletter 6th October 2023

Catholic Life

This Thursday was 'National Teachers Day'. We send our very special thanks to all teachers who work so hard and give so much in their vocations.



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

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

The Rosary is a prayer that we can all use to meditate on the life of Jesus Christ. It is a powerful tool for prayer and spiritual growth through the intercession of Mary our mother. The Rosary can help us to grow in our faith, to deepen our relationship with God, and to find peace and comfort in difficult times. Starting on Monday, our school will have a dedicated sacred space for the school community to gather in their prayers to Mary.

Find time to pray the Hail Mary or the Rosary this week.

Harvest - Brighten up

A huge thank you for all of the donations for harvest. All food donations will be taken to the food bank or homeless shelter and the money will be given to CAFOD. So far, our school community has raised a fantastic **£71.92** in support of our global neighbours. We were very proud of house captain and vice captains who lead us in a wonderful Harvest festival assembly on Friday. We also say a thank you to the choir for their leadership in singing and for all the class contributions. We look forward to sharing more events with you soon.



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.

National Poetry Day

To celebrate National Poetry Day, our school took part in a range of activities based upon the theme: Refuge.

Our school library is currently out of action as we are transforming this area into a sacred space for our school community. Each class will have a revamped class library which we look forward to sharing with you all very soon.

Parents evening bookings

Firstly, we would like to apologise for the issues with the first parents evening bookings. We have worked with Arbor and we hope the issue is corrected, therefore, bookings for parents will be available via arbor at 4pm this evening. We strongly encourage everyone to take up this opportunity to discuss how your child has settled into their new classes and ways that you can support their development. If you are unable to make the scheduled parents evening date, please contact your child's class teacher to arrange a more suitable time. If you would like the meeting to be a virtual meeting, please contact your child's class teacher before booking as this may need to be on a different day.

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:

Tuesday 10th October: Y5/6 Mass @ 2.15pm

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

Thursday 19th October: Parents Evening

Friday 20th October: Break up for half term

Attendance

Thank you for everyone's wonderful efforts with your child's attendance. Here is the class attendance from 1st Sept-6th Oct 2023:

F2: 95.6%	Y4: 94%
Y1: 97.6%	Y5: 96.7%
Y2: 94.6%	Y6: 96%
Y3: 95.7%	

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

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

Vacancies

Midday Supervisor Role

A position has arisen to join our friendly midday supervisor role team. If you or someone you know is interested please come to school to find out more or [click here](#). The closing date is 9th October.

Teaching Assistant Role

We have a very exciting opportunity for a part time, temporary teaching assistant to join our St Patrick's Team.

If you would like to find our more about this position the please click the following link, [vacancies](#).

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.

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